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• An animal is abused every 10 seconds in the U.S.

• The average number of animal cruelty cases reported in the media each year is 1,920. (Not including the one’s that aren’t reported.)

• The most common animal to get abused are dogs, with a percentage of 60%
• **Neglected** (Failure to care properly) - 32%

• **Hoardung** (Keeping a higher number of animals without properly caring or housing for them) – 13%

• **Shooting** (Use of gun violence on animals) – 11%

• **Poisoning** (contaminate food or drink with poison) – 10%

• **Fighting** (is a type of blood sport generally defined as two game dogs against one another in a ring or a pit for the entertainment of the spectators) – 9%

• **Beating** (Physical violence towards animals) – 8%

• **Stabbing** (Using sharp objects such as knifes to physically harm the animal)– 5%

• **Torturing** – (inflict severe pain on animals)- 5%
Before, animal cruelty laws were just a minor misdemeanor. Ohio lawmakers just passed a law that would make it a **fifth degree felony** to harm a pet by inflicting pain or depriving it of food, water, or shelter, **for a first offense**.
MAKING CHANGES

Are these laws enough?
We believe they aren't enough.

• Animal abusers are more likely to be people with criminal histories.
• Nearly half of the victims who stay in violent households do so because they are afraid for their animals
• People that harm animals are most likely to harm humans too.
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