

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # SB 37</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Winburn Middle School							
<b>City:</b> Lexington							

1 An act to require mental health evaluations and greater restrictions against offenders of animal abuse.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: The current law, #525.125, does not require the court to have offenders, that subject any animal  
6 to cruel or injurious mistreatment intentionally, to take mental health evaluations or restrict future  
7 ownership. This bill will require both.

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9 Section 2: Kentucky is notorious for having lax laws against animal cruelty but statistics show that more  
10 than 40 percent of animal abusers have also committed violent crime(s) against people. Therefore its  
11 important to know an abuser's mental health and restrict future ownership.

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13 Section 3: Courts will order mental health professionals that work for the government to evaluate convicted  
14 offenders. Professionals that do not comply will be fined. Cases of cruelty will be recorded with the offenders  
15 ID which will prevent future ownership.

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17 Section 4: The evaluations will be supported financially by grants or other government or private sources.

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19 Section 5: This will be enforced by the district courts of Kentucky.

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21 Section 6: All offenders of animal cruelty will be required to attend the evaluation and be restricted from  
22 owning another animal for 6-15 years. Hospitals that don't comply carry out the evaluation will be fined  
23 \$1000 each time they refuse.

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25 Section 7: This bill will require mental health evaluations and restrict future ownership of animals. This bill  
26 will go into effect January 2014.