



Animal Abuse, Neglect and Abandonment: Your Help is Needed

Are you aware of an animal that is being harmed? The Colorado Humane Society & SPCA can help. In fact, in immediate life-threatening situations, we can rescue the animal, get it to safety, and obtain appropriate care and treatment.

But how do you know if or when to report animal abuse, neglect or abandonment? Here are some examples that may help you decide:

- A cat or dog that is outside for long periods without food, water and shelter
- An injured animal that does not appear to have received medical attention
- A cat or dog with a badly matted coat; its movements may be restricted and its face may not be visible
- An extremely thin horse with no visible food or water source
- A possible dog-fighting operation
- An abandoned property where animals may have been left behind

Most of the animals we see belong to individuals who are unaware of appropriate animal care. The owners generally respond to information about their animals' needs. Our goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of companion animals and horses, in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Protection Act.

How can you help?

If you suspect animal abuse, neglect or abandonment, contact the Colorado Humane Society & SPCA at (800) 249-5121, or file an online report at www.coloradohumane.org. If you live outside of the counties we currently serve, we will be happy to put you in touch with the agency handling your county.

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