



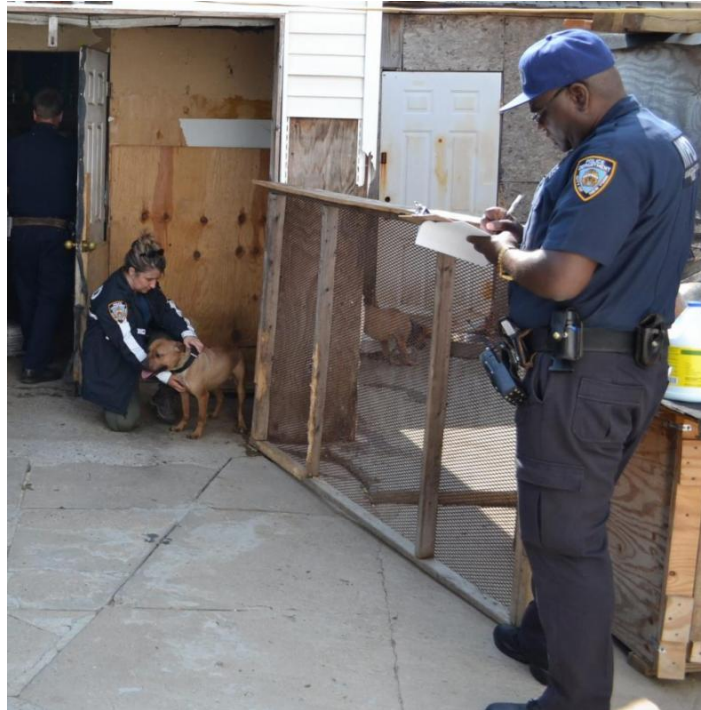
New FBI Codes for Animal Abuse How will they affect kennels?

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The latest development in the agenda of HSUS and other animal rights groups is at the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Beginning in early 2016, animal cruelty will be reported as a distinct category of crime on the FBI's annual index of crime in the U.S., called the Uniform Crime Report.

While state lawmakers around the nation are enabling laws for harsher punishment and tougher penalties for animal cruelty offenses, this change at the FBI signals a shift in the federal attitude. Formerly, animal abuse crimes were in a catchall category called "All Other Offenses." Animal rights groups had been pressuring the FBI to recognize the seriousness of this form of violence by recording these crimes in their own category.



The new codes differentiate between various types and levels of abuse and neglect

Not only does this increase the seriousness of such crimes in the eyes of law enforcement, but also means more critical data will be available for study and tracking. Animal cruelty crimes to be included in the new classification are simple neglect, gross neglect, intentional abuse and torture, dog fighting, cock fighting and animal sexual abuse.

Creating this new category won't increase the budgets at Sheriff's offices or animal control units, it just gives them a new code number for reporting animal abuse crimes. Enforcement of the laws already on the books will continue to be difficult within current budget constraints. In time, it will help lawmakers create laws that match the appropriate punishment to each different crime.



Officer Scherer is the only Animal Control Officer in Quincy, MA. New data may lead to allocation of more resources for Animal Control Units.

The significance of the new FBI crime category for breeders of animals remains to be seen. One thing is for sure: the collection of more accurate data on animal abuse will help law enforcement decide on allocation of staff and resources for handling these cases. We may see more trained investigators in the future in our local law enforcement agencies.

2013 Statistics on which states have the strongest animal protection laws:



Holy Cow! Will it be illegal someday to confine an animal, control the breeding of an animal or slaughter and eat an animal? Take a look at this infographic from an animal rights group and get ready to stand up for your right to raise animals:

Animal Sentience AT A GLANCE

COWS

- Cows were first domesticated about 5,000 years ago.
- Today, there are over 900 breeds around the world.
- Cows have panoramic vision.
- Cows can hear sounds at a lower volume and higher frequency than we can.
- Cows can recognize more than 100 members of their herd.
- When separated from their families, cows grieve, even shedding tears over their loss.
- Cows enjoy the intellectual challenge of figuring out problems and get excited when they find a solution.
- Emotionally complex, cows have the capacity to worry about the future.
- Mother cows have been known to walk for miles to reunite with their calves.



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pig pile!

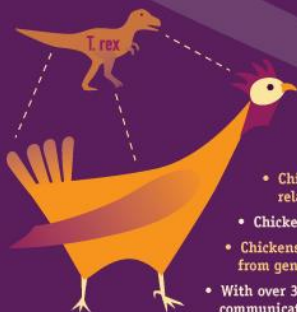


PIGS

- Pigs dream.
- Pigs don't sweat, so taking a mud bath cools them off.
- Some pigs can run a mile in seven minutes.
- Pigs' eyes are on the sides of their head—so they have an excellent field of vision.
- Ranked the fourth most intelligent animal on Earth, pigs are smarter than dogs and 3-year-old humans.
- Highly social, pigs communicate constantly with one another using 20 distinct oinks, grunts, and squeals.
- Pigs have been known to save the lives of others, including their human friends.
- Mother pigs "sing" to their young while nursing.
- Pigs often sleep in piles, much like dogs.

SHEEP

- Domesticated sheep are probably descended from the "mouflon," a wild sheep that can still be found in Europe.
- A split in their upper lip helps sheep pick leaves off plants.
- Sheep think about others who are absent.
- Possessing a sharp sense of individuality, sheep can recognize and remember up to 50 faces for up to two years.
- Sheep react to facial expressions and, like humans, prefer a smile to a grimace.
- Playful and puppy-like, sheep often wag their tails when they're petted and affectionately nuzzle humans to get their attention.
- Sheep visibly express their emotions.



CHICKENS & TURKEYS

- Chickens are the closest living relative of Tyrannosaurus rex.
- Chickens know that hidden objects still exist.
- Chickens have cultural knowledge that they pass down from generation to generation.
- With over 30 types of vocalizations, chickens have complex communication skills.
- Hens start communicating with their chicks before they hatch.
- Turkeys enjoy music and have been known to gather around

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Further Links:

[Read news article about the FBI codes](#)

[Look at the FBI Uniform Crime Report site](#)