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An act to modify current animal abuse laws (KRS Chapter 525) and establish a simple way to report animal cruelty and punish past offenders.

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

Section 1: Modified Penalties for Animal Abuse -

- 1st Offense- Class A Misdemeanor (90 days in jail and up to a \$250 fine) in addition to 40 hours in an Animal Abuse Treatment Program, and 20 hours in community service.
- 2nd Offense- Class D Felony (1–5 years of imprisonment, and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000) in addition to 80 hours in an Animal Abuse Treatment Program, and 30 hours in community service.
- 3rd Offense- Class C Felony (5–10 years of imprisonment and a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000) in addition to 120 hours in an Animal Abuse Program, and 48 hours in community service.
- 4th Offense- Class B Felony (10–20 years of imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000 to \$25,000) in addition to 1 year in an Animal Abuse Program and 60 hours in community service.

Section 2: A website to find past animal abuse offenders called PetCheck.com. Petcheck.com will give the public the ability to search for past animal abuse offenders. On PetCheck.com you can also find abused pets and see how and where you can adopt them.

Section 3: A pet tip hotline where the public can give anonymous tips on people they think are animal abuse offenders. The number will be (1–800–PET–SAVE).

Section 4: All manufacturers in KY who test any of their products on animals, will have to pay a 6% surtax on gross sales which will go towards the FUND established in KY for preventing animal abuse.