



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

*Working together to stop violence
against people and animals*

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Cross Reporting by Reporter *(as of 12/19/2018)*

Reporting by CHILD PROTECTION/DCF/SOCIALWORKERS

**CPS/DHS/Social Workers
MANDATED
to report animal abuse**

Connecticut, **D.C.***, **Illinois***, Louisiana, Nebraska, Tennessee,
West Virginia*

**CPS/DHS/Social Workers
PERMITTED
to report animal abuse**

California, Florida, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon

Reporting by ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL OFFICERS

**Animal Care/Control
MANDATED to report
child abuse/neglect**

California, Colorado, Connecticut**, **D.C.***, **Illinois***, Maine (if a law or
code enforcement official or humane agent), Massachusetts, Ohio,
Virginia, **West Virginia***

**Animal Care/Control
PERMITTED to report
child abuse/neglect**

**Animal Care/Control
MANDATED to report
elder abuse**

California, D.C., Massachusetts

* States with full two-way cross-reporting between child protection/animal control-humane. No data exist on utilization or enforcement.

** Connecticut animal control officers report suspected animal abuse to the Department of Children and Families, which then cross-references these reports with their own case files.

Reporting by ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**Adult Protective Services
MANDATED to report animal abuse**

Louisiana, Nebraska, Tennessee, West Virginia

Adult Protective Services

California, Indiana, Massachusetts

PERMITTED to report animal abuse

Reporting by VETERINARIANS

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Animal Cruelty:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maine (only aggravated cruelty), Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon (aggravated cruelty only) Pennsylvania (if committed by another veterinarian), Virginia (veterinary technicians as well), West Virginia, Wisconsin (animal fighting)

Veterinarians Permitted to Report Animal Cruelty:

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Maine (cruelty and neglect), Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington

Veterinarians Prohibited from Reporting Animal Cruelty

Kentucky

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Child Abuse/Neglect:

California, Colorado, Pennsylvania (as health professional if comes into contact with child in course of profession)

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Elder Abuse:

Illinois

Nothing Specified Regarding Veterinary Reporting:

Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wyoming

Universal Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect

States in which EVERYONE is a mandated reporter of child abuse: Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming

Universal Reporting of Elder Abuse/Neglect

**States in which
EVERYONE is a
mandated reporter of
elder abuse:**

Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode
Island, Utah, Wyoming