



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

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against people and animals*

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Cross Reporting by Type (as of 4/16/2021)

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

**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