

The RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) was formed 1) ____ 1824 by a group of men with an interest 2) ____ animal welfare. The main reason 3) ____ its creation was concern over the condition of working animals like horses, who were often in distress. The society's attempts in protecting these animals were successful and led 4) ____ a new law being introduced 5) ____ 1835. The RSPCA has always opposed the hunting of animals 6) ____ fun, and with some success. 7) ____ instance, in 2004, fox hunting became illegal in the UK. Current campaigns include a demand 8) ____ a new law to prohibit keeping monkeys as pets. An increase in pet ownership means that domestic animals now account for a lot of the society's work. The society employs approximately 340 inspectors who, 9) ____ first glance, resemble police officers because 10) ____ their uniforms. These inspectors investigate about 140,000 complaints a year 11) ____ average.