ABUSE OF ANIMALS

JUSTIFYING THE ABUSE
Perpetrators justify animal abuse as "discipline" or attempt to normalise the abuse of animals
- Blaming you for the abuse
- Dragging about abusing animals

EMOTIONAL ABUSE
Shouting at animals
- Animals have to develop 'safety strategies' like human victim-survivors do
- Animals experience that feeling of 'walking on eggshells' too

PHYSICAL ABUSE
Kicking • Hitting/punching/beating
- Stabbing • Throwing
- Strangulation • Burning
- Stabbing out cigarettes on animals • Stamping on animals

MURDER
Driving over animals • Shooting animals
- Beating animals to death
- Poisoning animals
- Creating a situation where animals are killed by other animals • Denying animals basic needs - food, water, suitable environments

NEGLECT
Not feeding animals • Not providing access to water
- Not cleaning up after animals • Denying animals veterinary treatment • Not allowing animals to be neutered • Not providing animals with their basic needs

THREATS
Threats to kill animals if you leave or don't return
- Threats to physically harm animals • Threats to relocate animals • Threats to not care for animals
- Threats to report you to animal welfare agencies

DENYING COMPANIONSHIP
Preventing you and animals from being with each other and comforting each other • Preventing animals having the companionship of other animals when needed

CLAIMING OWNERSHIP
Not allowing you to take animals with you when you leave
- Not handling animals over after you leave • The perpetrator insists on registering microchips in their name
- The perpetrator insists on registering animals in their name at the vets

ANIMALS ENTERING / JOINING THE HOUSEHOLD
Encouraging you to get animals to "make up" after an incident • The perpetrator brings multiple animals into the household to keep you there • Not allowing animals to be neutered • Bringing animals into the household that you are frightened of

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