



State Cross-Reporting Mandates by Profession

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Alaska					MUST report adult abuse MUST report child abuse	Any person MAY report animal abuse	Animal statute: Alaska Stat. § 03.55.110 Child statute: Alaska Stat. § 47.17.020 (2008) Adult abuse: Alaska Stat. § 47.24.010 (2008)	Any person MAY report abuse to animal control or peace officer.
Alabama		MUST report animal abuse	Dept. of HS MUST report child abuse				Alabama Practice Act 930x1-.10(16) Child Statute: Ala. Code § 26-14-3(b)-(d)	
Arizona		MUST report animal abuse				Any person MUST report child abuse	Child statute: A.R.S. § 13-3620 (2008) Animal statute: A.R.S. § 32-2239 (2008) Adult statute: A.R.S. § 46-454 (2008)	Arizona defines “any person” as a physician, physician's assistant, optometrist, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, behavioral health professional, nurse, psychologist,

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								counselor or social worker, peace officer, member of the clergy, priest or Christian Science practitioner. The parent, stepparent or guardian of the minor. School personnel or domestic violence victim advocate.
Arkansas	MUST report adult abuse				MUST report child abuse		Child statute: A.C.A. § 12-12-507 (2008) Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-503 (2009) Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-504 (2009) Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-402 (2009) (mandated reporters) Adult statute: A.C.A. § 12-12-1708 (2008)	Animal or humane officers must report adult or long-term care abuse, but not child abuse. No animal reporting statute.
California	MUST report child abuse	MUST report animal abuse	MAY report animal abuse	MAY report animal abuse			Animal statute: Cal Pen Code § 11199 (2007) West's Ann. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 4830.7 Child statute: Cal Pen Code § 11165.7 (2007) Cal Pen Code § 11166 (2011) Adult statute: Cal Wel & Inst Code § 15630 (2007)	No duty to investigate animal abuse. AB 134 (Introduced 1/26/2013, pending)
Colorado	MUST report child	MUST report			MUST report child		Child statute: C.R.S. 19-3-304 (2007)	Victim's advocate defined as person in

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	abuse	child abuse; MUST report animal abuse			abuse		Adult statute: C.R.S. 26-3.1-102 (2007) Animal statute: C.R.S. 12-64-121 (2007) Veterinary Practice statute: C.R.S.A. 12-64-121	battered women's shelter or any comparable community domestic violence program.
Connecticut	MUST report animal abuse		MUST report animal abuse		MUST report child abuse		Child statute: (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-101 (2008) Animal statute:(Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22-329(b) (2008) Adult statute: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-451 (2008) C.G.S. § 17a-100a (2012)	Law enforcement officers, as well as animal control officers, MAY report abuse of animals.
Delaware						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: 16 Del. C. § 903 (2008) adult statute: 31 Del. C. § 3910 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Dist. of Columbia	MUST report child abuse		MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report child abuse		Child reporting statute: D.C. Code § 4-1321.02 (2008) Adult reporting statute: D.C. Code § 7-1903 (2008) Animal reporting statute: D.C. Code # 22-1002.01	No animal reporting laws. Animal cross-reporting statute pending (DC B17-89).

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Florida						All persons MUST report child abuse	Child statute: Fla. Stat. § 39.201 (2008) Adult statute: Fla. Stat. § 415.1034 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Georgia		MAY report animal abuse					Animal statute: Georgia Code 4-11-17; 16-12-4-b,c; 16-12-37	
Idaho						All persons MUST report child abuse	Child statute: Idaho Code § 16-1605 (2008) Adult statute: Idaho Code § 39-5303 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Illinois	MUST report child abuse	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse (caveat: Dept. of Children & Family Services may not discipline failure to report if worker believed it will interfere with child welfare duties)		MUST report child abuse		Child statute: 325 ILCS 5/4 (2008) 325 ILCS 5/11.8 (2011) Animal statute: 510 ILCS 70/4.02 (2008) 510 ILCS 70/3.07 (2002) Adult statute: 320 ILCS 20/4 (2008) Cross-reporting for both animal and child protection workers: 510 ILCS 70/18 (2009)	
Indiana						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 31-33-5-1 (2008) Adult statute: Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-9 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.

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Kansas		MUST report animal abuse	MUST report child abuse			Law enforcement, medical and teachers MUST report adult abuse	Animal statute: Admin Regs 70-8-1(p) KSA 21-4311 Child Statute: K.S.A. § 38-2223 Adult Statute: K.S.A. §§ 39-1430, 39-1431	
Kentucky						All persons MUST report child abuse	Child statute: KRS § 620.030 (2008) Adult statute: KRS § 209.030 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Louisiana			MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse			Animal statute: La. R.S. 14:403.6 (2008) Child statute: (La. Ch.C. Art. 609 (2008)) Adult statute: La. R.S. 14:403.2 (2008)	
Maine	Humane society MUST report child abuse Animal control MAY report child abuse Animal control MAY report adult abuse	MUST report aggravated animal cruelty MAY report other animal abuse	MAY report animal abuse	MAY report animal abuse		Medical professionals MAY report animal abuse	Animal statute: 34-B M.R.S. § 1901 (2008) and Title 7 MRSA 18-4018; 34-B MRSA c.1, sub-c.6 §1901 (2011) Child statute: 22 M.R.S. § 4011-A (2008) Adult statute: 22 M.R.S. § 3477 (2008)	No duty for child protective services to investigate animal abuse.

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	Humane agents MUST report adult abuse							
Maryland		MAY report animal abuse				All persons MUST report child abuse	Animal statute: Veterinary Regs Title 15, Subt. 14, Chap. 15 Child statute: Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 5-705 (2008); Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 5-704 (2008) Adult statute: Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 14-302 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Massachusetts			MUST report animal abuse				Animal statute: ALM GL ch. 119, § 85 (2008) Child statute: ALM GL ch. 119, § 51A (2008) Adult statute: ALM GL ch. 19A, § 15 (2008)	Animal or humane officer not listed in either child or animal reporting laws.
Minnesota		MUST report animal abuse					Animal statutes: Minn. Statutes 346.37, 343.12, 343.29	
Mississippi						All persons MUST report child abuse	Child statute: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-21-353 (2008) Adult statute: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-7 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Missouri						All persons	Child reporting law: §	No animal reporting

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						MUST report adult abuse	210.115 R.S.Mo. (2008) Adult reporting law: § 660.255 R.S.Mo. (2008)	laws.
Nebraska	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report adult abuse	Any governmental employee SHALL report animal abuse (§ 28-1017(2)) All persons MUST report child abuse	Animal statute: R.R.S. Neb. § 28-1020, 28-1008, 28-1017 (2008) Child statute: R.R.S. Neb. § 28-711 (2008) Adult statute: R.R.S. Neb. § 28-372 (2008)	Statute only lists “employee” and describes it as any governmental child or adult protective services agent as well as animal control employees; no duty to investigate animal abuse.
New Hampshire						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: RSA 169-C:29 (2008) Adult statute: RSA 161-F:46 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
New Jersey						All persons MUST report child abuse	Child statute: N.J. Stat. § 9:6-8.10 (2008) Adult statute: N.J. Stat. § 52:27G-7.1 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
New Mexico						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: N.M. Stat. Ann. § 32A-4-3 (2008) Adult statute: N.M. Stat. Ann. § 27-7-30 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
New York		MAY report					Animal statute: Consolidated Law, Education Law Art.	

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		animal abuse					135, § 6714(2)	
North Carolina		MAY report animal abuse				All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Animal Statute: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-360.1 Child statute: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-301 (2008) Adult statute: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 108A-102 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
North Dakota		MUST report animal abuse					ND Century Code § 36-21.2-10	
Ohio	MUST report child abuse						Child statute: ORC Ann. 2151.421 (2008) Adult statute: ORC Ann. 5101.61 (2008)	No animal reporting laws, but any person is allowed to take possession of an animal to protect it from abuse. [ORC Ann. 1717.13 (2008)]
Oklahoma		MUST report animal abuse			MUST report adult abuse	All persons MUST report child abuse	Child reporting law: 10 Okl. St. § 7103 (2008) Animal reporting law: 21 Okl. St. § 1680.3, 1685 (2008) Adult reporting law: 43A Okl. St. § 10-104 (2008)	
Oregon		MUST report aggravated animal cruelty	MUST report aggravated animal abuse (considered public or	MUST report aggravated animal abuse		Any public or private official MAY report animal abuse (§ 609-	Child reporting statute: ORS § 419B.010 (2007) Animal reporting statute: ORS § 609.654 (2007); ORS	

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		MAY report other animal abuse	private official)	(considered public or private official)		654)	§ 40.252 and 686.460; ORS § 686-445 and § 686-455 (2011) Adult reporting statute: ORS § 124.060 (2007)	
Rhode Island						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: R.I. Gen. Laws § 40-11-3 (2008) Adult statute: R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-66-8 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
South Dakota					MUST report child abuse		Child reporting statute: S.D. Codified Laws § 26-8A-3 (2008) Adult reporting statute: S.D. Codified Laws § 22-46-7 (2008)	All persons only required to report child abuse that results in death: [S.D. Codified Laws § 26-8A-4 (2008)]. No animal reporting laws.
Tennessee			MUST report animal abuse	MUST report animal abuse		All persons MUST report child abuse	Animal statute: Tenn. Code Ann. Section 38-1-402 Child statute: Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-403 (2008) Adult statute: Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-6-103 (2008)	No duty to investigate animal abuse.

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Texas						All persons MUST report child abuse	Child statute: Tex. Fam. Code § 261.101 (2007) Adult statute: Tex. Hum. Res. Code § 48.051 (2007)	No animal reporting laws.
Utah						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: Utah Code Ann. § 62A-4a-403 (2008) Adult statute: Utah Code Ann. § 62A-3-305 (2008)	No animal reporting laws.
Vermont		MAY report animal abuse					VT ST T. 26 § 2404	
Virgin Islands		MUST report animal abuse					Animal statute: Title 14, Chap. 7, #187, 180-184	
Virginia	MUST report child abuse					Medical/healing arts practitioners	Child reporting statute: Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1509 (2008) Adult reporting statute: Va. Code Ann. § 63.2-1606 (2008)	Requires training of animal control officers that include recognition of child abuse and neglect. [Va. Code Ann. § 3.1-796.104:1]. No animal reporting laws.
Washington		MAY report animal abuse					Animal statute: RCW § 16.52.330 (2013)	
West Virginia	MUST report child	MUST report	MUST report animal abuse	MUST report			Animal statute: W. Va. Code § 49-6A-2b (2008)	

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	abuse Humane officers MUST report adult abuse	animal abuse		animal abuse			& W. Va. Code § 9-6-9a (2008) Child and adult cross-reporting statute: W. Va. Code § 7-10-2 (2008) Adult statute: W. Va. Code § 9-6-9 (2008) W. Va. Code § 48-27-702 (2006)	
Wisconsin		MUST report animal fighting					Animal statute: WI St. 173	
Wyoming						All persons MUST report child abuse All persons MUST report adult abuse	Child statute: Wyo. Stat. § 14-3-205 (2007) Adult statute: Wyo. Stat. § 35-20-103 (2007)	No animal reporting laws.