



WHEN NEGLECT (and other acts) BECOMES ABUSE

QUESTIONS!!





SOME PHOTOS MAY BE DISTURBING

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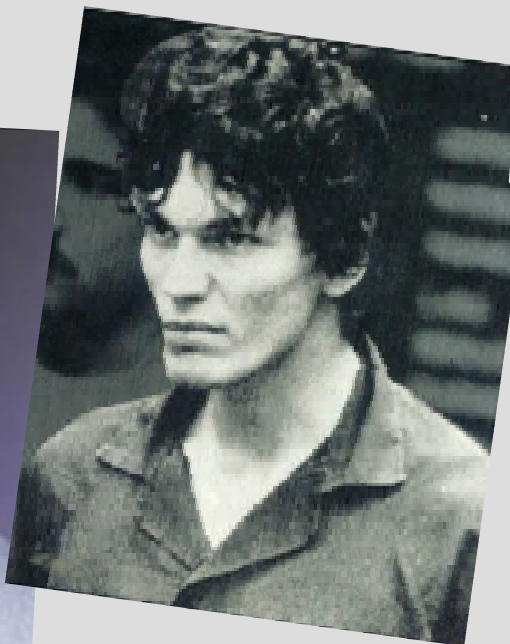
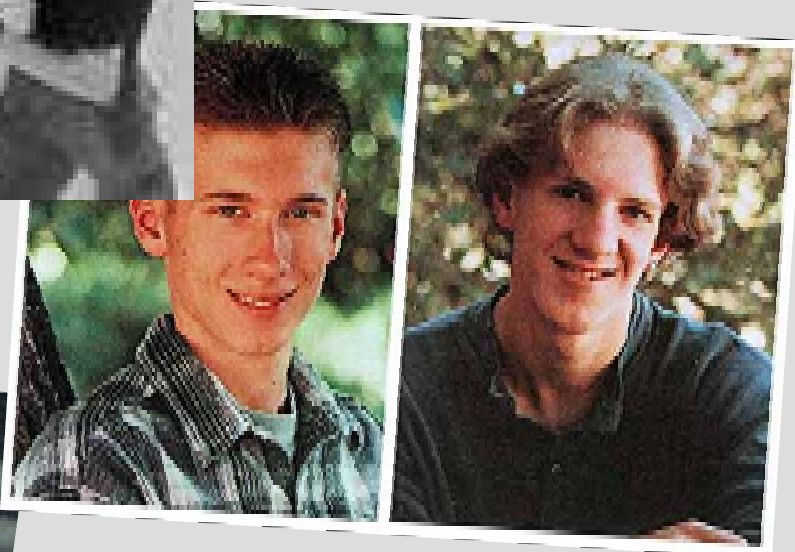


SO . . . WHY A PROGRAM?



A MAIN REASON?



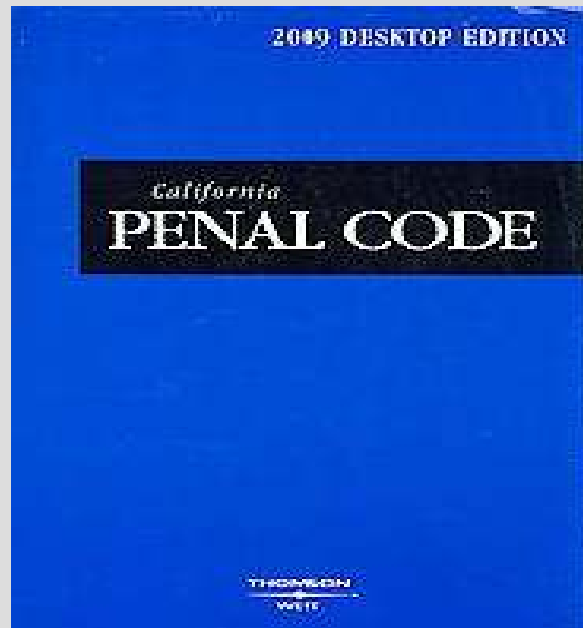


ANIMAL CRUELTY
and
OTHER CRIMES

Protective Order For Pets



Animal Cruelty Is a Crime.



FORMS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY

Neglect

Intentional

Animal Hoarding

Organized Abuse – “Bloodsports”

Ritualized Abuse

Animal Sexual Assault

What Is Animal Cruelty??



INTENTIONAL CRUELTY

- Willful and Intentional
- Maims, mutilates, tortures, wounds

CRUELTY BY NEGLECT ANIMAL

- Owner or person having custody or responsible for care of animal
- Willfully deprives animal of necessary sustenance, drink or shelter
- Act *caused danger* to animal's life (i.e. was life-threatening)

CRIMINAL NEGLECT

- Owner or person with custody or responsible for care of animal
- Fails to properly care for animal
- Was *reasonably foreseeable* would cause harm to animal.

NEGLECT CAN INCLUDE

- CUT NAILS
- CLEAN EARS
- DENTAL CARE
- GROOMING











Animal.
WHO'S PROTECTED?

“Any dumb creature”

Penal Code 599b



OTHER LAWS

HOARDING

- Accumulates a large number of animals;
- Fails to provide minimal care;
- Fails to act on deteriorating condition of animals.





Animal in Vehicles



It is a crime to leave an animal unattended in a vehicle under conditions that endanger its life and well-being.

Infraction or Misdemeanor, PC 597.7

CONDITIONS INCLUDE

- Heat
- Cold
- Lack of Adequate Ventilation
 - Lack of Food or Water
- Other Circumstances Reasonably Expected to Cause Suffering, Disability, or Death

- Peace Officer, Humane & Animal Control Officer
- AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ALL STEPS REASONABLY NECESSARY
- To Remove Animal From Vehicle
- Including But Not Limited To Breaking Into Vehicle
- After Reasonable Effort to Locate Owner/Responsible Person



What Can *YOU* Do?

- **LOCATE OWNER**
- **HAVE STORE PAGE**
- **NOTIFY SECURITY**
- **NOTIFY ANIMAL CONTROL or POLICE**



Hot Oven, Hot Car... It's the Same Thing.

Leaving an animal in a hot car is a **CRIME** (PC 597.7)

To report, notify Security or call 911.



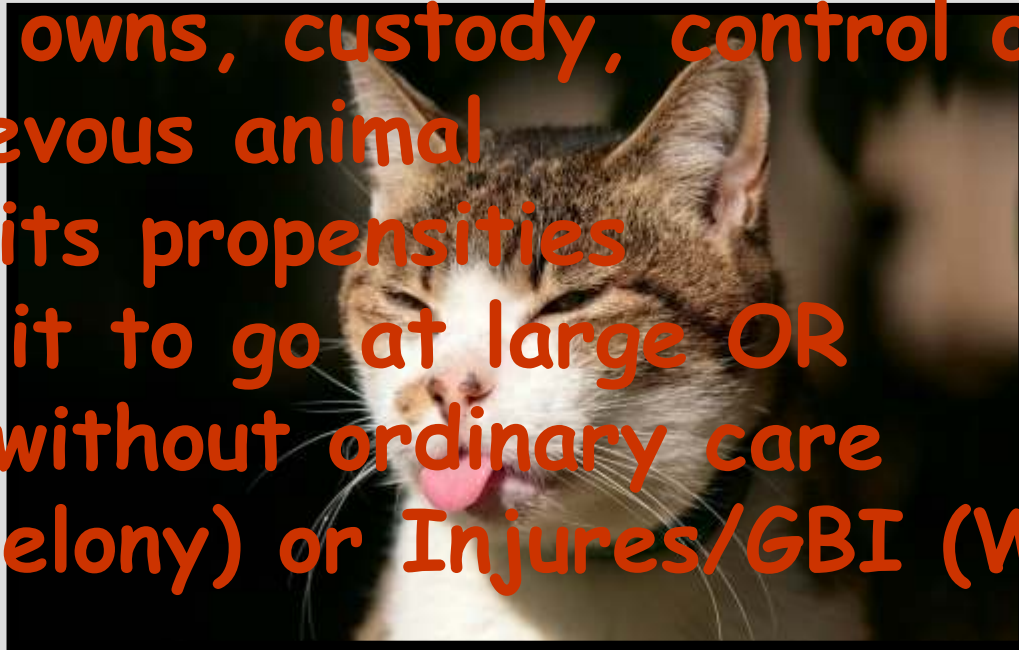
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MISCHIEVOUS ANIMAL

Penal Code 399

- Person owns, custody, control of
- Mischievous animal
- Knows its propensities
- Allows it to go at large OR
- Keeps without ordinary care
- Kills (Felony) or Injures/GBI (Wobbler)



TETHERING



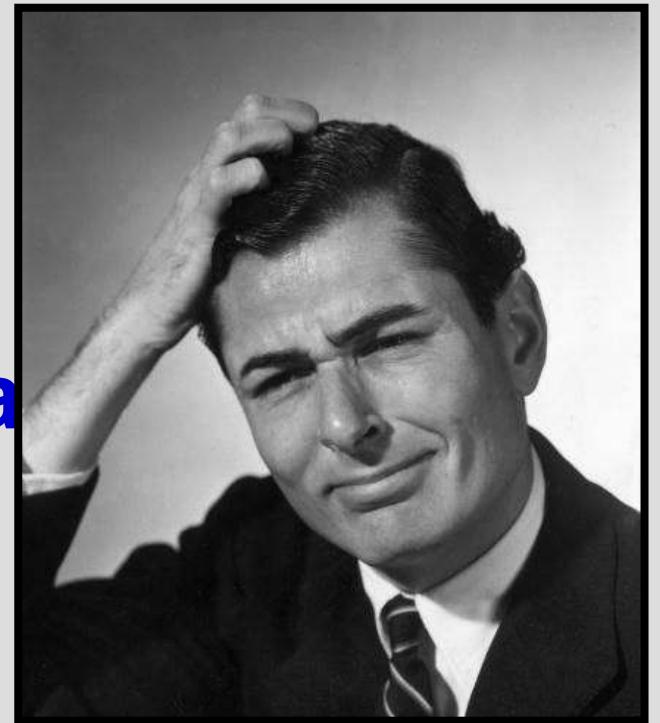
Infraction or Misdemeanor

- **CANNOT TIE A DOG**
- **TO A STATIONARY OBJECT**
- **FOR MORE THAN 3 HOURS IN A 24-hour PERIOD.**

Health & Safety Code Section 122335

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TETHERING?

- **Causes aggression.**
- **Potentially dangerous to a**



SALE OF LIVE ANIMALS



ILLEGAL TO SELL OR GIVE AWAY ANIMALS IN PUBLIC

NEW LAW!

PC 597.4

DOG FIGHTING and COCK FIGHTING



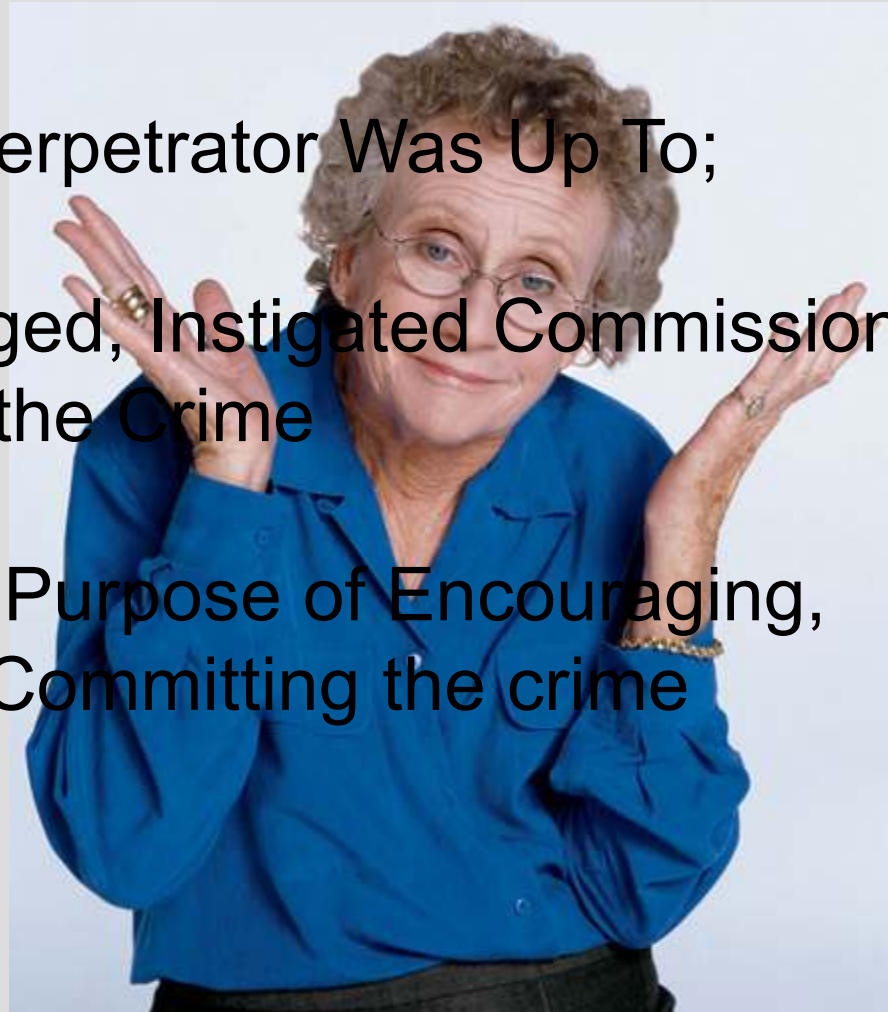
PC 597b: Cockfighting

- **Cause** any birds to fight for amusement or gain
- OR
- **Permit** fighting to be done on any premises under his charge or control
- OR
- **Aid or abet** fighting.



“Aiding and Abetting” ????

- Knew What Perpetrator Was Up To;
- Promoted, Encouraged, Instigated Commission Of the Crime
- With the Intent or Purpose of Encouraging, Facilitating or Committing the crime



PENALTY

1st Offense: Misdemeanor

- One Year County Jail
 - \$5,000

2nd Offense: Wobbler

- 16, 2, 3
 - \$25,000

Dog Fighting

- Own, possess, keep, or train a dog with the intent to fight him/her.
- Fight a dog.
- Allow dogs to be owned, kept or trained on any premises under his/her charge or control.
- Aid and abet any of the above.

16, 2, 3 YEARS STATE PRISON!



SPECTATORS

➤ **Knowingly Present at Fight**

OR

➤ **Where Preparations Being Made**

Penalty: 6 Months Jail

\$5,000 REWARD

Report Dogfighting



**REPORT
DOG FIGHTING**



DOGFIGHTING HURTS

Call 1-877-NO2-FITE

to report dogfighting in Los Angeles.

YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE PROTECTED.

The Humane Society of the United States will **PAY YOU UP TO \$5,000** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a dogfighter.

humanesociety.org

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC



WHO DOES WHAT?!?!

- YOU MAKE A REPORT
- LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATES
- CITY ATTORNEY/D.A. REVIEW



FILING A CRIMINAL CASE

NEED

- ✓ EVIDENCE
- ✓ WITNESSES
- ✓ PROOF OF ALL ELEMENTS
- ✓ VET'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION



WHAT DO WE HAVE?



Factors to Consider:

- **Defendant's Record**
- **Condition of Animal**
- **Length of Time of Neglect**
- **How Obvious Was Animal's Distress?**
- **How Long Before Called Vet?**
- **Prior Contacts w/ Animal Control?**



POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

- **CASE IS FILED**
- **FURTHER INVESTIGATION**
- **CASE IS DECLINED**
- **OFFICE HEARING**



What's NOT Animal Cruelty?

- Not walking your dog.

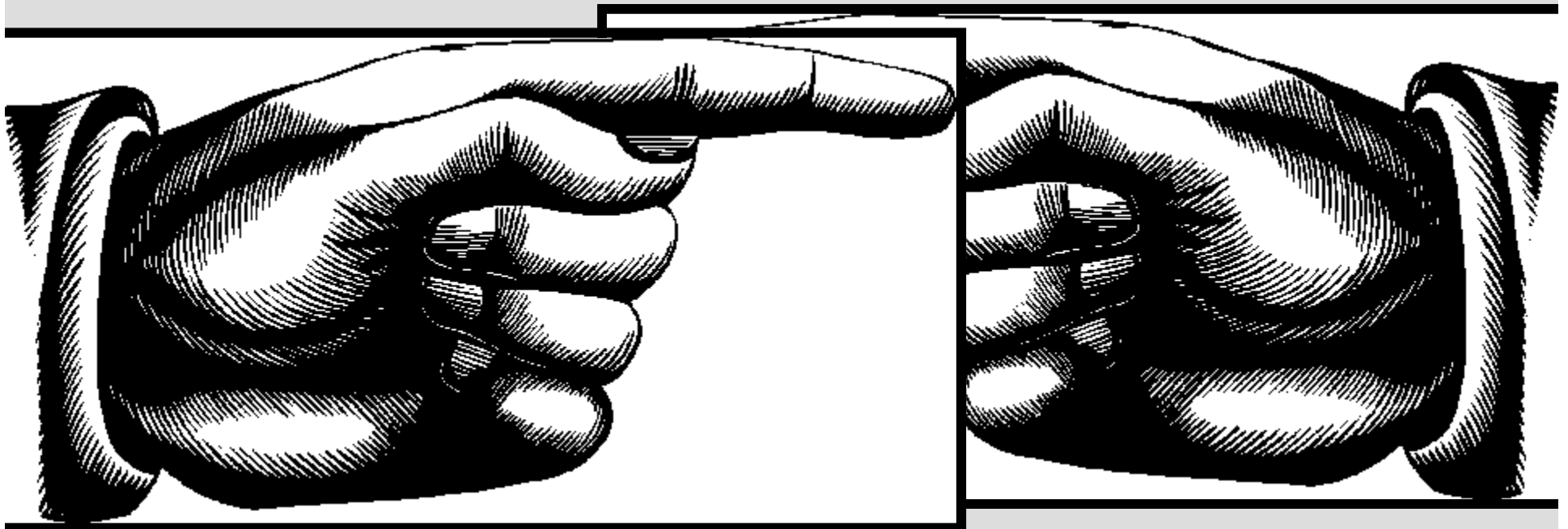
Illegal To:

Keep an animal confined in an enclosed area
Without providing it with an adequate exercise area.

Penal Code 597t

- Leaving your dog in the yard 24 hours a day.
- Not interacting with your dog.
- Leaving an animal on a balcony

We've Got Issues . . .



How To Stop Cruelty

- **Report, Report, Report**
- **Know Your Obligations as a Pet Owner**
 - **Speak Out** (City Council, Neighborhood Watch)
 - **Take Photos/Video**
 - **Foster Evidence Animals**
 - **Educate Children**
 - **Encourage Law Enforcement Agencies**

When Help Can Hurt

✓ Don't Remove Animal(s)

✓ Don't Clean Up

✓ Providing Food or Water: Inform Officer!



We're There for Ya!



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