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- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Animal” means a living creature except a human being.
- (c) (1) “Cruelty” means the unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering caused or allowed by an act, omission, or neglect.
 - (2) “Cruelty” includes torture and torment.
- (d) “Humane society” means a society or association incorporated in Maryland for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

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