

(C) CRUELTY.

(1) "CRUELTY" MEANS THE UNNECESSARY OR UNJUSTIFIABLE PHYSICAL PAIN OR SUFFERING CAUSED OR ALLOWED BY AN ACT, OMISSION, OR NEGLIGENCE.

(2) "CRUELTY" INCLUDES TORTURE AND TORMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 62, as it defined "cruelty".

(D) HUMANE SOCIETY.

"HUMANE SOCIETY" MEANS A SOCIETY OR ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED IN MARYLAND FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, §§ 60B and 63, as they related to humane societies.

10-602. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT EACH ANIMAL IN THE STATE BE PROTECTED FROM INTENTIONAL CRUELTY, INCLUDING ANIMALS THAT ARE:

- (1) PRIVATELY OWNED;
- (2) STRAYS;
- (3) DOMESTICATED;
- (4) FERAL;
- (5) FARM ANIMALS;
- (6) CORPORATELY OR INSTITUTIONALLY OWNED; OR
- (7) USED IN PRIVATELY, LOCALLY, STATE, OR FEDERALLY FUNDED SCIENTIFIC OR MEDICAL ACTIVITIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 59(a).

In the introductory language of this section, the word "including" is substituted for the former word "if" for clarity.

Defined terms: "Animal" § 10-601
"Cruelty" § 10-601