



## Crimes Against Animals: Innovative Outcomes for Animals and People Part III

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# Part III: Innovative Outcomes and Applications

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## Topics included in Part III:

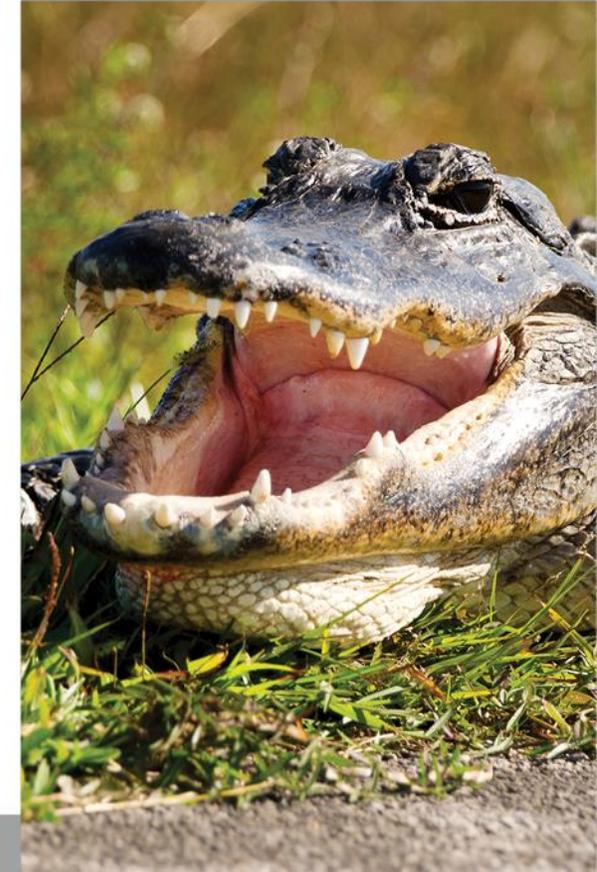
- One Health context
- Various justice theories and their application
- Working with restorative justice and transformative justice models
- Intervention science and therapy approaches
- Looking at additional approaches to respond to animal cruelty cases
- Application through the 3R program



# One Health Overlay

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- Definition: Recognition that the health of people, animals, and environment are interconnected and interdependent.
- Application to animal cruelty → The (emotional, physical, psychological) harm caused to animals affects people, other animals, and environments connected to the original injury and reaches macroscopic levels.
- Social justice perspectives.
- Interspecies justice → Layers of oppression; justice for humans and non-humans.



# Various Justice Theories

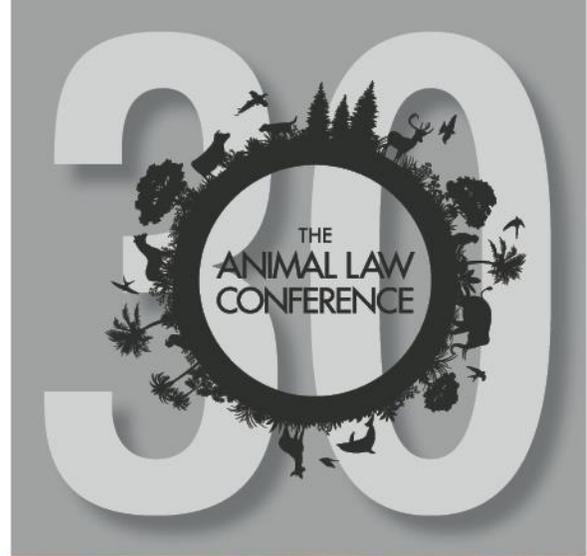
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- **Retributive Justice:** People who committed crimes should receive a punishment that is proportionate to the crime they committed and the pain and suffering the victim(s) experienced during the crime's commission.
- **Restorative Justice:** Focuses on the crime victim's participation in resolving the conflict the crime caused, works to 'repair' the harm the crime caused, and facilitates community-based experiences for the person who committed the crime to seek redemption.
- **Transformative Justice:** Perceives the criminal justice system as being systemically unjust through its victim-offender dichotomy; traditional justice systems revictimize the crime victim and victimize the individual who committed the crime. **We need new approaches that heal all parties involved in crimes.**



# Justice Theories Applied

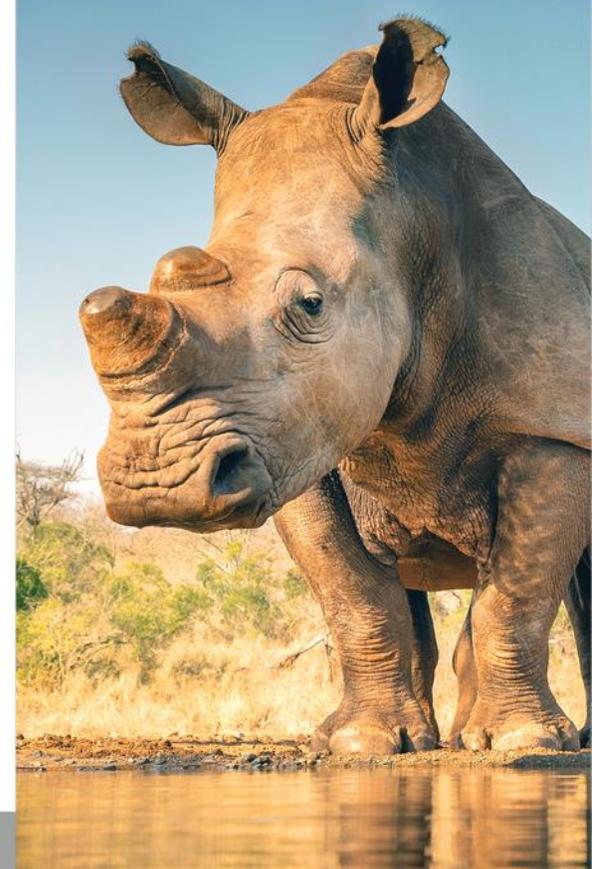
- **Retributive Justice:** Eye for an eye (we want to move beyond this approach).
- **Restorative Justice:** Restore victims and communities.
  - Applied: New Zealand Model.
- **Transformative Justice:** Change the system to heal all parties and prevent future crimes.
  - Goals: Heal, grow, change.
  - Applied: Rehabilitation and trauma-informed therapy.
- **Outcomes:** Restore/heal victims, communities, *and* individuals who committed the offenses.



# Working within Restorative Justice and Transformative Justice Models

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- **Intervention Science.**
- **Trauma-informed responses to individuals who commit cruelty.**
- **Rehabilitation and therapy.**
- **Alternatives to incarceration and innovative approaches to sentencing.**
- **Prevention science.**
  
- **Use these identified tools to heal all parties involved in the crime.**
  - Individuals who caused the harm are still accountable.
  - Heal individuals who offended so they are in a stable place to interact with victims and communities constructively.
  - Restore victims and communities.
  - Help heal the underlying causes that inspired individuals to cause the harm, and “transform” into emotionally and mentally healthy individuals.
    - No longer have the desire to cause harm in the future.



# Intervention Science and Therapy Approaches

## Trauma-informed therapy for individuals who commit animal cruelty

- **Evidence-Based Therapy:** (Specific to this discussion)—Applies research and studies’ processes and methods, that are proven effective, to clients’ therapy programs to help them heal from/resolve mental health issues.
- **Intervention Science:** (Specific to this discussion)—Applies research and studies’ proven evidence-based practices with clients to help them heal from/resolve mental health issues.
  - Work towards **Prevention Science**—prevent harms caused by mental health issues from occurring.
- **Implementation Science:** The study of methods and strategies to effectively apply evidence-based practices (and therapies) to actual clients and scenarios.
- **Trauma-Informed Therapy:** Acknowledges and focuses on ways that traumatic experiences may impact a person’s well-being; uses that information to design therapy processes to help a person heal from trauma.
  - **Cognitive Processing Therapy (“CPT”)**  
**Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (“EMDR”)**
    - For Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (“PTSD”).
  - Used for crime and trauma victims.
  - Voluntary enrollment and collaborative approach.
- Use this science and therapies for individuals who committed cruelty.
  - Approach them as past/undiagnosed victims who did not receive timely help they needed.
  - Promote emotional health and resilience.

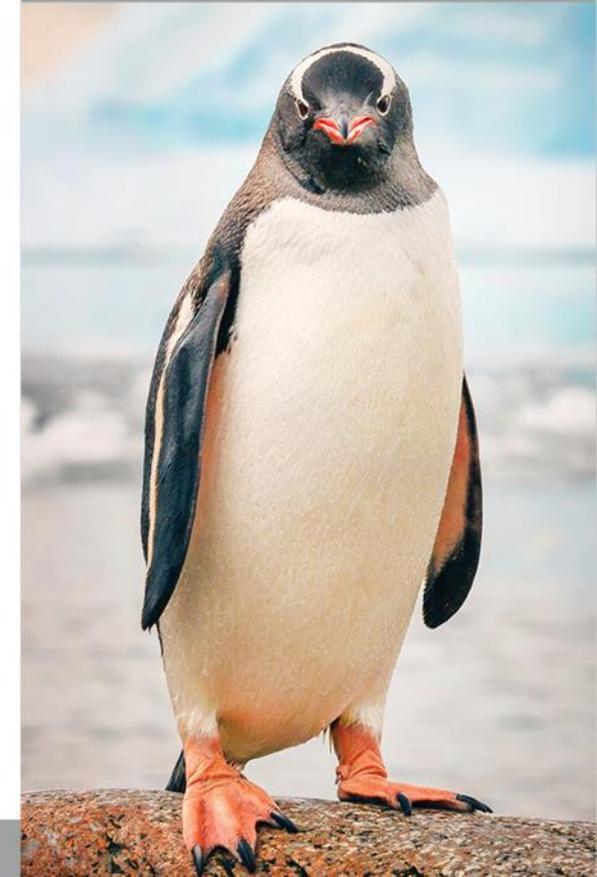


# Looking at additional approaches to respond to animal cruelty cases

## Community-based and peer specific support groups for individuals who committed cruelty

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- Support system for individuals who:
  - Received therapy while incarcerated and may need support with transition in returning to their community, while now having the tools to manage stress and trauma in health ways.
  - Were not incarcerated for crimes but received therapy.
  - Were not charged, but self-identified as needing therapy and sought those resources.
- Comprised of individuals who understand each others' backgrounds and experiences.
- Long-term, stable support network.



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## Access to information and the trial process

### **Pre-trial (pre-adjudication) assessments**

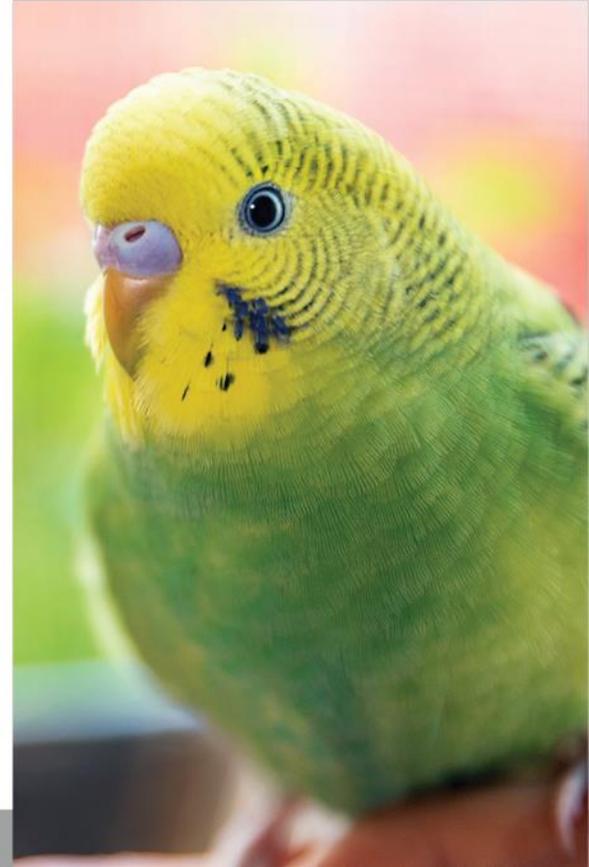
- Designed to identify mitigating and underlying factors that may have caused/influenced the harm towards animal victim(s).
- Potentially provide individuals who committed cruelty with resources and support that 1) could prevent cruelty from occurring in the future and 2) avoid proceeding to trial, if unnecessary in these circumstances.
- Pathway to appropriate diversion programs.
- Pathway to appropriate and tailored sentencing → supports rehabilitation of individual who committed cruelty and supports victim(s) and surrounding community.
- Long-term financial savings for governments; decrease burden on courts.
- Cautionary concerns for implementing this practice.



# Application to the 3R Program

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- Interdisciplinary understanding and response to the nature of, and myriad contexts surrounding, animal cruelty.
- Educating professionals in social work, mental health work, and legal fields.
- Proposing new, innovative therapy and rehabilitation options to identify and address underlying causes of animal cruelty.
- Incorporating One Health approach into education, assessments, recommendations for therapy, and creative sentencing options.



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Thank you  
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