

Help Children by Helping Who They Love

As community professionals working with families and children, we know how important pets are in a family. You can help protect animals that kids love by reporting animal cruelty when its disclosed to you by children or adults. Also, animal cruelty doesn't stop with dogs and cats, farm animals such as horses, cows, pigs, etc. can also be abused or neglected.

Helping to stop animal cruelty can save an animal's life.
Maybe even a human one.

THE LINK

When animals are abused, people are at risk. When people are abused, animals are at risk

When an intimate partner violence victim tells you that her pet is being harmed too, please report.



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NATIONAL LINK COALITION
Working together to stop violence
against people and animals

CROSS REPORTING IN CT &
THE **LINK** BETWEEN ANIMAL
CRUELTY & HUMAN VIOLENCE

They Need Love and Protection Too

Cross Reporting is a law in CT that requires Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Agriculture (DOAG) to work together to “cross report” animal cruelty and child abuse and neglect.

The law was enacted because mounting evidence from researchers who say there’s a strong LINK between animal abuse and child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse.

When an animal is harmed, it is a strong predictor and indicator that human victims may be next. Reporting animal abuse can help investigators and prosecutors create safer communities.

Connecticut is only one of a few states with a cross-reporting law which provides a critical communication tool between agencies to identify issues in a timelier manner to help both animals and people. **You can help too by reporting animal cruelty when you see it or hear about it.**

Report Animal Cruelty

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOAG/Animal_Control/2022/Suspected-Animal-Abuse-Report_General-Public-Form_Final.pdf

“Animal cruelty is more than just a legal issue, it’s a community issue. If you improve animal welfare in a community, you improve public safety for everyone.”



When a child tells you his pet is neglected: has no food or water or left outside in the elements, please report.

Report Animal Cruelty

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When a child tells you that her pet is being hurt or threatened at home, please report.

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