KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # HB 26** **Referred to Committee:** **House 1**
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School: Seton Catholic School	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Lexington	

An act to require Kentucky veterinarians to report any incidences of animal abuse to the state's animal control office.

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

Section 1: This bill requires veterinarians in Kentucky to report animal abuse when seen, to the Animal Control Office.

Section 2: The bill is important to the well-being of our animals and is imperative in eliminating animal abuse. Abuse of animals is known to lead to the abuse of humans. This bill will also begin to prevent this progression.

Section 3: No funding is required to enact this law.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Animal Control Office. If a vet sees abuse or evidence of abuse to the animal, they will be required by law to report the abuse to the Animal Control Office. A $500 fine will be assessed for any cases of abuse that were specifically not reported by a veterinarian.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2014.