



## 2025 Cruelty Research Grant Companion

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) aims to increase effectiveness in cruelty prevention and response by promoting the growth of high-quality research that will advance anti-cruelty policy and program initiatives, and strengthen animal cruelty awareness, prevention, and response among key audiences. To this end, the ASPCA invites grant applications for our 2025 ASPCA Cruelty Research Grant program.

The total funding amount available for this opportunity is \$70,000.

### Eligible Projects

Cruelty Research grant proposals can address animal cruelty from any angle or relevant discipline (e.g., public policy, law, criminal justice, criminology, veterinary forensics, community engagement, prevention/intervention, human behavior change). Of particular interest is research that a) increases understanding of the perspectives of key stakeholder groups, or b) investigates the effectiveness of cruelty prevention/response efforts at the community or system level. Also of interest is research that heightens awareness of animal cruelty and builds knowledge that informs and engages key community stakeholders and allied professionals in preventing and responding to this animal welfare issue.

Key stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Animal welfare organizations
- Legislators
- Government agencies
- Veterinary professionals
- Applied animal behaviorists
- Other animal care professionals
- Law enforcement and prosecutors
- Social service professionals
- The public, including animal owners

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