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theories (such as Hirschi's theory of social bonding) and socialization theories (e.g., differential association theory, differential reinforcement theory), it appears that Jesse Pomeroy never had much of a chance to form strong social bonds with conventional society, nor was he adequately socialized. To clarify, his father was abusive. He was considered a loner at school. He began early in life to demonstrate cruel behavior to animals. Thus, do you think Jesse Pomeroy engaged in such behaviors out of

selfishness and personal satisfaction, and without any empathy for his victims, because that was what his experience in the world taught him to do?

If you maintain that Jesse had low self-control so he engaged in these behaviors, then why did he have such low self-control?

What types of things could have been done to improve Jesse's low self-control?