

Animal Cruelty Risk Levels

Red Flags

- ☐ Bestiality
- ☐ Child abuse (or history of)
- ☐ Interpersonal violence (or history of)
- ☐ Psychopathy
- ☐ Ritual abusers
- ☐ Sadistic torturer

High Risk

- ☐ Multiple victims
- ☐ Prior history of animal and human violent behavior
- ☐ Behavior suggests premeditation
- ☐ Animal abuse activities achieve sense of pleasure
- ☐ May be ritualized and patterned
- ☐ Behavior results in severe harm or death
- ☐ Sadistic
- ☐ Fails to follow supervision rules
- ☐ Complete lack of remorse/empathy

Medium Risk

- ☐ Escalating history of animal abuse (more than 1 x)
- ☐ Increased harm
- ☐ Difficulty in interpersonal relationships and family problems
- ☐ Inadequate remorse and empathy
- ☐ History of family violence
- ☐ Family endorses abusive belief systems
- ☐ Prior history of mental health problems
- ☐ Prior and current history of criminal behavior
- Other abusive activity

Low Risk

- ☐ No patterned history of animal abuse
- ☐ No evidence of premeditation
- ☐ Less serious harm to animal
- ☐ Does not use abuse to achieve a specific gain except attention needs
- ☐ Minimal denial
- ☐ The abuser demonstrates capacity for remorse/empathy
- ☐ No other significant dysfunction
- ☐ No criminal history

