Ethics & Bestiality



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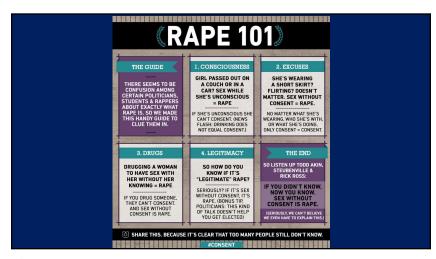
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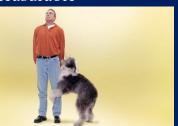
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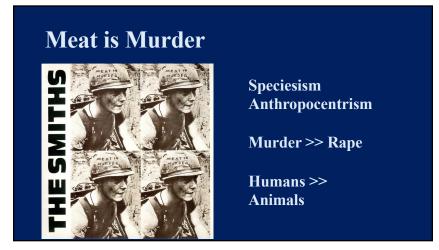
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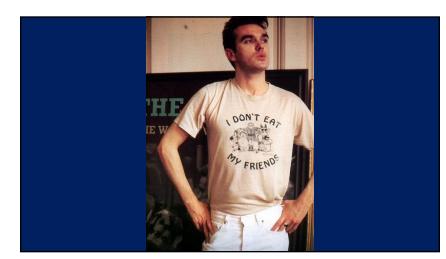
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Animals: Friend?
Food?
(Sex?)



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So, if animals can't consent to sex...Do they consent to being killed & eaten?



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Rural Farmland Routine

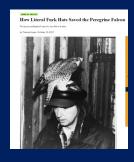
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So, is it about the Sexual Intent, then, or than the Physical Action? (actus reus vs. mens rea?)

Conclusion: Ethics

Animal cruelty

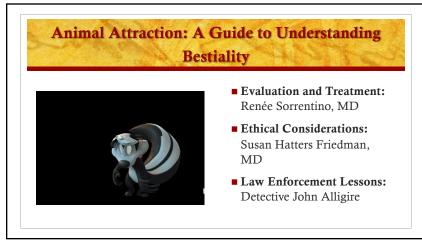
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- •Sexual assault
- Lack of capacity to consent
- Pesky issue of Act itself vs. Sexual intent

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Who Needs to Know?

- Clinicians working with sexual offenders
- Clinicians working with individuals who engage in problematic sexual behaviors
- Forensic evaluators addressing risk in sexual offenders
- Lawmakers/law enforcement
- Veterinarians
- Medical doctors working in rural settings

Outline

- Nomenclature
- The law
- Medical complications
- Psychiatric comorbidity
- Assessment
- Treatment



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Bestiality



- Cross-species sexual activity between humans and non-human animals
- Sexual contact with animals (SCA)
- Historical and cultural perspectives



Zoophilia Other specified paraphilic disorder (zoophilia) "Zoos" "Zooerast" "Zoosexual" "Zoosadism" "Faunoiphilia"

Classifications (Aggrawal, 2011)

Role players
Romantic zoophiles
Zoophilic fantasizers
Tactile zoophiles
Fetishistic zoophiles
Exclusive zoophile

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Different types of zoophilia as listed by Shaffer and Penn. ²⁰	
Paraphilia	Arousal from
Aelurophilia	deriving gratification from cats
Anolingus	arousal from licking lizards
Arachnephilia	arousal from spiders
Avisodomy	breaking the neck of a bird while penetrating it for sex
Batrachophilia	arousal or attraction to frogs
Bee stings	use of bees, such as to sting genitalia
Canophilia	arousal from dogs
Cynophilia	arousal from sex with dogs
Entomophilia	arousal from insects or use of insects in sexual activity
Entomocism	arousal from insects or use of insects in sexual activity
Formicophilia	enjoyment of the use of ants or insects for sexual purposes
Melissophilia	arousal from bees
Musophilia	arousal from mice
Necrobestialism	arousal from having sex with dead animals
Ophidiophilia	arousal from snakes
Ornithophilia	arousal from birds
Phthiriophilia	attraction to lice

Prevalence

■ General population studies

■ 8% of men had SCA, 40-50% of farm raised boys had SCA (Abel, 1948)

■ 4% of females had SCA (Abel, 1953)

■ 5% of men and 2% of women in 24 US cities (Hunt, 1974)

■ Czech population, 7% of men and 4% of women had zoophilic interest

■ Canadian population, 3% of men and 2% of women reporting animal fantasizing

■ Miletski found 83% of men with zoophilic interest reported sexual activity with an animal at avrg rate of 3 X a week

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Prevalence

- Prison inmates, sex offender studies
- 17% of sexual offenders had SCA
- 15% of the prison inmates had SCA
- 8% of the control (non-incarcerated) had SCA
- Convicted sex offenders
 - 43% had SCA

(Kinsey al, 1948; Kinsey et al, 1953; Hunt, 1970; Gehard et al, 1965)

Prevalence

- Inpatient psychiatric unit (sexual FANTASY)
 - 20 psychiatric inpatients
 - 20 general medical patients
- 20 psychiatric staff
- Findings
- 9 of the psychiatric patients
- None of the general medical patients or psychiatric staff

(Alvarez & Freinhar, 1991)

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Offender Characteristics

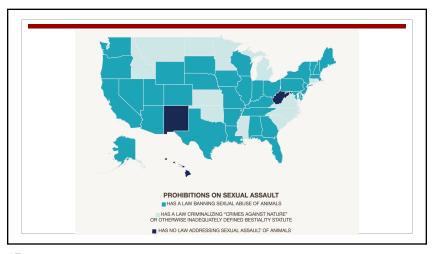
- White males
- Age 16-78
- Employed
- History of intimate human relationships
- Animal most often sought
- Dogs, horses, goats, cats, farm animals, fowl, wildlife exotic

(Edwards, 2019)

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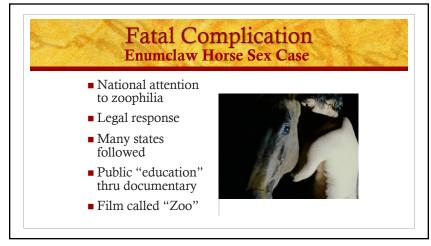
- Developmental disabilities
- Poor social skills
- Lower levels of education
- Higher incidence in rural areas, especially those who work with animals

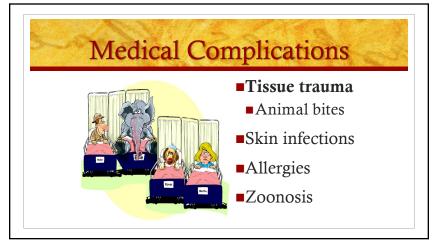
(Earls et al, 2009)



What is the most prevalent medical complication from sex with animals?

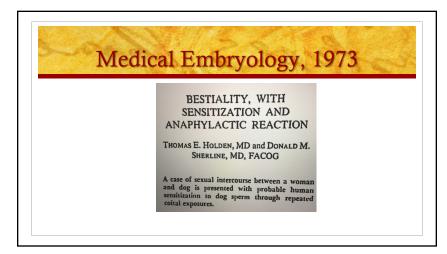
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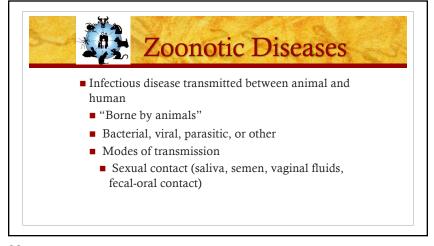


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I recently had intercourse with a sheep at a friend's house. He is a sheep rancher and one day he was talking about how good it was. He left town for a few days and asked me to feed his animals. I took the chance and gave it a try. The strange thing is that I enjoyed it more than having sex with my girlfriend. When I was a young lad I was molested by a female babysitter. I was wondering if you may think that the earlier incident in my life has affected my sexuality. I liked it so much that I want to do it again, but I am worried that I may contract a STD from the ewe. I have heard that you can. Could you please help me? Sincerely, Woody



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Zoonotic Diseases Zoonosis Mode Carrier Risky sex act Brucellosis Semen, vaginal Dog, Equine, Anal, genital fluid, urine, Ruminants, Pig blood Dog, Equine, Semen, urine Anal, genital Leptospirosis Ruminants, Pig, Other Rabies Saliva Dog, Equine, Oral Cats

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Urological Diseases

- Study of 118 penile cancer patients
- 44.9% patients had reported SCA
- Suggest that sex with animals is a risk factor for penile cancer
- May be associated with venereal diseases

(Zequi et al, 2012)

Medical Conditions

- Not well described
- Uncommon
- Conditions that cause hypersexuality
 - Dopaminergic agents
 - CVA
 - Huntington's Disease
 - Dementia

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Psychiatric Comorbidity



Comorbidity: Psychosis

- 17 case reports of individuals with zoophilia comorbid with other psychiatric disorders
- 9 case reports comorbid with psychosis
- 1 case report of zoophilia as an early sign of psychosis

(Lesandric et al, 2017)

Comorbidity: IQ

- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
 - Some studies show high prevalence of DD
 - Fellow (1982) 6 boys all intellectually impaired
 - Duffield (1998) 7 adolescents with high prevalence of cognitive or intellectual impairment
 - Several studies not examining IQ
 - Case reports of autistic spectrum disorder

Comorbidity: Violence

- Childhood bestiality
- Fleming et al, 2002
- 24 juvenile offenders with bestiality, 23 with sexual offenses against humans
- Henderson et al, 2011
- Bestiality as form of animal cruelty & compared to animal cruelty acts
- · Sex with animals predicted future interpersonal violence
- Correctional study
 - Hensley et al, 2006
 - 261 inmates, 16 reported sex with animals
 - The 16 were more likely to have crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery or assault

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Comorbidity: Paraphilia

- Miletski, 1999
- Men with bestiality
- 17% sadomasochistic fantasies
- 25% reported having forced or having been forced into sexual activity
- Abel et al, 1988
- 561 incarcerated men evaluated for paraphilias
- Zoophilia patients had an average of 4.8 paraphilic disorders
- Pedophilia, sexual sadism, frotterurism
- Abel, 2008
- History of bestiality was the single greatest predictor of future child sexual abuse

Comorbidity: Paraphilia

- Hypersexual Disorder/Medical Conditions
- Case reports
- Hypothesis of increased sex drive unrelated to object
- No studies

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SVPs: Bestiality

- Study of SVPs in Virginia between 2003 and 2017
- 2.6% had a history of bestiality (Kinsey 8%)
- SVPs with bestiality were more likely to:
- Report history of childhood sexual victimization
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Comorbidity: Traits

- Psychological deficits
- Lack of appropriate sexual outlets
- Poor social skills
- Intimacy deficits
- "Shyness"
- Narcissism

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Anthropomorphize

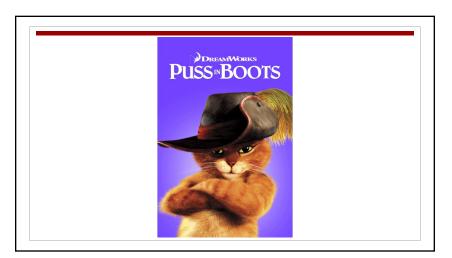
- Williams & Weinberg, 2003
- 114 self defined zoophile men
- Ascribed human characteristic to animals
- ■"Unconditional love"
- "Prefer company of animals-no strings attached"
- "Less stressful, less fighting"



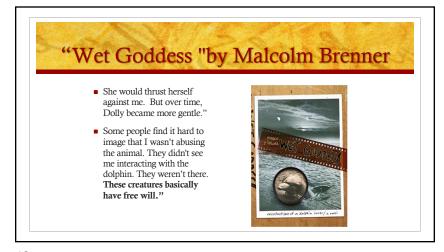
Motivations Miletski (2002) Sexually attracted to the animal (75%) Curious (67%) Express love or affection (60%)

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Psychiatric Comorbidity

- Insufficient evidence to conclude that there is a link between bestiality and nonparaphilic disorders
- Some evidence of zoophilia/bestiality and other paraphilic disorders
- Some evidence (case reports) that conditions which cause poor impulse control may put them at risk for SCA

Screening: Who?

- Routine screening of psychiatric inpatients?
- 55% psychiatric inpatients vs. 10% medical inpatients vs. 5% psychiatric staff
- Routine screening of individuals with interpersonal violence or sexual offending
- Screening in juveniles with sexual offenses
- Individuals with paraphilias

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Gender Considerations



- Kinsey et al (1953
- Self report of at least one sexual encounter with an animal
- 8% of men
- 3.5% of women
- Hunt (1974)
- Self report of sexual contact
- 5% of men
- 2% of women
- Schweitzer & Beetz (2002)
- Sexual report of actual experiences

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- 4.7% of men
- 4.3% of women

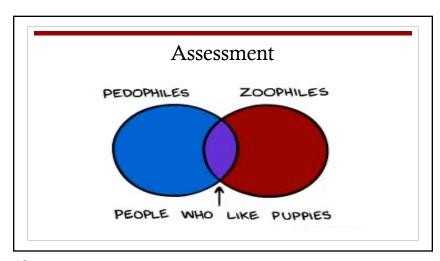
National Geographic Cameraman Arrested For Raping A Zebra



June 25, 2017

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Assessment Psychosexual interview Questionnaire Abel Screen Subjective component Penile plethysmography Animal images Polygraph Some studies (juvenile) reporting increased prevalence with polygraph (Schenk et al, 2014) Computer inventory Animal sex

Assessment

Have you experienced sexual urges, fantasies and or behaviors to have sexual contact with animals?

Describe the sexual fantasies, urges and/or behaviors?

Is sexual contact with animals a source of masturbation?

Do you view pornography that depicts sexual contact with animals?

How many times have you had sexual contact with animals?

Describe the sexual contact with animals?

What is your preferred animal? Gender?

Have you experienced distress or difficulty related to your interests?

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Risk Assessment

- No actuarial
- Consider presence of crossing-over
- Perform a violence risk assessment(HCR-20) given speculated higher prevalence

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Psychological Treatment

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 - Behavioral therapy
 - Masturbatory reconditioning
 - Focus on healthy sexual behaviors
- Treat comorbid disorders
- Paraphilic disorder
- Social deficits
- Developmental deficits

Biological Treatment

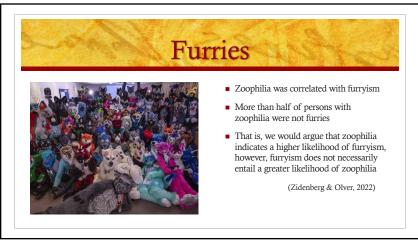
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- Consider a trial of SSRIs if there is evidence of a compulsive sexual component or hypersexual DO
- Reserve antiandrogens/hormonal agents for dangerous behaviors
- No studies
- Case experience with good results



Treatment Considerations

- Access to animals
- Case of probation conditions restricting contact with animals
- Travel to legal countries
- Zoo "parties"
- Viewing pornography
- Social media
- Bestialityforum.com
- ZETA (Zoophiles for Ethical Treatment of Animals) www.zeta-verein.de/en/
- Extracurricular activities
- Furries

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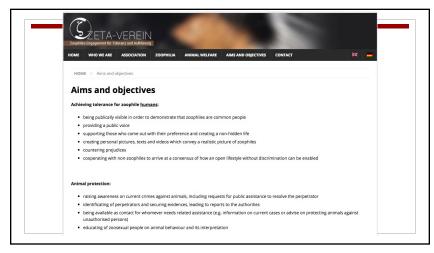




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Food & Agriculture Minister, Jørgensen said the time had come to implement a full ban in 2015.

"I have decided that we should ban sex with animals. That is happening for numerous reasons. The most important is that in the vast majority of cases it is an attack against the animals. And under all circumstances, any doubts about it should go to the animals' benefit. They naturally cannot say no to going along with it. Therefore, it should be banned."



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Common Referrals

■ Individuals with animal pornography collections

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- Individuals with poor social skills and dating incompetence who have sex with animals
- Individuals with medical consequences after continued sex with animals
- Individuals court ordered to treatment after being charged with sexual contact with an animal
- Individuals who have a transient interest in sexual contact with an animal
- Individuals who have SCA or zoophilia as an incidental finding

Treatment Considerations How do you determine risk in the absence of research? What are the legal implications of the behavior? What are your ethical responsibilities?

■ Future directions ■ Research

■ Education of clinicians

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Take Home Points

- Individuals engaging in SCA are a heterogeneous group, some have zoophilia
- The question of prevalence of bestiality or zoophilia is unanswered
- Established link between animal childhood cruelty and later adult interpersonal violence-less know about bestiality and violence
- Zoophilia may be comorbid with other paraphilias
- Complications from SCA include tissue trauma and zoonotic diseases
- Patients with a propensity for SCA should be educated about the medical risks
- Evaluation should focus on the etiology of the behavior (paraphilic vs other).
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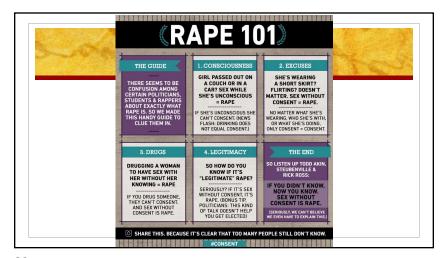
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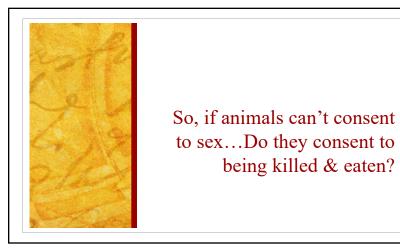
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Murder >> Rape

Humans >>
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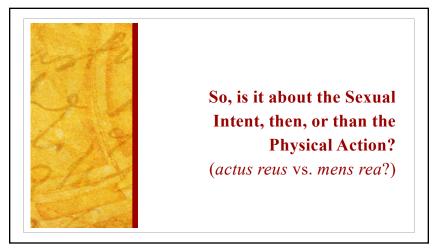
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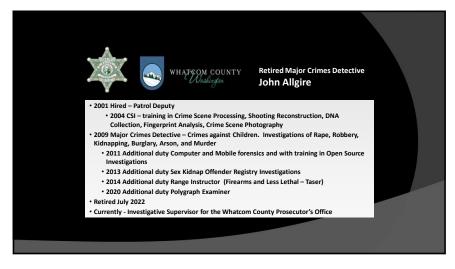


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MR. HANDS

- "Mr. Hands" or "2 Guys 1 Horse" video makes the rounds on the Internet
 - · Not the specific incident
 - Uploaded by Mr. Hands
 - Thought to be first viral "reaction video"
- ZOO (2007)
 - A look at the life of a Seattle man who died as a result of an unusual encounter with a horse.
 - Based on their articles titled "The Animal in You" (Feb 23, 2006)

https://www.thestranger.com/features/2006/02/23/30811/the-animal-in-you



MR. HANDS • ZOO (2007) Director Goals • Seattle Times most read Article • There seemed to be two responses: repulsion or laughter... • "We're going to revive their humanity." • NY Times review of Zoo: • "Zoo" strives to liberate Mr. Hands from his posthumous fate as tabloid punch line. • "...a sad, even tender portrait of a group of men who met from time

to time at a farm, where they would drink slushy cocktails, watch

some television and repair to the barn to have sex with horses."

https://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/01/movies/01lim.html

LAW CHANGE

- Washington State Law RCW 16.52.205 Animal cruelty in the first degree
- (1) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when, he or she intentionally (a) inflicts substantial pain on, (b) causes physical injury to, or (c) kills an animal by a means causing undue suffering or while manifesting an extreme indifference to life, or forces a minor to inflict unnecessary pain, injury, or death on an animal.

MR. HANDS – DOG BROTHEL

- James Tait (Cow_Poke)
- Filmed Mr. Hands 2005
 - Charged with Trespass and given a \$300.00 fine
- Moved to Tennessee (2009)

Man in infamous Enumclaw horse-sex case faces new charges in Tennessee

 Investigators were emailed pictures of men having sex with a pony



https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/man-in-infamous-enumclaw-horse-sex-case-faces-new-charges-in-tennesse

LAW CHANGE 2006

- (3) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when he or she:
 - (a) Knowingly engages in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal:
 - (b) Knowingly causes, aids, or abets another person to engage in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal;
 - (c) Knowingly permits any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal to be conducted on any premises under his or her charge or control;
 - (d) Knowingly engages in, organizes, promotes, conducts, advertises, aids, abets, participates in as an observer, or performs any service in the furtherance of an act involving any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal for a commercial or recreational purpose; or
 - (e) Knowingly photographs or films, for purposes of sexual gratification, a
 person engaged in a sexual act or sexual contact with an animal.

DOG BROTHEL After Tait's arrest authorities involved in his prosecution started receiving numerous emails AGGRESSIVE support for Tait Who is this guy? Douglas Spink On Federal probation Prohibited from using Internet Federal probation investigation started

DOG BROTHEL

- Douglas Spink (Fausty)
- MBA University of Chicago
- Self made millionaire
- Software Developer pioneer in VPN (Internet Anonymizer)
- · Invested in show horses



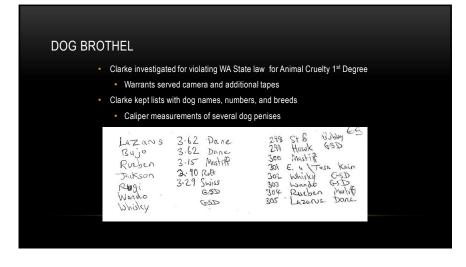
But by 2002 his wealth had evaporated. He filed for bankruptcy as creditors sought millions from him, and he began running cocaine and marijuana across the border for a local drug kingpin.

DOG BROTHEL

- 2005 Spink is arrested with ~375 pounds of cocaine
 - (~170 KG)
 - \$34 Million
- · Deal cut 3 for years in prison
 - Turned in suppliers
 - Released in 2008
 - On federal probation











DOG BROTHEL

• 2013 Spink released from Federal Prison

While in jail, he met a bank robber whose wife happened to live next door to the dog breeder, Andrew Johnson, who had backed out of a bad deal to breed dogs with one of Spink's animals.

After Spink was released, he moved onto the farm and lived in a trailer. Investigators found out later that Spink was feeding Ghengis for as long as a year before the dog disappeared.

- Arrest 2014 Parole Violation dog theft allegation (Ghengis)
 - Found to be in possession of another dog (not Ghengis), using the internet, boarding horses under a fake name...
 - Answered the door wearing a dog collar

https://lfpress.com/2016/02/23/douglas-spink-ordered-returned-to-united-states-where-he-is-wanted-for-animal-cruelty

DOG BROTHEL

- Arrested in Canada February 2016 "Disorderly Conduct" near a burning house
- · Arrested in Pennsylvania April 2016 Gun involved, Assault on Police
- Arrested in Pennsylvania November 2017

Man wanted on a mental health warrant and armed with a machete tazed five times and hit with several bean bag rounds Saturday

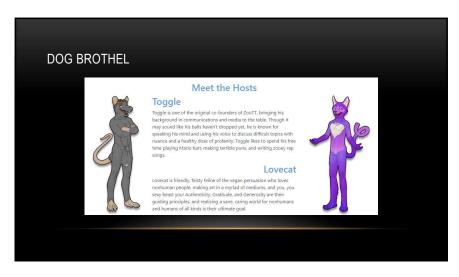
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While being arrested, police said, he bit a trooper's right hand.

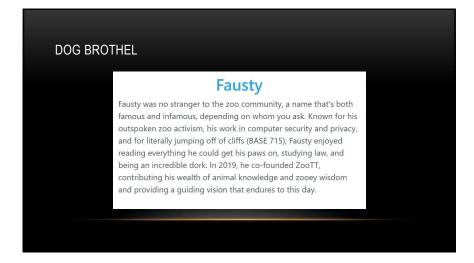


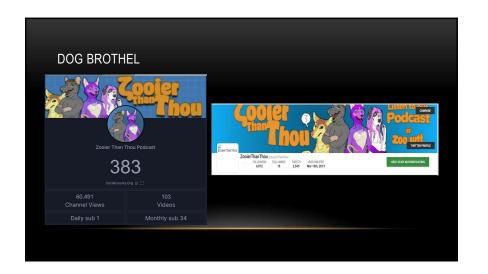


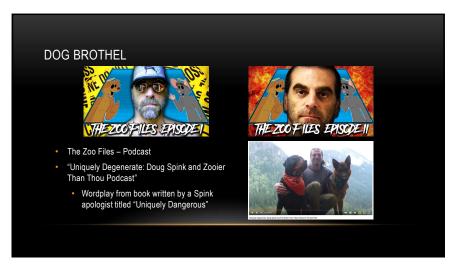


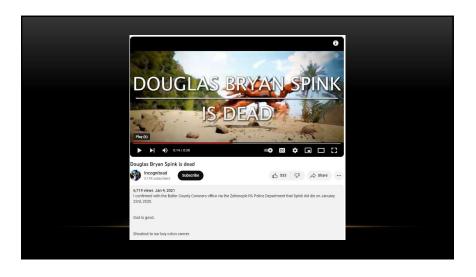














MINI MARES – BOB Bob is 42 years old, married with two young sons (3 years old and 20 months) Mentor in (Agriculture) Employed as a Diesel Mechanic



