

"IT IS BY DOUBT WE COME TO INVESTIGATE, AND BY INVESTIGATING THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH"

Animal Maltreatment

Suspect it



Detect it

In order to detect animal cruelty, you have to suspect it.



DISENGAGED CLIENT

The client might exhibit a lack of concern for the animal's welfare, refuse treatment, workups, grooming, or decline euthanasia.



PRESENTING CONDITION

The animal might present with a poor body condition, severely matted fur, a foul odor or have indications of being confined to filth such as "white" fur appearing yellow



ANIMAL FIGHTING

Dogs used in fighting have characteristic bite & scar patterns, including the head, neck & legs. The dog might be missing body parts, such as chunks of lip or ear



LACK OF CARE

Animals confined without adequate sanitary food or water; or in inclement weather without access to adequate shelter; crated for prolonged periods



NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY

Condition not consistent with the history, injuries are too severe to support the story, or the story changes with each telling



NOT ALWAYS WHAT IT SEEMS

Consider the Good Samaritan possibility. They may find an animal and bring it to the clinic, or the presenter may also be a victim. Let the investigators sort out the details

