

APPENDIX A

Animal-Related Experiences

10 Screening Questions for Children, Adolescents, and Adults*

1. Have you or your family ever had any pets?Y _____ N _____

How many?

a. Dog(s) _____

f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. _____

b. Cat(s) _____

g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils _____

c. Bird(s) _____

h. Wild animals (describe) _____

d. Fish _____

i. Other (describe) _____

e. Horse(s) _____

2. Do you have a pet or pets now?Y _____ N _____

How many?

a. Dog(s) _____

f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. _____

b. Cat(s) _____

g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils _____

c. Bird(s) _____

h. Wild animals (describe) _____

d. Fish _____

i. Other (describe) _____

e. Horse(s) _____

3. Did you ever have a favorite or special pet?Y _____ N _____

What kind? _____

Why was that pet special? _____

4. Has a pet ever been a source of comfort or support to you – even if you did not own the pet (e.g. When you were sad or scared?)Y _____ N _____

How old were you?

____ a. Under age 6 ____ b. 6-12 years ____ c. Teenager ____ d. Adult

Describe the pet and what happened _____

5. Has your pet ever been hurt?.....Y _____ N _____

What happened? (describe) _____

____ a. Accidental? (hit by car, attacked by another animal, fell, ate something, etc.)

____ b. Deliberate? (kicked, punched, thrown, not fed, etc.)

6. Have you ever felt afraid for your pet or worried about bad things happening to your pet?Y _____ N _____

(describe) _____

Are you worried now? Y _____ N _____

7. Have you ever lost a pet you really cared about? (e.g. Was given away, ran away, died or was somehow killed?)Y _____ N _____

What kind of pet? _____ If your pet died, was the death:

____ a. Natural (old age, illness, euthanized) ____ b. Accidental (hit by car)

____ c. Deliberate (strangled, drowned) ____ d. Cruel or violent (e.g. pet was tortured)

What happened? _____

Was the death or loss used to punish you or make you do something?Y _____ N _____

How difficult was the loss for you?

_____ a. Not difficult _____ b. Somewhat difficult _____ c. Very difficult

How much does it bother you now?

_____ a. Not at all _____ b. Somewhat _____ c. A lot

How did people react/ what did they tell you after you lost your pet?

_____ a. Supportive _____ b. Said it was your fault _____ c. Punished you _____ d. Other _____

How old were you?

_____ a. Under age 6 _____ b. 6-12 years _____ c. Teenager _____ d. Adult

8. Have you ever seen someone hurt an animal or pet?Y _____ N _____

How many?

a. Dog(s) _____

f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. _____

b. Cat(s) _____

g. Rabbits, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils _____

c. Bird(s) _____

h. Wild animals (describe) _____

d. Fish _____

i. Other (describe) _____

e. Horse(s) _____

What did they do?

_____ a. Drowned

_____ g. Burned

_____ b. Hit, beat, kicked

_____ h. Starved or neglected

_____ c. Stoned

_____ i. Trapped

_____ d. Shot (BB gun, bow & arrow) _____ j. Had sex with the animal

_____ e. Strangled

_____ k. Other (describe) _____

_____ f. Stabbed

Was it ____ a. Accidental? ____ b. Deliberate? ____ c. Coerced?

How old were you? (mark all that apply)

____ a. Under age 6 ____ b. 6-12 years ____ c. Teenager ____ d. Adult

Were they hunting the animal for food or sport?Y ____ N ____

Did anyone know they did this?Y ____ N ____

What happened afterwards? _____

9. Have you ever hurt an animal or pet?Y ____ N ____

How many?

a. Dog(s) _____

f. Turtles, snakes, lizards, insects, etc. _____

b. Cat(s) _____

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What did you do?

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____ d. Shot (BB gun, bow & arrow)

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____ e. Strangled

____ k. Other (describe) _____

____ f. Stabbed

Was it ____ a. Accidental? ____ b. Deliberate? ____ c. Coerced?

How old were you? (mark all that apply)

_____ a. Under age 6 _____ b. 6-12 years _____ c. Teenager _____ d. Adult

Were you hunting the animal for food or sport?Y _____ N _____

Were you alone when you did this?Y _____ N _____

Did anyone know you did this?Y _____ N _____

What happened afterwards? _____

10. **Have you ever been frightened—really scared or hurt by an animal or pet?**Y _____ N _____

What happened? _____

Are you still afraid of this kind of animal or other animals?.....Y _____ N _____

(Describe) _____

Demographics

Date: _____

Current grade or highest grade completed: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
(years) (months)

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Ethnic Group: Caucasian _____ Asian _____ African-American _____ Hispanic _____

Native-American _____ Appalachian _____ Other _____

Maternal level of education (highest grade completed) _____

*Adapted from Boat (1999)