Everlasting Battle against Animal Cruelty: Are We Making Progress?

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Message from the Guest Editors

Animal cruelty is a social phenomenon whose extension and impact are mostly still unknown. Only a few cases are reported even if some countries have adopted animal protection laws and had law enforcement against animal abuse. Pet animals as well as livestock and horses are often the victims but in some countries, even wild animals are the target of cruel actions. Animal cruelty has multiple and developing facets, sometimes not so noticeable because it is driven by excessive anthropomorphization or justified by cultural and economic reasons.

Today, we know that intentional cruelty towards animals is strongly correlated with other crimes including violence against children and women, homicides and drug trade. Sometimes animal abuse is even a sign of mental disorders in humans or it can be the sentinel of social degradation in human contexts.

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