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| Journal Name: | [**Advances in Research**](https://journalair.com/index.php/AIR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AIR\_130625** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Animal Cruelty Against Dogs and Cats: Characterization of the Victim and the Perpetrator in a Retrospective Study** |
| Type of the Article | **Case study** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | A retrospective study by this manuscript represents an important contribution to the scientific community concerning the problem of animal cruelty towards dogs and cats. By studying both the victims and the offenders, the result offers insight into the patterns and the factors subsumed under such crimes, which may aid in framing proper legal implications and intervention campaigns. The results can assist policymakers, law enforcement bodies, and animal welfare organizations to prevent such offenses. The body of work also adds to the already swelling mayhem of anthropo-zoo-technical literature concerned with animal welfare and human-animal interactions emphasizing societal and ethical ramifications. | The authors agree with the reviewer's evaluation. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title "**Crime of Animal Cruelty Against Dogs and Cats: Characterization of the Victim and the Perpetrator in a Retrospective Study"** is clear and informative. It indicates the study's main objective, which is to cover both the subject (animal cruelty against dogs and cats) and the methodology (a retrospective study of the victims and perpetrators).  The title could, however, be more clearly stated and, conversely, shortened to read as:  **"Animal Cruelty Against Dogs and Cats: A Retrospective Analysis of Victims and Perpetrators"** | The authors agree with the reviewer's evaluation. The changes have been made and highlighted in the manuscript. |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract is well organized and describes the study well. Here are a few suggestions for improvement:  Improvements:  2. Emphasize Significance of Findings–While the abstract lists the main findings, a stronger emphasis on their implications within the context of policy, law enforcement, or public awareness would be beneficial.  3. Include a Brief Mention of Link Theory–The abstract would have been substantially more powerful if it referred to the concept since the authors discuss the correlation between animal cruelty as torture and human psychological consequences.  4. Outcome of Perpetrators' Actions–Was any legal action taken against the identified perpetrators? | The authors agree with the reviewer's evaluation. The changes have been made and highlighted in the manuscript. |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | The manuscript appears scientifically sound, having adopted a certain structured methodology and substantiated its findings by referencing relevant literature. The following are some suggestions for improvement:  Areas for Improvement:  1. Statistical Analysis - While descriptive statistics are provided, the study would benefit from more advanced statistical comparison (e.g., chi-square tests, correlation analyses) that will enhance claims about trends.  2. Sample Size Considerations - The present study analyzes just 10 cases, restricting the generalizability of results. An explicit acknowledgment of this limitation in the discussion would help.  3. Clarification of Causality vs. Correlation - Some statements deal with animal cruelty being correlated with psychological disorders and domestic violence. It must be clarified whether these are just correlations or if causation is implied.  4. Ethics - Mentioning the ethical approval obtained for this study (if applicable) would lend strength to the scientific rigor.  5. Potential Bias on Data Collection - Given that some cases were referred by advocates and law enforcement, selection bias may exist. A brief discussion about this limitation would help improve transparency. | The authors agree with the reviewer's evaluation. The changes have been made and highlighted in the manuscript. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references within this manuscript basically examine and look into animal cruelty from various perspectives such as legal settings, psychological inter-linkages of animal cruelty and human aggression, forensic investigations, and population studies of animal cruelty. The following are points for consideration:  Evaluation of References  1. Recency:  References span studies from the early 2000s to the more recent ones (2023).  Some classic studies (e.g., Bandura, 1990, 1999; Ascione et al., 1999) are older but still relevant.  Recent references from 2021 to 2023 are good to have, yet adding some even more recent studies (2022-2024) would really improve this manuscript.  2. Sufficiency:  The manuscript cited studies from various disciplines, including veterinary medicine, psychology, criminology, and law.  References such as Vieira et al., 2019, 2021 are on animal cruelty though the discussion could benefit from recent studies in epidemiology or legal updates on animal protection laws.  Perspectives on animal welfare and cruelty from international angles (WHO; UN; ASPCA; RSPCA reports) should strengthen the argument.  Suggested Added References:  To strengthen the manuscript, the following types should be included:  •Animal protection laws updates for the period 2022-2024 from any government or legal database.  •Studies on how public policy affects animal cruelty reporting rates.  •More recent studies in forensic veterinary medicine dealing with patterns of injuries in cruelly treated animals.  •International comparisons of how different countries deal with cruelty to animals.  •Meta-analyses or systematic reviews from 2022-2024 concerning the links between animal abuse and human violence. | The authors agree with the reviewer's evaluation. The changes have been made and highlighted in the manuscript. |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | **In general, the language quality of the article serves the purposes of scholarly communication. However, there are areas in which clarity, concision, and grammatical correctness could be improved. These are the key observations:**  **Areas for Improvement:**  **1. Grammatical and Syntax Issues- Some sentences are quite long and complex, resulting in convoluted phrases. It is recommendable to shorten these long and complex sentences for easier reading. For instance: "The increase in crimes of animal cruelty has become a significant social issue, driven by growing awareness of animal sentience." Proposed shortened rendition: "The rise in animal cruelty crimes has become a significant social issue, largely due to increasing awareness of animal sentience."**  **2. Wordiness and Redundancy-Many phrases tend to be repetitive or unduly lengthy. Another means of improving readability is to trim these down.**  **"The study investigated 10 cases of animal cruelty reported in Goiânia between August and November 2023, gathering information on identification, origin, clinical evaluation, and case outcomes." The aforementioned could be changed into: "This study analyzed 10 animal cruelty cases reported in Goiânia (August-November 2023), documenting victim profiles, clinical evaluations, and case outcomes."**  **1. Clarity and Precision – Several sentences lack precision and hence are open to interpretation. For example: "This study underscores that despite significant efforts, the low rate of reports reinforces the urgent need for the implementation of effective public policies and awareness campaigns in order to address this critical issue." Suggested revision: "Despite ongoing efforts, the low reporting rate highlights the urgent need for stronger public policies and awareness campaigns."**  **2. Use of Passive Voice – The manuscript is densely packed with passive voice, thereby creating further potential ambiguity. Where some sentences can be converted to the active voice, perhaps the engagement of the text may be enhanced."The study was conducted to analyze cases of animal cruelty..." Suggested revision: "This study analyzes cases of animal cruelty..."**  **Recommendation: It is strongly recommended a thorough proofread and language review for this manuscript in terms of grammatical accuracy, clarity, and conciseness. The author may enhance select sections for better readability.** | The authors agree with the reviewer's evaluation. The changes have been made and highlighted in the manuscript. |
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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s comment** *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | There are no ethical issues to declare. |