

Reporting Animal Cruelty

If you are concerned that an animal is being abused or neglected, it is important that you report it through the proper channels.



Why Report to the SPCA of Texas

If you see an animal in an abuse situation, you may feel compelled to take action on your own. However, the only people with the authority to forcibly remove animals from a property are official animal cruelty investigators.

Another reason to file an official report is accountability. The SPCA of Texas Animal Cruelty Investigations unit has the authority to file warrants. The best way to ensure that people who abuse animals are held accountable for their actions is to report it through the proper channels.

How to Report

If you are a firsthand witness to animal cruelty, gather all the information you possibly can in order to facilitate action by our ACI unit. The address, the type and number of animals, and the manner of abuse are important to identify. The more information you provide, the more it will help our investigators in their response.

You can report animal cruelty by:

- Calling 214-461-1850
- Completing a report online at <https://www.sPCA.org/abuse>

Signs of Cruelty

The Texas Health and Safety code defines cruel treatment as the following:

- torturing an animal
- failing to provide food, care or shelter
- abandoning an animal
- transporting or confining an animal in a cruel manner
- killing, seriously injuring or poisoning an animal
- causing an animal to fight with another
- using a live animal as a lure in a dog race
- tripping a horse
- injuring an animal belonging to another person
- seriously overworking an animal