



"How to Effectively Report Animal Cruelty in Your Community"

KEEP THESE NUMBERS HANDY & IN YOUR CAR FOR EMERGENCIES:

City of Dallas: 214-670-6800 Oak Cliff; 214-670-8246 or Call 311 in Dallas proper
Humane Society of Greater Dallas: 214-343-3666, crueltydivision@yahoo.com

SPCA: 214-651-9611, x 120, investigations@spca.org

To contact an investigator directly:

Investigator Qualls: kqualls@spca.org

Investigator Lyng: mlyng@spca.org

Investigator Courtwright: ccourtwright@spca.org

Director of Humane Law Enforcement, Dave Garcia: dgarcia@spca.org

Injured Animal Rescue Line: 214-651-7387 - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 7 days a week

[Texas Animal Cruelty Statutes](#)

From the "horse's" mouth: a link to Texas' animal cruelty statutes via the Penal Code.

<http://www.animal-law.org/statutes/texas.htm>

When calling to report animal cruelty, be sure to include the following:

Must Have:

1. Name of the person you believe is involved, if known.
2. Is this person the owner of the animal(s)?
3. **Exact Address & City** where the animal is located. If you have a zip code it is helpful, but the first two are mandatory. If you do not have an exact address, give cross streets or exact directions to the site.
4. What type of animal? i.e. dog, cat, horse, cow, etc.
5. How many animals?
6. What type of cruelty are you reporting:
 - Lack of food
 - Lack of shelter
 - Disease or medical emergency
 - Infliction of injury or abuse
7. Be sure to leave the following in your message or conversation with a cruelty investigator:
 - Your full name
 - Phone contact where you can be reached for more information

Helpful to Have:

8. When (Date & Time) the incident occurred, or how long the cruelty has been in progress.
9. Are there other witnesses to the incident or neighbors that will give information? Will any of these people agree to testify if a case is filed and it goes to trial.
10. Is it an owned animal(s) or a stray(s)?

ALWAYS FOLLOW-UP WITH ANY ANIMAL CRUELTY CALL YOU MAKE, TO MAKE SURE THE SITUATION WAS ADDRESSED – DON'T ASSUME IT WAS HANDLED – AN ANIMAL'S LIFE COULD DEPEND UPON IT!!!!