



Intentional Injuries in cats, dogs, birds, donkeys & horses and goats: The Violence against animals in Iraq

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Abstract

The intended injuries (IIs) animal violence, and Assaulted Animal's Syndrome (AAS) are terms applied to describe the planned harm

of the animal. These terms involve three types of violence including physical, sexual, and neglect. This study is reported and described 148 miscellaneous cases of nonaccidental syndromes and injuries in dogs, cats, and farm animals. These included fractures, bleeding, contusions, repetitive injuries, burns & scalds, cutting of tail or legs, stab and incised injuries, poisoning, asphyxiation, and sinking, throwing from high places, as well as sexual abuse and wounds specifically caused by weapons. Traumatic skeletal wounds in the cats and dogs were the more commonly found in the head, neck, and anterior part of the skeleton and resulted from nonaccidental syndromes (caused by children). In conclusion, this study reported 148 miscellaneous cases of non-accidental syndromes and injuries in dogs, cats and farm animals. The author recommends community educations regarding animal rights and welfare. More comprehensive study regarding the occurrence of human violence against animal needs to be done in all Iraqi provinces, additional, postgraduate student should be encourage to do their research on this important subject.

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