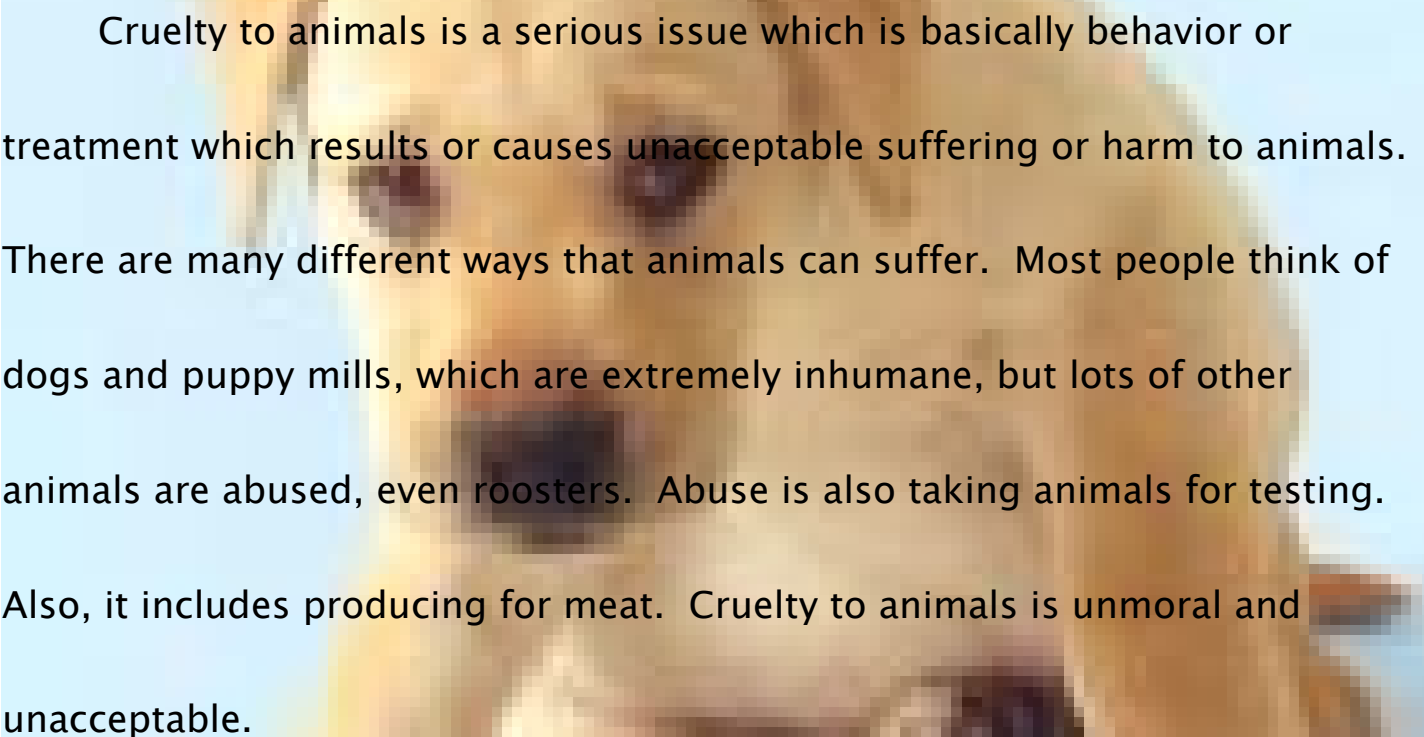


Cruelty to Animals Review of Literature

General Info



Cruelty to animals is a serious issue which is basically behavior or treatment which results or causes unacceptable suffering or harm to animals. There are many different ways that animals can suffer. Most people think of dogs and puppy mills, which are extremely inhumane, but lots of other animals are abused, even roosters. Abuse is also taking animals for testing. Also, it includes producing for meat. Cruelty to animals is unmoral and unacceptable.

There have been psychological studies that relate to this topic. They have shown that people who abuse animals are more likely to do the same to humans. They have found that people who have repeatedly abused animals also have high aggression towards people. They may have an anti-social

personality disorder which shows with a history of abuse to other animals.

This is also called zoosadism.

Puppy Mills and Abuse

Puppy Mills are puppy farms in the United Kingdom and Australia. They breed dogs disreputably and irresponsibly. The name 'puppy mills' came from the critics of the operations. This large scale dog breeding is usually called backyard breeding. Dogs are overcrowded in small, unsanitary conditions ready to be bred.

Reputable breeders raise their animals in humane conditions. They give plentiful food. They organize good socialization and formal training, and use to the breed standard. They know about all the details of breeds and dogs such as health problems and genetics. They have specific mating to bring out a certain characteristic in a dog. They treat costumers kindly and provide health guarantees with their puppies. Puppy Mill operators are the opposite.

Puppy mill operators may disguise the breed of a dog that is being sold.

Unlike the puppies produced by responsible breeders, the vast majority of

puppy mills are sold to pet stores. Many people may think that it is fine to buy dogs from the pet store, but it is not. Some stores are good, but the majority of stores get dogs from puppy mills. You could end up with a sick dog. When stores say dogs are purebred, it is often not true. And when they say that they purchase the dogs from 'local breeders', they may often be secretly referring to backyard breeders. It's often said and true that selfish backyard breeders and puppy mill operators don't breed because of empathy and love for their animals but for money.

Other Cruelty to Animals

You go to a circus and enjoy the decorated elephants and circus actors.

Well, some circuses abuse elephants. Back then, P.T. Barnum's Circus would use the "burning method". They would use a hot poker to discipline elephants.

Now Ringling Bros. Circus does it. Some of these elephants have faces that are all scared and damaged. Another dangerous animal cruelty is cockfighting.

Two roosters are specifically bred to be aggressive and fight. They have to go through vigorous training to be able to fight. Before the fight, the owner tears off all the feathers and cuts off the wattle, or the combs below the beak. This is extremely painful to the bird. The fight is held in a small ring like in boxing. It goes until death. Dogs also fight like that, sometimes with pit bulls. All this is dangerous, cruel animal abuse. But, just hurting an animal purposely and making it suffer is also common animal abuse.

Ways People are Stopping It – Ways You Can Help

There are many non-profit organizations out there that are helping in this big fight to stop Cruelty to Animals. One of the biggest ones is ASPCA which is an acronym for The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It helps in rescuing and working to stop and discover animal abuse.

And you can help them by donating. Also you can volunteer at Humane Societies which do the same thing. You should always be aware of cruelty to animals around you and know when to report. There are laws for your state about animal abuse that you should know. Signs of abuse may even be injuries or malnutrition. With more people helping with this, the fight will grow stronger.

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