

Abstract

This bachelor thesis focuses on animal abuse and its possible connections with other phenomena in the society. Additionally it provides an insight into the current situation of animal abuse in the Czech Republic. This situation is then compared with the situation abroad.

The first part of the thesis is focused on presenting animal abuse as an issue that is relevant to sociology, and on its inclusion in the interests of contemporary sociology. Another section of the thesis is devoted to the presentation of earlier research conducted with the aim to detect any connection between animal abuse and other violent behavior, both in terms of escalation from cruelty to animals to violence toward humans and of committing animal abuse as a consequence of experiencing domestic violence. The following part of the thesis is based on an analysis of data retrieved from articles discussing animal abuse cases that are available at news server iDnes.cz and furthermore on an analysis of data obtained from American database Pet-Abuse.com which monitors animal abuse cases. The goal of this analysis is to present the current situation of animal cruelty in the Czech Republic and to compare it with the situation abroad. Several aspects that may be associated with abuse of animals were researched: abuser's sex and age, the type of an abused animal and the chosen method of torture. The results of this analysis are compared with the statistics of the Police of the Czech Republic at the end of the text and thus provide a modest preview of how much attention is paid to animal cruelty in the Czech Republic.