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

Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect

Animal Care/Control MANDATED to report child abuse/neglect California, Colorado, **Connecticut****, **D.C.****, **Florida****, **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.****, **Florida****, **Illinois****, Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, **West Virginia****

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:

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.

Nothing Specified Regarding Veterinary Reporting:

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

Reporting Elder Abuse/Neglect

Animal Care & Control Arkansas, California, D.C., Maine (humane agents),
MANDATED to report elder abuse: 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 Maine (animal control officers)
PERMITTED to report elder abuse:

Veterinarians mandated to report elder abuse: Colorado, Illinois

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