

What is Next?

Our topics for this week are:

- **Favorite topics**
- **Favorite species**
- **Most interested countries and cities**
- **Future direction of the podcast**

Abby, can you believe that it's been about two and a half years since we started better animal handling podcasting? In our last episode we finished all the basic material covered in the textbook *Animal Handling and Physical Restraint*. So in this episode will assess our accomplishments and plan our future course.

We've had several thousand podcast downloads. Most downloads have been in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, Saudi Arabia, France, and New Zealand. The cities that have shown the most interest have been in Missouri closely followed by Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Jackson, Wyoming; Los Angeles, California; Washington DC; and Houston, Texas..

Favorite categories of topics have included animal behavior, zoonotic diseases, handling equipment, and physical injuries from animal handling. Species that have attracted the most attention have been dogs, horses, small mammals, and cats.

Abby and I would like to thank all our friends in cities throughout the United States and in other countries. Good handling of animals sadly does not receive enough attention. It's well-known that people that abused animals are likely to eventually abuse humans. One of my favorite quotes about animals is by D.L. Hicks, who said "those that teach us the most about humanity are not always human." Abby and her cousin, Ginger, our house kitty Todd, and our horses teach me each day how to be a better person around animals AND humans.

Our future topics will be wide-ranging but we will concentrate more on dogs, horses, small mammals, and cats with subject matter frequently involving animal behavior zoonotic diseases, injuries among handled animals or their handlers, and animal handling equipment. We will also try to have news items about animal handling to pass on, as well as our opinion on what the news means to most of us,.

Now let's recap the key points to remember from today's episode:

- 1. People that abuse animals are more likely to eventually abuse humans**
- 2. Better animal handling can teach us much about becoming a better person to other humans.**

If you wish to comment on this episode of Better Animal Handling or on your topics of interest, contact us at CBC@BetterAnimalHandling.com

More information on animal handling is available in my book, *Animal Handling and Physical Restraint*, published by CRC Press. It is also available on Amazon and from many other fine book supply sources.

Additional information is available at: [**www.betteranimalhandling.com**](http://www.betteranimalhandling.com)

Don't forget, serious injury or death can result from handling and restraining some animals. Safe and effective handling and restraint requires experience and continual practice. Acquisition of the needed skills should be under the supervision of an experienced animal handler.