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

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

What happened? (describe) .................................................................................................

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____ 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)

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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? ........................................................................................................................................

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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) ______

b. Cat(s) ______

c. Bird(s) ______

d. Fish ______

e. Horse(s) ______

What did they do?
_____ a. Drowned

_____ b. Hit, beat, kicked

_____ c. Stoned

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

_____ e. Strangled

_____ f. Stabbed

_____ g. Burned

_____ h. Starved or neglected

_____ i. Trapped

_____ j. Had sex with the animal

_____ k. Other (describe)

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?  ________________________________________________________________________

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

How many?

a. Dog(s) ________

b. Cat(s) ________

c. Bird(s) ________

d. Fish ________

e. Horse(s) ________

What did you do?

_____ a. Drowned

_____ b. Hit, beat, kicked

_____ c. Stoned

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

_____ e. Strangled

_____ f. Stabbed

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)