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## ANIMAL ABUSE AND THE “LINK COALITION”

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Animal humanization emerged in the last few decades, it is important that the veterinarian has forensic medicine knowledge as to identify possible injuries and non-accidental trauma that the animal can be submitted to which is not always easily identified. Furthermore, the animal humanization and judicial control are factors that turned the need of veterinarian in courts and as assistants of justice each time more usual. Several occurrences relate to crimes against animals, such as trafficking, abandonment, maltreatment, physical aggression, bestiality and zoophilia, animal hoarders and yet situations where the animal is the first victim to be reached before humans. Hence the link theory was created, aiming to establish a link between animal violence and other vulnerable groups, like women in the domestic environment, elderly and children. According to World Health Organization (WHO) the veterinarian constitutes as adequate of health for being capable of preventing the population of collective diseases. Moreover, cases that occur in the family field regarding domestic violence can be highlighted. This kind of situation occurs for instance, when a physical aggression happens and the perpetrator ritualizes and frightens the victim through threats and cruel acts towards the pets. In these terms, violence against the animal is also a significant social affair. Animal crimes deserve attention not only upon the law, but also as a wholesome society, through professionals prepared to act within any segment, including police officers. Overall, features the importance of interdisciplinary and the immersion of veterinary medicine within the forensics context, both in the training of the clinical veterinary as to guide and identify cases and to the pathologist to diagnose injuries and elaborate legal medical records that can contribute to clarify crimes against animals.

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