

Cross-Reporting Identification Cards for Connecticut  
Animal Control Officers (left) and

Dept. of Children & Families caseworkers (right)



**Report Child Abuse**  
*You Might Also Save an Animal's Life!*



**SIGNS OF PHYSICAL CHILD ABUSE**

- Unexplained bruises, welts, burns, fractures, lacerations, abrasions
- Child is wary of adult contacts, afraid to go home
- Child reports injury by parents
- Clothing covers body excessively
- Parents attempt to conceal child's injury or seem unconcerned
- Inconsistent or inadequate explanation of injury
- Discipline not consistent with child's age, condition or behavior

**SIGNS OF CHILD NEGLECT**

- Consistent lack of supervision, abandonment
- Inappropriate dress for weather
- Consistent hunger, fatigue, school absences
- Animal or human feces, urine, garbage, broken glass in home
- Untreated illnesses, lice, poor hygiene
- Premises overrun with vermin
- Appliances not working, utilities disconnected
- Hazardous electrical or heating connections
- Unwashed eating utensils, inadequate bedding
- Access to medicines, cleaning compounds
- Family eating animal food



**SIGNS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

- Torn, stained or bloody underclothing
- Difficulty in walking or sitting
- Pain, itching, bruises or bleeding in genital area
- Venereal disease, frequent urinary or yeast infection
- Rigid, restrictive home environment
- Parent jealous, overly protective, or isolates child from friends
- Threatened by physical contact, afraid to be alone with men

**REMEMBER:** When there are signs of animal abuse or domestic violence, children should be considered at risk

**HOW TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE**

If you have reasonable suspicion to believe that a child is suffering from abuse or neglect, call the agency below.  
Provide specific details:  
Date, Time, What you observed, Your contact details.

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**PHYSICAL SIGNS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

- Observed owner, caretaker or child physically abusing animal
- Extremely thin animals
- Open wounds or multiple healed wounds
- Animal limping or cannot stand
- Collar embedded in animal's neck
- Severely matted hair or fur, overgrown nails, filthy coat or loss of hair
- Heavy discharge from eyes or nose
- Infested with fleas, ticks or other parasites
- Untreated bruises, broken bones, cuts, sores
- Recreational drugs given to animal

**ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNS**

- Animals living in filthy condition (feces, urine, garbage)
- Kept outside for long time without adequate food, water or shelter
- Home is overcrowded with too many animals
- Animals kept in cages too small to allow them to stand or turn around
- Presence of dog- or cock-fighting paraphernalia
- Dead animals on property or in home



**CHILD WELFARE SIGNS**

- Dangerous animals threatening child's welfare
- History of animal bites to child
- History of child abusing animals

**REMEMBER:** When there are signs of child maltreatment or domestic violence, pets should be considered at risk for animal cruelty

**HOW TO REPORT SUSPECTED ANIMAL ABUSE**

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Date, Time, What you observed, Your contact details.

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