

# Warning

## **New Mexico State Law 30-18-1**

### **Cruelty to Animals - Extreme Cruelty to Animals**

- A. Cruelty to animals consists of a person: (1) negligently mistreating, injuring, killing without lawful justification or tormenting an animal; or (2) abandoning or failing to provide necessary sustenance to an animal under that person's control.**
- B. B. ..."lawful justification means": (1) humanely destroying a sick or injured animal; or (2) protecting a person or animal from death or injury due to an attack by another animal."**
- C. Whoever commits cruelty to animals is guilty of a misdemeanor.... Upon a fourth or subsequent conviction for committing cruelty to animals, the offender is guilty of a fourth degree felony.**
- D. Extreme cruelty to animals consists of a person: (1) intentionally or maliciously torturing, mutilating, injuring or poisoning an animal; or (2) maliciously killing an animal.**
- E. Whoever commits extreme cruelty to animals is guilty of a fourth degree felony.**

**Hurting animals is wrong  
AND illegal!**

Under NMSA 30-18-1 (NM State Cruelty Law), anyone guilty of extreme animal cruelty (such as poisoning, unjustly shooting or intentionally tormenting or killing an animal) could face 18 months imprisonment, a \$5,000 fine and a felony record for life!