



## **Animal Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Case Examples<sup>1</sup>**

### **Animal sexual abuse happens far more often than most of us realize:**

- The number of bestiality-related arrests has risen by nearly 800% since 2000
- Every U.S. state has reported incidents of animal sexual abuse
- It occurs as often in large cities as it does in rural areas

### **The impact of the internet is likely significant**

- One popular website catering to people sexually interested in animals has over a million members
- In a 2002 study people who had a sexual preference for animals reported that, on average, they knew 90 other people involved in the lifestyle
- The Internet gives users a false sense of privacy which encourages users to connect with others to share information and animal pornography, arrange for hook-ups, and advertise their animals for sex.
- Sites like Facebook, Reddit, Craigslist, WhatsApp and others have all reported and removed graphic visual postings of sex with animals.
- An international child exploitation ring infiltrated by the FBI, discovered that offenders lured more than 100 adolescent females to perform sex acts including bestiality on camera.

### **Bestiality affects children and vulnerable adults as well as animals. Example cases include:**

- A 47-year-old man and two women sexually assaulted their children, their children's friends, and their pets over a period of 12 years before being detected and arrested.
- A 34-year-old woman beat, tortured, and prostituted a mentally-disabled woman whom she forced to have sex with a dog for her clients.
- A home healthcare nurse beat her elderly patient with an extension cord and forced her to fellate the caretaker's dog.
- A 49-year-old man sexually abused multiple little girls whom he bound, tortured, raped with objects, insects, and small animals.
- Two men aged 24 and 25 raped an unconscious woman with a snake.

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<sup>1</sup> Edwards MJ. Arrest and Prosecution of Animal Sex Abuse (Bestiality) Offenders in the U.S., 1975-2015. J Amer Acad Psychiatry and Law, 2019.