

Cross Reporting in CT

RECOGNIZING ANIMAL CRUELTY & STEPS TO MAKING AN ANIMAL CRUELTY REPORT

PHYSICAL SIGNS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY

- OBSERVED PHYSICAL ABUSE BY AN OWNER, CARETAKER, OR CHILD
- EXTREMELY THIN ANIMALS
- ANIMALS SHOWING EXTREME FEAR OF THEIR OWNER
- OPEN WOUNDS OR MULTIPLE HEALED WOUNDS
- OBSERVED LIMPING OR CAN'T WALK OR STAND
- OBSERVING A COLLAR EMBEDDED IN ANIMALS NECK OR SO TIGHT IT IS CAUSING A WOUND
- LOSS OF HAIR, SCALY SKIN, BUMPS OR RASHES
- SEVERELY MATTED FUR, OVERGROWN NAILS, OR FILTHY COAT
- HEAVY DISCHARGE FROM EYES OR NOSE
- VISIBLE SIGNS OF CONFUSION OR EXTREME DROWSINESS
- FLEA, TICK OR OTHER EXTERNAL PARASITE INFESTATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY

- ANIMALS LIVING IN FILTHY CONDITIONS (FECES, GARBAGE, BROKEN GLASS, ETC.)
- KEPT OUTSIDE (CHAINED) FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT ADEQUATE FOOD, WATER OR SHELTER
- REGULARLY LEFT ALONE FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER
- KEPT OUTSIDE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER WITHOUT ACCESS TO ADEQUATE SHELTER
- KEPT ONLY IN A CRATE AND NOT LET OUTSIDE
- HOME IS OVERCROWDED WITH ANIMALS IN CAGES/KENNELS
- KEPT IN CAGES THAT ARE TOO SMALL TO ALLOW THEM TO STAND OR TURN AROUND

REMEMBER: when there are signs of child maltreatment or IPV in the home, pets should be considered at risk for animal cruelty

STEPS TO MAKING AN ANIMAL CRUELTY REPORT

- **CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO)** - IF YOU HAVE REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE THAT AN ANIMAL IS SUFFERING FROM HARM, ABUSE OR NEGLECT, FIRST CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. IT IS VITAL TO MAKE A VERBAL REPORT FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.
- **FILE AN ELECTRONIC DCF 736 FORM AT:** [HTTPS://PORTAL.CT.GOV/DCF/CHILD-ABUSE-AND-ANIMAL-CRUELTY/HOME](https://portal.ct.gov/dcf/child-abuse-and-animal-cruelty/home) THIS FORM WILL ASK YOU FOR DETAILS: THE OWNER'S INFORMATION, THE ANIMAL'S DESCRIPTION, THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF HARM TO THE ANIMAL, HOW YOU LEARNED OF THE SUSPECTED CRUELTY, THE SUSPECTED PERPETRATOR, ANY REPORTED PREVIOUS HISTORY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, AND YOUR DCF CONTACT INFORMATION.
- **SUBMIT YOUR REPORT TO AGR.ANIMALCONTROL@CT.GOV WITHIN 48 HRS**

