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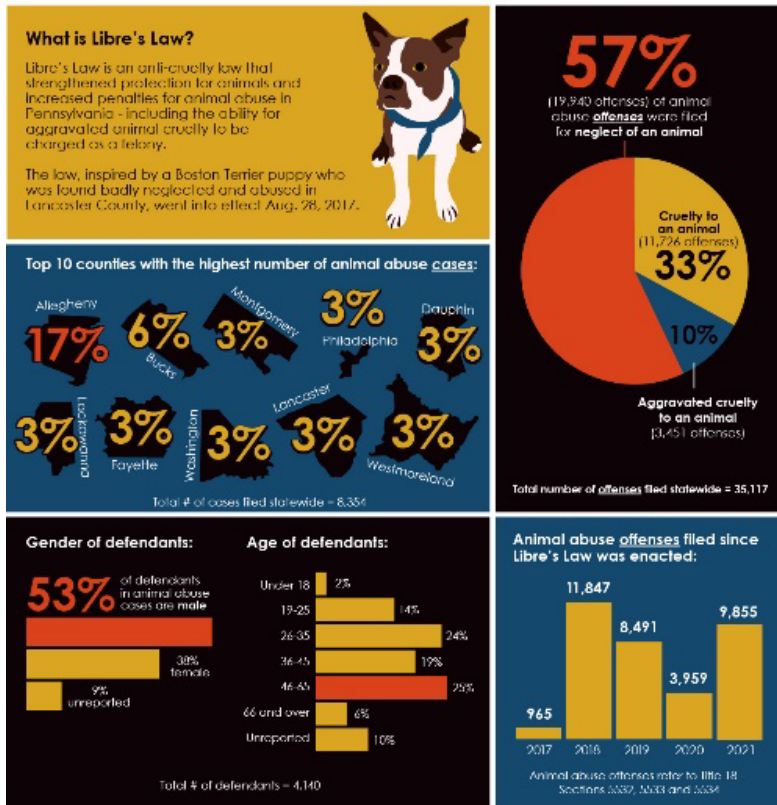
How prevalent is animal abuse in Pennsylvania?

HARRISBURG— Libre’s Law, the anti-cruelty law (Act 10) that strengthened the protection of animals, went into effect in late August of 2017. Since then, over 35,000 animal abuse offenses have been filed statewide – **57 percent** of which were for neglect of an animal.

Among some of the changes to Pennsylvania’s previous animal cruelty laws include stricter tethering regulations, harsher penalties for certain animal abuse offenses and the requirement that anyone convicted of an animal abuse offense forfeit their animal(s).

This infographic highlights key data about animal abuse cases and offenses committed statewide since the law took effect. A high-resolution file of the graphic is available for download at www.pacourts.us under [Media Resources](#).

Animal Abuse Data in Pennsylvania Since Libre's Law Took Effect (2017)



**All data refers to cases and offenses filed from 8/27/2017 - 12/31/2021 for Title 18 - Sections 5532 (Neglect of animal), 5533 (Cruelty to animal) and 5534 (Aggravated cruelty to animal), as recorded in the Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS) and Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS).

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