

717B.3B Animal mistreatment — court order — evaluation and treatment.

1. At the time of a person's conviction for committing a public offense constituting animal mistreatment, a court may enter an order requiring the person to undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation and to undergo any treatment that the court determines to be appropriate after due consideration of the evaluation.

2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), the court shall enter an order described in that subsection, if the convicted person is any of the following:

a. A juvenile.

b. An adult convicted of animal abuse punishable as an aggravated misdemeanor or class "D" felony pursuant to [section 717B.2](#), animal neglect punishable as an aggravated misdemeanor or class "D" felony pursuant to [section 717B.3](#), or animal torture pursuant to [section 717B.3A](#).

3. The costs of undergoing a psychological or psychiatric evaluation and undergoing any treatment ordered by the court shall be borne by the convicted person, unless the person is a juvenile.

4. An order made under [this section](#) is in addition to any other order or sentence of the court.

5. Any violation of the court order shall be punished as contempt of court pursuant to [chapter 665](#).

[2020 Acts, ch 1111, §8](#)