

Restorative Justice for Animals

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Developing an intervention program

- Assessment tool, 23 questions
- Breaking the Chain



"If we can't look at
the worst thing
someone has done,
how can we expect
them to?"

Our Process

- ▶ Welfare Needs - Humans & Animals
- ▶ Identifying Cruelty
- ▶ Animal Feelings
- ▶ What triggers Cruelty?
- ▶ Revisiting the incident
- ▶ Impact and Consequences
- ▶ Triggers and Action Planning



A suitable place to live

Animals should have the right type of home, including shelter, enough space, and somewhere comfortable to rest and hide.



A healthy diet

Animals should have access to fresh, clean water all the time and should be given the right type and amount of food to keep them fit and healthy.



The ability to behave normally

Animals should have enough space and the right kind of facilities to allow them to behave normally.



The company he or she needs

Animals should be given appropriate company. Some animals should have company and some should be kept on their own.

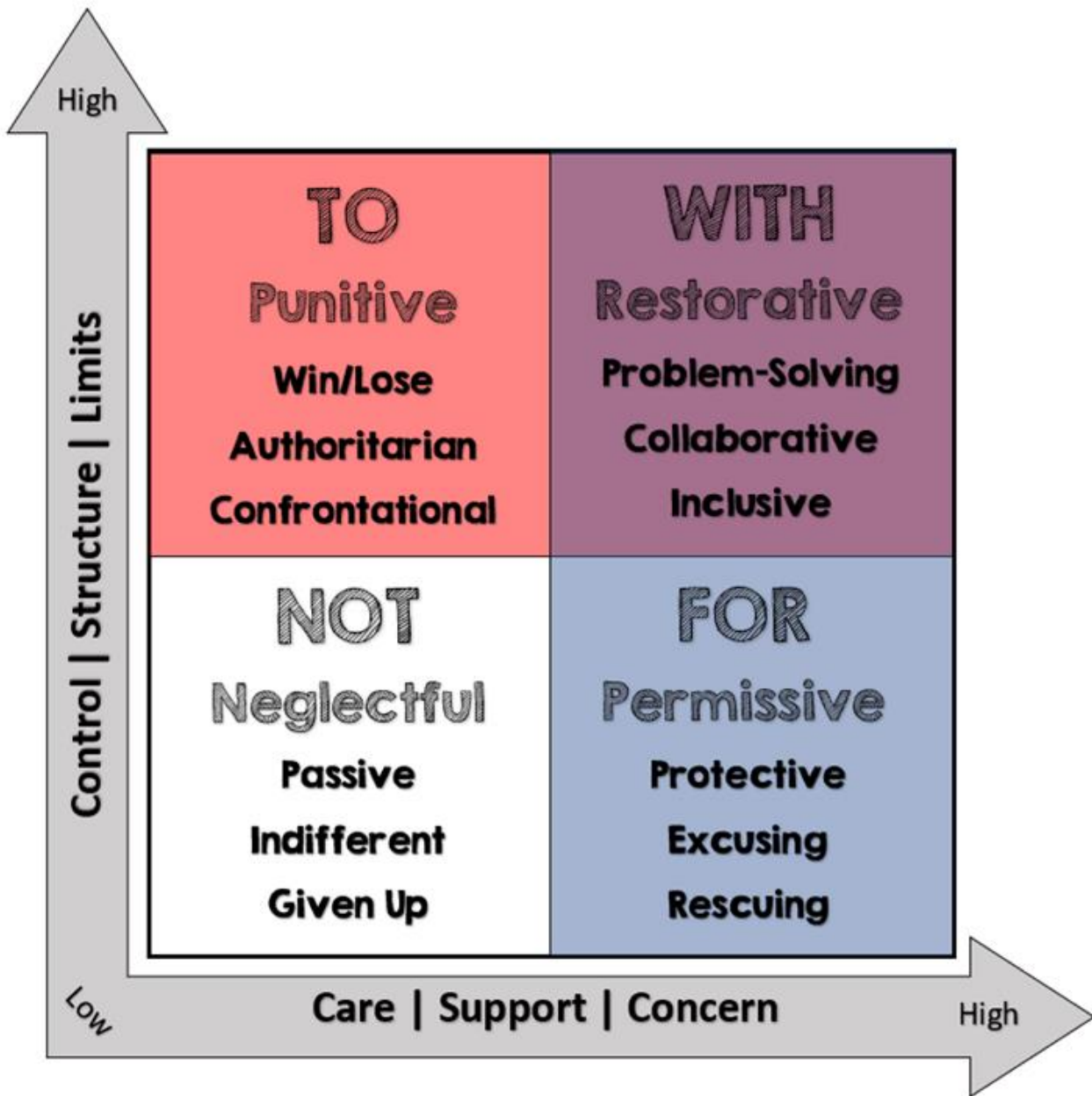


To stay healthy

Animals should be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease and should be treated by a vet if they are sick or injured.

Restorative Outcomes





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- ▶ Offense-based to needs-based
- ▶ Providing variety of engagement options that are structured and supported
- ▶ Equal access to support
- ▶ Brain development
- ▶ Strengthening sense of community