



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

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against people and animals*

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## Cross Reporting by Type (as of 1/7/2021)

### 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\*,  
Oregon, 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

\* Connecticut and Ohio 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 Animal Abuse

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

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

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

California, Florida, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon  
Guam

\*\* = 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, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia  
Guam

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

California, Indiana, Massachusetts

## **Veterinarians Mandated to Report Animal Cruelty:**

Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maine (only aggravated cruelty), Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio (companion animals), Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania (if committed by another veterinarian), West Virginia, Wisconsin, Guam (animal fighting. Also physicians and other health professionals)

## **Veterinarians Permitted to Report Animal Cruelty:**

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, 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

## **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, Ohio\*

\* Ohio animal control officers report suspected animal abuse to the Department of Job & Family Services, which then cross-references these reports with their own case files.

### **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