

Topic 15: Confirming Bestiality in the Presence of a Minor

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For all allegations of bestiality in the presence of a minor, gather and document credible evidence that the following factors are present:

Factor 1: The victim is a **child**.

Factor 2: The person responsible for the abuse was a **caretaker** for the child at the time of the abuse or the abuse occurred due to the acts of omissions of the caretaker.

Factor 3: Any of the following **sex acts** occurred between a person and a living or dead nonhuman vertebrate animal:

- ◆ Any sexual contact by penetration of the penis into the vagina or anus
- ◆ Contact between the mouth and genitalia
- ◆ Contact between the genitalia of one and the genitalia or anus of the other

Credible evidence may include statements of a credible person (the child, the caretaker, or a witness) indicating that the sex act did occur. The information obtained should include a precise description of the type of activity in which the participants engaged.

Note: A person who performs a sex act with an animal is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. Refer the report information to law enforcement for investigation.

Factor 4: The person who committed a sex act with an animal:

- ◆ **Resides** in a home with the child and
- ◆ Committed the sex act **in the presence** of the child.

Credible evidence may include statements of a credible person (the child, the caretaker, or a witness) indicating that:

- ◆ The child was present and
- ◆ The person who committed the sex act resides in the home with the child.