

ASPCA® Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month Cyberhunt



April is the ASPCA® Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month. To learn more about animal cruelty and how to help prevent it, visit www.animaland.org. Click on the real issues icon and answer the following questions.

1. What does “ASPCA” stand for? When was the ASPCA founded?
2. List the three main reasons people abuse animals?
3. What are two examples of unintentional cruelty?
4. Most people who abuse animals can be helped with something basic. What?
5. How many states consider dogfighting illegal? Of these, how many classify it as a felony and how many a misdemeanor?
6. Why is cockfighting a cruel sport?
7. Why should you never leave your dog, cat or any other animal alone in a car in hot weather?
8. What is the first thing you should do if you witness animal cruelty?
9. What should you not do if you witness animal cruelty?
10. Why is it very important to report animal cruelty to the police?

Answers to Animal Cruelty Prevention Month Cyberhunt

1. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 1866.
2. First reason, most people who abuse animals don't do it intentionally. Second reason, the next biggest group of animal abusers do it on purpose, but don't keep doing it for a long period of time. Third reason, the last group of people who hurt animals are the worst. These are people who intentionally hurt animals because they enjoy hurting things, or because it makes them feel powerful.
3. First example, are people who don't realize what kinds of shelter different animals need. Another example, are people who have so many pets that they can't care for them all.
4. Since most of the people who abuse animals make up this group, this means that most of the people who abuse animals can be helped with basic education.
5. Dogfighting is illegal in all 50 states. In 44 states, dogfighting is a FELONY--and a person who commits a felony is severely punished. But in Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, West Virginia and Wyoming, dogfighting is a MISDEMEANOR.
6. Two or more roosters are put in a ring and forced to fight, and people bet on which bird will win. The birds wear spurs on their legs, and these steel blades are so sharp that they can puncture a lung, pierce an eye or break bones. The actual fight usually lasts until one of the birds dies.
7. The inside of a car can heat up very quickly -- even with a window a little open -- and your animal will suffer.
8. It's important to get help fast. Never try to help the animal yourself. Instead, tell an adult. Together, you and an adult can call the police or your local animal shelter.
9. Be prepared to provide information on the cruelty that you witnessed. Write down what you saw happen, who was involved, the date of incident and where it took place.
10. It's very important to inform the police because animal cruelty is illegal in all 50 states.