



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

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against people and animals

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Cross Reporting by Reporter *(as of 5/23/2022)*

Reporting by CHILD PROTECTION/DCF/SOCIALWORKERS

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

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

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

California, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon
Guam (social workers)

Reporting by ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL OFFICERS

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

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

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

**Animal Care/Control
MANDATED to report
elder/disabled abuse**

Arkansas, California, D.C., Maine (humane agent) Massachusetts,
Ohio**

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

** 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. Ohio officers must report suspected animal abuse to the Department of Job & Family Services if a vulnerable adult is at the residence.

Reporting by ADULT/DISABLED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**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

Reporting by VETERINARIANS

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Animal Cruelty:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Illinois, Kansas, Maine (only aggravated cruelty), Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio (companion animals), Oklahoma, Oregon, West Virginia, Wisconsin. Also Guam (animal fighting).

Veterinarians Permitted to Report Animal Cruelty:

Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine (cruelty and neglect), Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia (also veterinary technicians), Washington.

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Child Abuse/Neglect:

California, Colorado

Veterinarians Mandated to Report Elder Abuse:

Colorado, Illinois

Nothing Specified Regarding Veterinary Reporting:

Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wyoming

Universal Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect

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

Universal Reporting of Elder Abuse/Neglect

States in which EVERYONE is mandated to report elder abuse: Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, Puerto Rico