



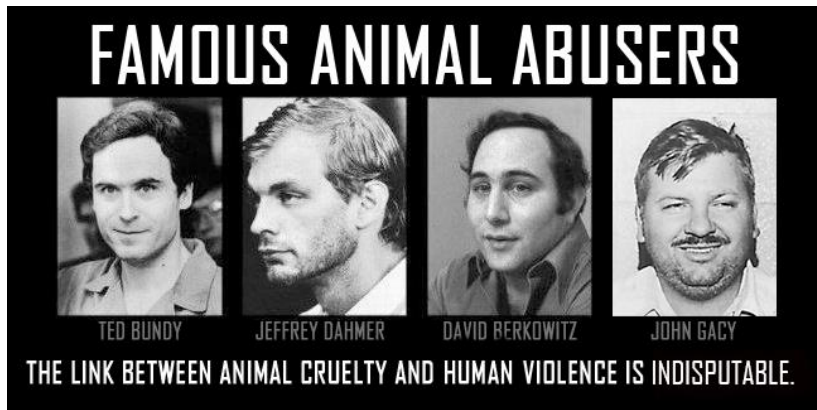
**THE LEAGUE
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OF NEW YORK**

POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS

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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A317/S2558
A BILL TO ESTABLISH A CRIME REGISTRY OF ANIMAL ABUSE
CONVICTIONS IN NEW YORK STATE**

The law would require *convicted* animal abusers to register with their local law enforcement agency. It would enhance protection by warning the community when a convicted animal abuser is living nearby. It would also provide notice for potential employers in pet shops, shelters, and animal laboratories. It is intended to function in much the same way as sex offender registries.



The link between violence against animals and violence against human beings is well-documented. **According to the FBI, those who harm animals are four times more likely to commit violence against people. Individuals who mistreat, abuse, or kill animals often extend that behavior to humans in the form of domestic violence, child abuse, and even murder.**

A database of this kind would assist law enforcement by providing a catalogue of individuals who may not show up in other databases.

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY
SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

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Sincerely,



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