

### **Facts on Animal Cruelty**

- 80% of school shooters started by abusing animals, in fact between 1997 and 2001 of the seven school shootings that took place across the country, all involved boys who had previously committed acts of animal cruelty.
- Kip Kinkel who killed his parents and then went to Thurston HS and killed two students and wounded 12 started by putting fire crackers in cat's mouth and watching them explode.
- The Columbine duo, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, told their classmates about maiming animals before they killed 12 and wounded 24 kids at their high school.
- The Pearl HS shooter Luke Woodham tortured his own dog to death then killed his Mom and killed 2 at the High School and injured 7.
- OLR Report 2002-2012 indicates there were 3,699 offenses brought to court in Connecticut. Of these 16% guilty and the remaining 84% dismissed or nollied.
- A 1986 FBI study of 36 killers found that virtually all of them committed cruelty to animals as a prelude to killing people.
- There are many examples and cruelty to animals has become a main stream indicator of future violent behavior...The Washington DC National Museum of Crime and Punishment now has a page on their web site recognizing this link ([www.crimemuseum.org/Crimes\\_Against\\_Animals](http://www.crimemuseum.org/Crimes_Against_Animals)).