

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: ANIMAL RIGHTS

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Bill No.: S33 Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Passed by the Senate but not considered by the House

Title of Bill: Animal Cruelty and Abuse and Act

1 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

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3 **Section I. Body:** In An end to Animal Cruelty would be the beginning of peace within the  
4 citizens and animal in the state. Citizens can benefit from the use and help of animals.  
5 The state is known for its unique farming techniques. Many animals are a huge part of  
6 the beautiful farming traditions.

7 the state of New Mexico animal abuse is considered a  
8 misdemeanor with a fine up to \$1000 and/or up to a year in prison. A fourth  
9 degree felony for animal abuse is a fine up to \$5000 and/or up to 18 months  
10 in prison. This is an issue because animals don't have a voice when  
11 sentencing happens. Many animals that are abused can not function in a normal  
12 loving home and can be aggressive toward other animals or their new owners.  
13 Many abused animals cannot find new homes because of how aggressive they are  
14 those animals are normally put down. These animals' lives are taken from  
15 them due to the fact that the animal could not do anything to prevent what  
16 was happening.

17 **Section II. Definitions:**

- 18 - as used in "Animal Abuse Act"
- 19 a) Animal abuse: as an act that produces harm to an animal. The act is not in
  - 20 self defense or for survival.
  - 21 b) Misdemeanor: a minor wrongdoing
  - 22 c) Felony: a more serious crime that involves the punishment of prison time
- or death

17 **Section III. Penalty:** the punishment for animal abuse should be changed from  
18 a misdemeanor to a felony.

19 **Section IV. Repeal:** All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in  
20 the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of  
21 this act are hereby repealed.

22 **Section V. Effective Date:** This act shall become effective immediately upon  
its passage and approval by the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls  
State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.