



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

*Working together to stop violence
against people and animals*

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Cross Reporting by Type (as of 12/19/2018)

Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect

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

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

**Veterinarians MANDATED
to report child abuse:**

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

**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

Reporting Animal Abuse

**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

* 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.

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

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

Louisiana, Nebraska, Tennessee, West Virginia

Adult Protective Services

California, Indiana, Massachusetts

**PERMITTED
to report animal abuse**

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Animal Cruelty:

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

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, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia (veterinary technicians as well), Washington

Veterinarians Prohibited from Reporting Animal Cruelty

Kentucky

Nothing Specified Regarding Veterinary Reporting:

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

Reporting Elder Abuse/Neglect

**Animal Care & Control
MANDATED to report elder abuse:** Arkansas (animal welfare officers), California, D.C., Maine (humane agents), Massachusetts

**Animal Care & Control
PERMITTED to report elder abuse:** Maine (animal control officers)

Veterinarians mandated to report elder abuse: Illinois

**States in which
EVERYONE is a
mandated reporter of
elder abuse:** Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Utah, Wyoming

