

Animal Abuse and Abandonment

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The issue in the community that I have chosen to do this project on is animal abuse and abandonment. I see this a lot in bigger cities than in smaller cities. Animal abuse is really upsetting to me because they are part of your family, and you are the only thing they know. Once you dump them, they feel total abandonment and it is often hard for them to bond with a new family if they even get a chance to do that. Abandoned animals find themselves in shelters that are overcrowded and often don't have the funds to keep all the animals. Depending on the behavior and how long the animal has been there shelters create room for others by euthanizing some of the dogs.

The picture that I took is from where I work, the Casper Animal Medical Hospital. We often see animals that have been abandoned and brought into us for medical check-ups or in serious cases have injuries and need professional help. A couple of weeks ago we had a springer spaniel come in because she had a broken elbow. She ended up having the leg amputated because it was too far gone. Thank goodness for one of our doctors as he decided to adopt her himself. If he wouldn't have done this she could have ended up in a shelter. If this had happened there could have been a chance that she wouldn't have been adopted because she only has three legs.

Animals are often not adopted because they are seen as violent or ugly. Many cases of violence is because of their previous owners abuse and they have never felt love. This makes some dogs extremely hard to adopt. Other dogs are hard to adopt because they are older, and people would rather adopt a puppy than an older dog that is nearing the end of their life.

An issue or question I discovered in my research is how you can help animals in shelters. One way to help animals that are in shelters is to donate money to those shelters, so they have the

funds to help them. Another really big way to help is by adopting an animal instead of buying one. This is really big as you could change an animal's entire life by doing this (Chintala, 2023).

Another issue I have found in my research is that abandoned dogs will often cause wrecks. They will go searching for their families and run out in front of vehicles trying to find their way home. This is also where animals will end up in the vet if they have been hit by a car (NA, 2023).

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