

SPCA Auckland Education Teacher Curriculum Guide



'Breaking the Cycle of Violence' English Level 4 Accelerate Years 7 & 8

*Possible Speech Topic

Oral Language

'Speak confidently and effectively in a variety of situations to recount experiences and events, and communicate information, ideas, and opinions'.

Poetic Writing

'Write on a variety of topics, shaping, editing, and reworking texts to express experiences and ideas imaginatively in a wide range of genres, choosing appropriate language features and using conventions of writing accurately'.

Achievement Standard 90380 - 'Read unfamiliar texts and analyse the ideas and language features'

It is assumed that students will be familiar with the following vocabulary:

Collaboration-cooperation

Coalition-alliance

Attribute-account for

Psychology-science which deals with mental processes and behaviour

Sociology-study of human social behaviour organisation

Criminology- the scientific study of crime

Sanctions-allows, approves of

Implement-achieve, complete

Dissemination-achieve, complete

SPCA Auckland Education Accelerate Years 7 & 8

'Breaking the Cycles of Violence' Worksheet Accelerate Years 7 & 8 Social Studies & English

Watch the First Strike video. Complete the following:

1. What is the connection between animals at risk and children?

2. The Latham Foundation's aim is 'to promote, foster, encourage, and further the principles of humaneness, kindness, and benevolence to all living creatures'.

Who founded this organisation?

3. The first example given is that of Reverend Burrows (1999).

What crimes did he commit?



4. Which 3 sorts of abuse were present?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. The name given to the coalition response team for all 3 sorts of abuse is DVERT. What do the letters stand for?

D _____
V _____
E _____
R _____
T _____

6. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which 5 agencies work together?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____



7. What does PAL represent?

- P _____
- A _____
- L _____

8. Which is the first agency that sees neglected children?

9. What percentage of family violence includes pets?

10. What is it meant by a 'holistic' approach?

11. What is 'cross training'?

12. When questioned, which abuse do children reveal first?

13. Which time is most dangerous for the victim?



14. Offenders are very concerned with control, and when they begin to lose control.

What happens when they lose control over an animal/person situation?

15. What percentage of women do not seek safety because of their concerns for their animals?

16. Where can these pets be housed?

17. Why is abuse noticed first in the animals?

18. What percentage of people who abuse animals, have other criminal convictions against them?

19. Every 15 seconds there is an act of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence and Family Violence can lead to which crime if there is no intervention?

20. What does 'cross training' do?

21. There is a history of early animal abuse in serial killers.

Name some of these -



22. What percentage of murders is 'domestic violence' related?

There are animal related programs to intervene for children who have experienced domestic abuse. Name one –

All these programs teach the value of life for ALL creatures.

First Strike New Zealand

Read the pamphlet carefully and answer the following questions:

1. Why was First Strike formed in NZ?

2. What is the AIM of this organisation?



3. Cruelty to animals is not 'normal' behaviour. This cruelty is a sign of 4 different behaviours. Name these –

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

4. Violent offenders have often carried out what form of abuse?

5. Which developmental stage is important to prevent future violence?



6. How does the SPCA help prevent future violence?

7. Give the names of some of the organisations involved in First Strike in NZ

Teacher Reference Only

Murder-Animal Abuse

AMERICA

David Berkowitz – (Son of Sam) - Convicted of homicide for the death of 10 people. As a child he put ammonia in his mother's fish tank and speared the fish with a pin, killed his pet bird with rat poison, and tortured animals such as mice.

Jeffrey Dahmer - He killed and cannibalised 17 men and boys. As a child he impaled dogs and staked cats to trees.

Luke Woodham - He stabbed his mother to death and shot 2 classmates. As a child he stabbed his dog and set it on fire.

Kip Kinkel - He killed both parents and shot his classmates, killing 2 and injuring 22 others. As a child he tortured animals and 'blew up' a cow.

Eric Harris (18yrs) and Dylan Klebold (17) - They killed 12 high school students at Columbine High School. Harris enjoyed torturing mice.

NEW ZEALAND

James Wilson - He killed Joanne Duyvenbooden and dropped acid on the faces of 2 people during a robbery. He was convicted of animal cruelty when he was 17 years old for strangling kittens and mice.

Taffy Herbert Hotene - He killed a girl at a bus stop in Glen Innes. He had a history of childhood animal abuse.

Malcolm Rewa - He was a serial rapist who killed Susan Burdett. He had an early history of animal abuse

Bruce Howse - He killed his 2 stepdaughters (2003). Prior to this he strangled the family cat.

In NZ 97% of animal abusers are male.

In NZ 56% of violent offenders have a previous history of animal abuse.

ANSWER SHEET

'Breaking the Cycles of Violence' Worksheet

Complete the following:

1. What is the connection between animals at risk and children?

They are both at risk

2. The Latham Foundation's aim is 'to promote, foster, encourage, and further the principles of humaneness, kindness, and benevolence to all living creatures'.

Who founded this organisation?

Edith Latham (1918)

3. The first example given is that of Reverend Burrows (1999).

What crimes did he commit?

Foster child murder, choking wife, convicted animal abuser.

4. Which 3 sorts of abuse were present?

1. Animal Abuse
2. Domestic Violence
3. Child Maltreatment



5. The name given to the coalition response team for all 3 sorts of abuse is DVERT. What do the letters stand for?

D DOMESTIC
V VIOLENCE
E ENHANCED
R RESPONSE
T TEAM

6. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which 5 agencies work together?

1. **Social Services**
2. **Law Enforcement**
3. **Humane Society**
4. **Safe Pets Foster Care**
5. **P.A.L**



7. What does PAL represent?

- P **People**
A **Animal**
L **Learning**

8. Which is the first agency that sees neglected children?

Animal Cruelty Investigations

9. What percentage of family violence includes pets?

40%

10. What is it meant by a 'holistic' approach?

All encompassing

11. What is 'cross training'?

Training, between the different agencies.



12. When questioned, which abuse do children reveal first?

Pet abuse.

13. Which time is most dangerous for the victim?

The time when the victim leaves the offender

14. Offenders are very concerned with control, and when they begin to lose control.

What happens when they lose control over an animal/person situation?

Escalation violence

15. What percentage of women do not seek safety because of their concerns for their animals?

40%

16. Where can these pets be housed?

Foster homes

17. Why is abuse noticed first in the animals?

The thinking of 'animals don't count'

18. What percentage of people who abuse animals, have other criminal convictions against them?

70%

19. Every 15 seconds there is an act of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence and Family Violence can lead to which crime if there is no intervention?

Homocide

20. What does 'cross training' do?

Identifies different forms of abuse, and cycle of abuse.

21. There is a history of early animal abuse in serial killers.

Name some of these -

Jeffrey Dahmer
David Berkowitz
Eric Harris
Dylan Klebold



22. What percentage of murders is 'domestic violence' related?

20%

There are animal related programs to intervene for children who have experienced domestic abuse. Name one –

Green Chimney / Forget-me-knot

All these programs teach the value of life for ALL creatures.

First Strike New Zealand

Read the pamphlet carefully and answer the following questions:

1. When was 'First Strike' formed in NZ?

November 2002



2. What is the AIM of this organisation?

To bring together animal protection agencies, animal shelter workers, animal control workers, veterinarians, social service workers, law enforcement officials, educators to promote inter-agency collaborations and coalitions to reduce animal cruelty, family and community violence.

3. Cruelty to animals is not 'normal' behaviour. This cruelty is a sign of 4 different behaviours. Name these –

1. Stress and Mental Disorder
2. Representative of displaced hostility and aggression
3. Indicator of serious problems in the family
4. Early warning sign of violent tendencies that will eventually be acted out against people.

4. Violent offenders have often carried out what form of abuse?

Animal Cruelty

5. Which developmental stage is important to prevent future violence?

Childhood



6. How does the SPCA help prevent future violence?

Providing shelter for animals linking with other agencies e.g. social workers.

7. Give the names of some of the organisations involved in First Strike in NZ

Police, Social Welfare, SPCA, Veterinarians, Dog Control.