

2017 LIST OF SHAME

SPCA Inspectors see many cases of shocking animal abuse, neglect and cruelty. This List of Shame is the culmination of these – the very worst cases the SPCA has investigated and prosecuted in 2017.



1 A man convicted of failing to provide veterinary treatment for his dog Maggie was **sentenced to 160 hours of community work**, ordered to pay reparations of \$514.50, court costs of \$150.00 and disqualified from owning any animals for three years.

He kept Maggie tied up for weeks with a too-short chain embedded in a deep, festering wound around 90% of her neck. Instead of seeking treatment for Maggie, he tied her up in a different part of his yard **so his children wouldn't be upset by her horrific injuries**. In the care of the SPCA Maggie fully recovered and was rehomed with a loving family.



Maggie before



Maggie after

2 A cat was rescued by an SPCA Inspector after being found with the tips of her ears cut off. The injuries were consistent with decisive purposeful amputation, and veterinarians ruled it was “virtually certain” to be a deliberate act of cruelty.

After worldwide media coverage the cat, named Pippi, was reunited with her family who had reported her as missing a week earlier. They were distraught at the trauma Pippi had been through, but with care she made a full mental and physical recovery.

Despite an investigation, the person or persons responsible have never been located.



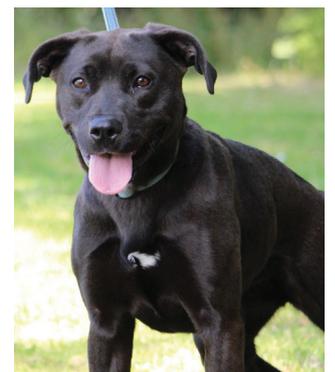
Pippi

3 A man convicted of ill-treating a dog and a puppy was **sentenced to three months' imprisonment**, ordered to pay reparations of \$355.44, solicitor costs of \$750.00 and disqualified from owning dogs for 10 years.

The man had gone away and left the dog and puppy without food and water in a kennel and run for an unknown period of time. The puppy was found dead and the dog was emaciated. In the care of the SPCA the dog, now named Opal, made a full recovery and has now been adopted.



Opal before



Opal after

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4 A man convicted of recklessly ill-treating rabbits and guinea pigs was sentenced to 250 hours of community work, ordered to pay reparations of \$440, **disqualified from owning animals for 20 years** and ordered to forfeit all animals in his care.

At his property, SPCA Inspectors found two rabbits and two guinea pigs that had been starved to death and left in a compost bin. There were also floor to ceiling cages of small animals living in their own waste without food or water.

This is the second time the man has been prosecuted by the SPCA – he was also convicted of ill-treating a pony in 2013.



Some of the small animals that were rescued

5 A man convicted of wilfully ill-treating his dog Brownie was **sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, disqualified from owning dogs for 10 years** and ordered to pay reparations of \$125.30.

The man attempted to kill Brownie by hitting her on the head three times with a hammer. Even though he knew she was badly injured he chained Brownie up in a small area by the side of his garage, with no adequate food, shelter or water, and he left her there until the SPCA was alerted two days later.

She was found still alive, severely emaciated and dehydrated, and had two huge holes in her head full of fly eggs and larvae. One of the holes opened in to the cranial vault.

Sadly, due to the 'hopeless' prognosis and Brownie's pain and distress, she had to be euthanised.



Brownie

6 A man convicted of ill-treating and failing to provide veterinary treatment for his 4-month-old puppy Floyd was **sentenced to four months' community detention**, 200 hours of community work, ordered to pay reparations of \$566.74 and solicitor costs of \$600.00, and disqualified from owning dogs for four years.

The man was seen by a number of witnesses beating Floyd in the back of his vehicle which was parked in a shopping centre carpark. He left before the police got there, however, approximately four hours later he was observed beating Floyd again at a residential address.

Floyd suffered three fractured ribs as a result of the beating. He also had an untreated, fractured leg, which the man said had happened as a result of being accidentally stood on 3-4 weeks earlier.

Although his injured leg had to be amputated, Floyd otherwise made a full recovery in the care of the SPCA and found a new forever home.



Floyd before (above) and after (below)

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7 A man convicted of wilfully ill-treating his 5-month-old Labrador cross puppy Buddy was **sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment** and disqualified from owning animals for 5 years.

The man became angry and beat Buddy after he had a toileting incident inside the house, and then later, after he was put back on his chain and started digging a hole.

Buddy suffered two fractures to his left hind leg, bruising and lung contusions. Buddy's leg required amputation and he recovered well and has now been rehomed.



Buddy

8 A man convicted of recklessly ill-treating his neighbour's dog was **sentenced to nine months' supervision, ordered to attend an anger management course**, fined \$800.00, ordered to pay reparations of \$679.00, solicitor costs of \$150.00 and disqualified from owning any animals for five years.

Just after midnight the neighbours' dog, Muffy, a 15-year-old blind, deaf and arthritic fox terrier triggered a sensor light three times on his property. The man, who alleged that he was regularly disturbed by Muffy getting into his rubbish bags, became angry and went outside. He threw a rock with force from a distance of approximately 1.5 metres hitting the dog directly on its head.

Due to severe skull and brain injury and extensive haemorrhage, Muffy had to be euthanised.



Muffy

9 A woman convicted of failing to ensure that the physical health and behavioural needs of a number of animals were met, and of contravening a disqualification order was **sentenced to intensive supervision for two years**. This sentence included a number of conditions including **attending a psychological assessment and completing any treatment or counselling as recommended**. She was also disqualified from owning all animals for 10 years.

Despite already being disqualified from owning animals, the woman had multiple animals, most of them living in appalling conditions. The animals were not being provided with proper and sufficient food and water, nor veterinary care when needed, resulting in many of the animals being underweight and sick.



Some of the animals rescued

10 A woman convicted of failing to provide veterinary treatment for her dog Sasha was **sentenced to 200 hours of community work**, ordered to pay reparations of \$557.00, solicitor costs of \$150.00 and disqualified from owning companion animals for two years.

After a kick from a cow broke her leg, Sasha was left to hobble on three legs for approximately two weeks before SPCA Inspectors were alerted. Despite the fact that she was obviously lame and in pain, the woman failed to seek veterinary treatment for her.

Sasha underwent surgery to amputate the injured limb, made a full recovery and was rehomed to a caring family.



Sasha