



# BREAKING THE CYCLES OF VIOLENCE:

## *A Guide to Multi-disciplinary Interventions for Child Protection, Domestic Violence and Animal Protection Organizations*

Latham's new publication provides child protection, domestic violence, and animal welfare professionals with practical tools to identify, report, investigate, and manage cases of abuse and neglect.

The 64-page **Guide** (2003) by Phil Arkow helps agencies fulfill their missions by recognizing related forms of abuse, mobilizing community forces in a multi-disciplinary approach against all forms of family violence, and understanding each others' philosophies, systems, and case management techniques.

Chapters include:

- *The "Link" – what are the connections between animal abuse and family violence?*
- *Incidence – how serious is family violence?*
- *Origins – what are the causes of family violence?*
- *Defining and Identifying – how do I know when it is abuse?*
- *Systems – who handles abuse cases?*
- *Reporting – how do I report suspected abuse?*
- *Community Collaborations – how can we work together?*
- *Prevention and Treatment – how can we reach those who need help?*
- *National Resources (to be continually updated at [www.latham.org/cycles](http://www.latham.org/cycles))*
- *Bibliography*

A 26-minute VIDEO is also available. It makes a strong case for both awareness and action through sensitive interviews with shelter and academic experts and persons caught in the vicious cycle of violence.



Child protection, domestic violence, and animal protection agencies can help break the cycles of violence in society through multi-disciplinary interventions.

*The Video is the "why" ... the Guide is the "how" ... order both today.*



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## Torturing of pets could be prelude to human murder

Many mass killers started out by abusing animals

By John Flinn  
of the Associated Press

As a boy, Albert DeSalvo, the "Boston Strangler," used to trap dogs and cats in orange crates and shoot arrows through them.

Two were already dead and the others were so badly injured, said Kathy Snow of the Santa Clara County Humane Society.

"This has got to be the worst thing I've ever seen, and I've seen some pretty awful things," Snow said. "Not the severity, but just the deliberateness of it."

The Clara County district attorney's office has gotten a warrant to search the apartment where the slayings were found.

In Peabonia, residents are still horrified by the grisly killings two weeks ago of six cats along Middle Street.

larger metropolitan areas, we're seeing acts of violence against animals that involve quite a bit of preparation and forethought," Sakach said.

"What makes these cases stand out is that the person seemed to put quite a bit of thought into how the animal was to be abused."

Sakach said his office had been notified of nearly 1,000 cases last year in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Idaho.

Most animal-abusers are adolescent boys, according to Dr. Randall Lockwood, a Washington, D.C., psychologist who works with the Humane Society.

## Abuse often strikes both kids and pets

Officials say a person who mistreats an animal is likely to do the same with a spouse or a child

By JENNIFER BARRS  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — Jed was chained to a cinder block in the back yard when investigators saw him. He was near death. He had a skin disease and intestinal worms, and his skin crawled with fleas.

Just beyond Jed's mouth lay a fistful of dry food.

Michael's ears and nose were filled with dirt when physicians saw him. There were feces on his feet, and his head and abdomen were swollen. A neighbor said Michael had stopped breathing when...

## Animal deaths linked to suspect in slayings

AKRON — A suspect in the slayings of at least four outdoorsmen in eastern Ohio has a history of abusing animals, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The Akron Beacon Journal said members of a task force investigating the slayings believe Thomas Lee Dillon might have killed 1,000 animals, including some that were tortured first. They said he used a rifle or bow and arrow. Mr. Dillon has not been charged in the deaths.



The Newsletter of The SPCA of Monterey County, CA

## "Don't tell or I'll kill your pet"

Exploring the link between child and animal abuse

### Dog Shot in Domestic Argument

Again, a pet suffered the punishment as a result of a recent domestic fight (between husband and wife) in a Dallas residential area. The drunken husband had left the scene of an argument but returned later and shot the family's dog six times (as it remained helplessly chained to the front porch). The wife called the SPCA to report the incident, but refused (as the only witness) to press charges. The only thing that the SPCA...

### Suspect's Past Stained With Animal Blood

Weird Things Went On At Gang Leader's Home

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — The leader of a drug-trafficking gang that is accused of ritually killing 13 men near Matamoros, Mexico, is a handsome former Miami-Dade Community College student who has been arrested twice for shoplifting and grew up in a family that practiced Santeria, authorities in south Texas believe.



Residents of Coral Park Estates, the west Dade neighborhood where Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, 26, lived until 1984, said they found headless chickens, geese and goats — animals traditionally sacrificed in Santeria rituals — on their doorsteps and in the street of the middle-class neighborhood. They blame the Constanzo family.

## Children's cruelty to cat stuns even veteran officials

By GEORGE BENNETT  
Evening News Staff Writer

Sellersburg police are investigating a cruelty to animals case that Clark County Prosecutor Steve Stewart has described as extraordinarily brutal.

Patrolman Michael Stricker was dispatched to 2125 Jefferson Blvd. last Sunday.

Upon arrival, Stricker was directed to a wooded area by a man who said he had overheard a conversation by three juveniles describing certain acts they had done to a cat.

The man then had his daughter, who was not involved in the cruelty incident, to take him to a wooded area behind Indian Oaks Trailer Park where he found a cat buried up to its neck in mud.

"Sometimes as a prosecutor, you think that you have seen it all. Then you see a report like this one and realize that you haven't. You question how anyone could commit such acts of cruelty, even to an animal."

— Prosecutor Steve Stewart

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Phil Arkow

"This is my cat. My dad treats my cat unfairly like he treats my mom."  
—Jennifer, age 8



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