

Boat Inventory on Animal-Related Experiences

"These questions are about some of your experiences with animals and include things you may have heard about, seen, or done yourself. Although some of the questions are of a personal nature, please answer them if you can."

Ownership

1. **Have you or your family ever had any pets?** Y N
 If yes, what kind(s)? (read types below and circle all that apply)

- | | How many? | How many? |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| a. Dog(s) _____ | | |
| b. Cat(s) _____ | | f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. _____ |
| c. Bird(s) _____ | | g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils _____ |
| d. Fish _____ | | h. Wild animals (describe) _____ |
| e. Horse(s) _____ | | |

How old were you when you or your family owned any animals or pets? (circle all that apply)
 a. Under age 6 b. 6-12 years c. Teenager d. Adult

2. **Do you have a pet or pets now?** Y N
 If yes, what kind(s)? (read types and circle all that apply)

- | | How many? | How many? |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| a. Dog(s) _____ | | |
| b. Cat(s) _____ | | f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. _____ |
| c. Bird(s) _____ | | g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils _____ |
| d. Fish _____ | | h. Wild animals (describe) _____ |
| e. Horse(s) _____ | | |

3. **Of your animals, do you - or did you - have a favorite?** Y N
 Which one? _____
 Why? _____

Support

"Sometimes pets or other animals are special sources of support in times of stress."

4. **Has there ever been difficult or stressful times when a pet or animal was a source of comfort for you - even if you did not own the animal?** Y N

How old were you? (circle all that apply)
 a. Under age 6 b. 6-12 years c. Teenager d. Adult

What kind of pet or animal gave you support? _____

How did the pet or animal give you support?

5. **Are there times when it has been easier to talk to animals than to people?** Y N
 If yes, how often does or did this happen? (please circle)
 a. Just a little b. Somewhat c. A lot

6. **Did you ever have a favorite stuffed toy animal?** Y N
 Still have it? Y N

Loss

"Sometimes people lose animals that are special."

7. **Have you ever lost an animal you really cared about? (For example, the animal was given away, ran away, died or was somehow killed?)** Y N
If yes, what kind of animal? _____

If your pet died, was the death:
a. Natural (old age, illness, euthanized) b. Accidental (hit by car) c. Deliberate (strangled, drowned) d. Cruel or violent (eg. pet was tortured)

What happened? _____

Was the death or loss used to punish you or make you do something? Y N

How difficult was the loss for you?
a. Not difficult b. Somewhat difficult c. Very difficult

How much does it bother you now?
a. Not at all b. Somewhat c. A lot

How did people react / what did they tell you after you lost your pet?
a. Supportive b. Said it was your fault c. Punished you d. Other _____

How old were you?
a. Under age 6 b. 6-12 years c. Teenager d. Adult

Was any person responsible for you losing the animal? Y N

If yes, how do you feel now about what that person did? (please circle)
a. Upset at first, but no longer b. Still somewhat upset c. Still very angry

8. **Have you ever worried about bad things happening to an animal you really cared about?** Y N
What do or did you worry about? _____

Cruelty or Killing

"Sometimes people do mean things to animals, deliberately hurting, torturing or killing them in a cruel way."

9. **Have you heard about people deliberately hurting, torturing or killing an animal?** Y N
What did you hear? _____

10. **Did you ever see anyone deliberately hurt, torture or kill a pet or animal in a cruel way?** Y N
If yes, who? (please circle)
a. Friend or Acquaintance c. Stranger
b. Family Member or Relative d. Other (who?) _____

What kind of animal(s)? (read types below and circle all that apply)

- | How many? | | | How many? |
|-------------|-------|--|-----------|
| a. Dog(s) | _____ | | |
| b. Cat(s) | _____ | f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects etc. | _____ |
| c. Bird(s) | _____ | g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils | _____ |
| d. Fish | _____ | h. Wild animal(s) (describe) _____ | _____ |
| e. Horse(s) | _____ | | |

How did they hurt, torture or kill the animal(s)? (read options and circle all that apply)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Drowned | g. Burned |
| b. Hit, beat, kicked | h. Starved or neglected |
| c. Stoned | i. Trapped |
| d. Shot (BB gun, bow & arrow) | j. Had sex with it |
| e. Strangled | k. Other (describe) _____ |
| f. Stabbed | |

What happened afterwards? _____

How old were you when you saw this happen? (circle all that apply)

- a. Under age 6 b. 6-12 years c. Teenager d. Adult

11. Have you ever deliberately hurt, tortured or killed a pet or animal in a cruel way? Y N

If yes, what kind? (circle all that apply)

- | How many? | | | How many? |
|-------------|-------|--|-----------|
| a. Dog(s) | _____ | | |
| b. Cat(s) | _____ | f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects etc. | _____ |
| c. Bird(s) | _____ | g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils | |
| d. Fish | _____ | h. Wild animals (describe) _____ | _____ |
| e. Horse(s) | _____ | | |

What did you do to hurt, torture or kill the pet or animal? (read options and circle all that apply)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Drowned | g. Burned |
| b. Hit, beat, kicked | h. Starved or neglected |
| c. Stoned | i. Trapped |
| d. Shot (BB gun, bow & arrow) | j. Had sex with it |
| e. Strangled | k. Other (describe) _____ |
| f. Stabbed | |

What happened afterwards? _____

How old were you? (circle all that apply)

- a. Under age 6 b. 6-12 years c. Teenager d. Adult

Were you alone when you did this? Y N

12. Have you ever seen anyone give animals any drugs (alcohol, pot, etc.)? Y N

Describe: _____

Have you ever given animals any drugs (alcohol, pot, etc.)? Y N

Describe: _____

Have you ever seen animals being made to fight (cats, pit bulls, cocks, etc.)? Y N

Describe: _____

Have you ever made animals fight? Y N

Describe: _____

Coercion or Control

"Sometimes people make children or adults do mean things to animals, trying to control people with threats or actually hurting an animal, (e.g., If you tell, I'll kill your dog)."

13. Have you ever seen or heard about someone doing this? Y N

What have you seen or heard? _____

14. Has anyone ever threatened you this way? Y N

If yes, what happened?

Who did this? (circle)

- a. Friend or Acquaintance
- b. Family Member or Relative
- c. Stranger
- d. Other _____

How old were you? (circle all that apply)

- a. Under age 6
- b. 6-12 years
- c. Teenager
- d. Adult

Sexual Interactions

"Sometimes animals are used by people in sexual ways."

15. Have you ever heard about people being sexual with animals? Y N

What did you hear? _____

16. Have you ever seen others do sex acts or sexual touching with animals? Y N

If yes, what kind(s) of animals? _____
Please describe what you saw: _____

Where did you see this? _____

Who did this? (circle)

- a. Friend or Acquaintance
- b. Family Member or Relative
- c. Stranger
- d. Other _____

How old were you? (circle all that apply)

- a. Under age 6
- b. 6-12 years
- c. Teenager
- d. Adult

17. Have you ever done sex acts or sexual touching with animals? Y N

If yes, what kind of animals? _____
Please describe what you did or were made to do: _____

Who made you do this? (if applicable)

- a. Friend or Acquaintance
- b. Family Member or Relative
- c. Stranger
- d. Other _____

How old were you? (circle all that apply)

- a. Under age 6
- b. 6-12 years
- c. Teenager
- d. Adult

Fears

"Some people are afraid of some animals."

18. Have you ever been really frightened by an animal (eg. chased or bitten)? Y N

If yes, what kind of animal? _____

What did the animal do? _____

How old were you?

- a. Under 6
- b. 6-12 years
- c. Teenager
- d. Adult

Were you hurt? Y N

If yes, how were you hurt or injured? _____

Are you still afraid of the kind of animal that frightened you? Y N

"Roadkill"

"Seeing roadkill (dead animals by the side of the road) bothers some people."

19. Does seeing "roadkill" bother you? Y N

If yes, how much? (please circle)

- a. Just a little b. Somewhat c. A lot

What about the "roadkill" bothers you?

Movies, TV

"Seeing animals portrayed as hurt or mistreated bothers some people."

20. Does seeing movies or TV shows where animals are hurt or mistreated bother you? Y N

If yes, how much? (please circle)

- a. Just a little b. Somewhat c. A lot

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