Cross Reporting by Type (as of 5/23/2022)

Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect

Animal Care/Control
MANDATED to report child abuse/neglect

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

CPS/DHS/Social Workers PERMITTED to report animal abuse
California, 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:
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:

Nothing Specified Regarding Veterinary Reporting:
Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wyoming

Reporting Elder Abuse/Neglect

**Animal Care & Control**

**MANDATED to report elder abuse:**
Arkansas, 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:**
Colorado, Illinois

**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