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WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Fresno County Humane Society (CCSPCA)

WHAT: WHAT TO DO IF YOU WITNESS ANIMAL CRUELTY & NEGLECT

WHERE: 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706

WHY: Fresno County residents who witness animal [cruelty](#) or [neglect](#) should report the case to CCSPCA, the only humane society in Fresno County. Reports can be made online at ccspca.com/complaint-form/ or by calling (559) 233-7722.

CCSPCA Humane Officers exercise the powers of peace officers to enforce state animal cruelty laws, make arrests, serve warrants, and file criminal charges directly with the Fresno County District Attorney's office to prosecute offenders. Reporting cases elsewhere, besides a local police department or sheriff's office, will likely jeopardize the investigation that CCSPCA Humane Officers need to do to prosecute offenders.

What Constitutes Animal Cruelty & Neglect?

- Intentional acts of cruelty; torturing, maiming, mutilating or maliciously killing an animal
- Poisoning
- Animal fighting
- Depriving an animal of proper care, food, water, shelter or necessary veterinary care
- Intentional or unintentional acts of neglect
- Animal hoarding
- Abandonment
- Unlawful, inhumane, or unsafe living conditions
- Inadequate exercise area

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What Information Is Helpful to Report?

The more information a reporting party can gather, the better. First-hand witnesses and information are important.

- Take photos and video, if possible
- License plate information
- Address where the incident happened
- Names of people involved, if possible
- Any physical description or other information that will help identify the suspect

Most of the cases that CCSPCA Humane Officers investigate are instances of unintentional neglect and can be resolved simply by educating animal owners on the proper way to provide the necessary care. Intentional and/or malicious acts of cruelty occur when someone purposely and knowingly deprives an animal of proper care or adequate food, water, shelter, or allows the animal to go without necessary veterinary care or tortures, maims, mutilates, or kills an animal.

CCSPCA Humane Officers have investigated nearly 900 cases of neglect/cruelty in Fresno County, in addition to more than 200 health/safety wellness checks over the past 2 years.

About CCSPCA

As the primary animal welfare organization in California's Central Valley, CCSPCA is committed to leading and serving our community of animals and people by providing programs and services which serve all the stages of an animal's life. These programs include Adoptions, Humane Investigations, Rescue, Foster Care, Owner Surrenders, Outreach, Humane Education, Veterinary Services, Spay/Neuter Programs, and many other Pet Services. For more information about CCSPCA and its services, please visit ccspca.com.

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