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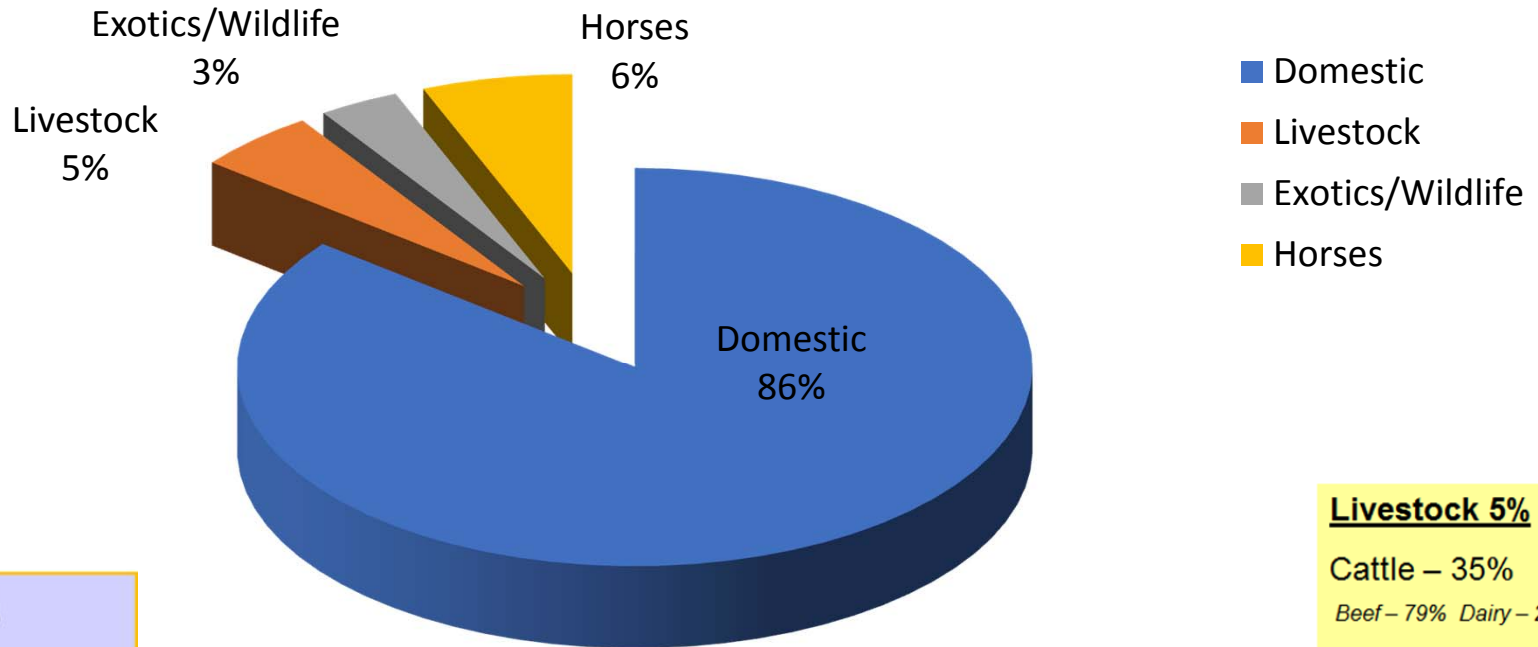
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## Municipal By-laws – Animal Care

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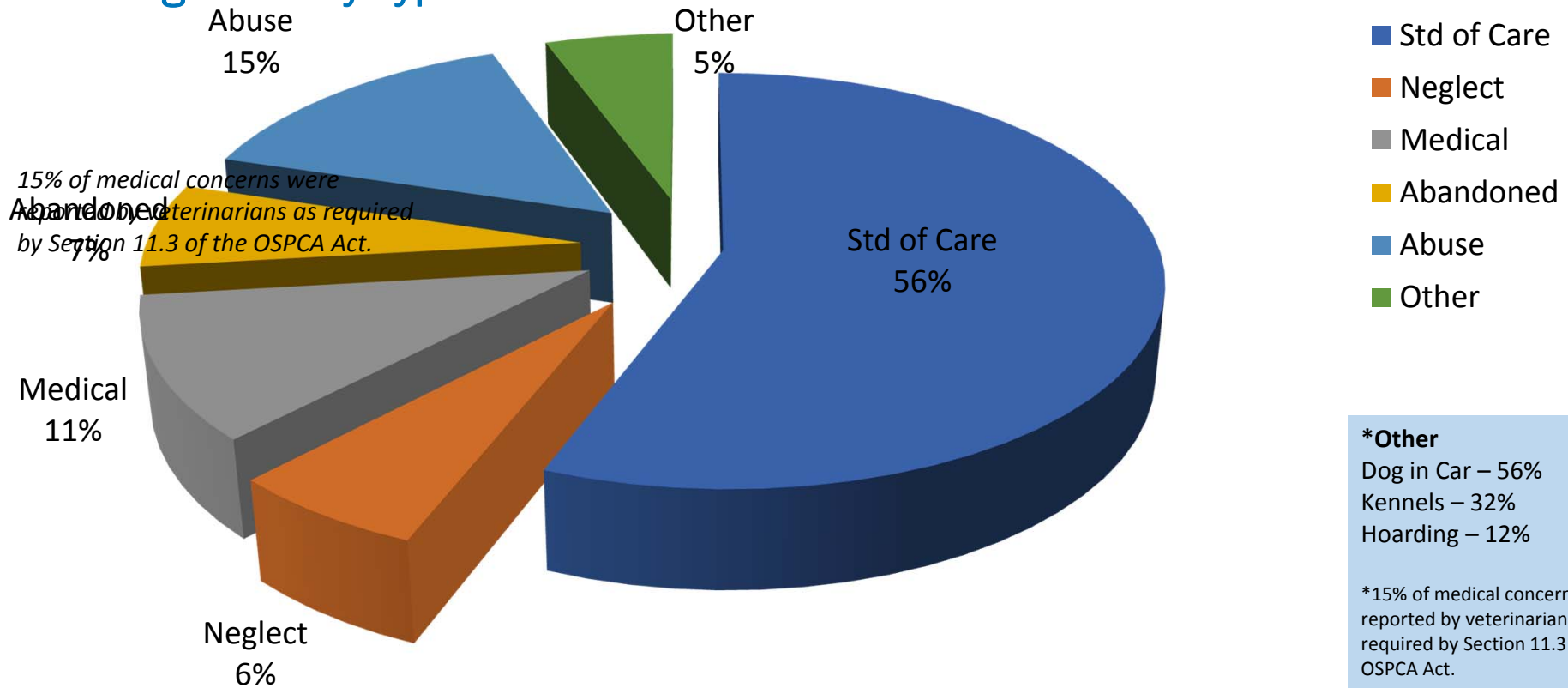
## Ontario SPCA Investigation Statistics – 2018



**Domestic 86%**  
Dogs – 70%  
Cats – 22%  
Other – 6%  
*(Rabbits – 26%, Pocket Pets – 14%,  
Reptiles – 14%, Birds/Other - 44%)*

**Livestock 5%**  
Cattle – 35%  
*Beef – 79% Dairy – 20% Veal – 2%*  
Poultry – 26%  
Sheep – 12%  
Goats – 11%  
Pigs – 14%

## Investigations by Type - 2018



## Animal Care Bylaws

### Standards of Care

- Every owner shall treat the animal in a humane manner. *(Mississauga, S21)*
  - Doghouse provisions (size, insulation, windbreak, shade, bedding *(Mississauga, S22)*)
  - Veterinary care to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease. *(Mississauga)*
  - No tethering for more than 4 consecutive hours *(Mississauga, S20.1(6))*
- Obligation to Care: Any person who owns a dog, or any owner of a breeding or boarding kennel, shall continuously ensure that the animal is provided with adequate and appropriate care, food, water, shelter, exercise, attention and veterinary care as may be required *(Cambridge, S13.1)*
- Any person who keeps an animal within the municipality shall provide the animal with adequate and appropriate care, food, water, shelter, exercise, attention and veterinary care as may be required to meet the need of the species. *(Meaford, S8.1)*

### Orders to owners

- Take such other immediate action as necessary to relieve the animal of its distress *(Waterloo, S10)*
- Require the owner/custodian to have the animal examined and treated by a Veterinarian *(Meaford, S8.8)*
- Posted on dwelling as service *(Chatham Kent, S17.15)*

## Animal Care Bylaws

### Protective Custody

- Animal can be seized and impounded by animal control officer if the animal is kept in contravention of any city bylaw (*Cambridge, S11.1(f)*)
- Poundkeeper authorized to receive animals for ...any other situation that the poundkeeper deems appropriate (*Chatham Kent - S17.5*)
- An animal Services Officer may take possession of an animal for the purpose of providing protective care to it an any time when deemed necessary (*Mississauga, S 27(1)(b)*)

### Additional Considerations:

- Dogs in vehicles
- Assist clause for additional support
- Exotics/Livestock