

Emergency Contact List

For Reporting Animals in Distress (eg. at Auctions) and During Transportation

Signs of Neglect and Cruelty

Starvation, dehydration, lack of shelter, parasite infestation, halter growing into face, long hooves, confinement without light, ventilation and space, filthy living conditions

Before you report suspected neglect and/or cruelty to animals, please collect the following details:

Location, date and time, type of cruelty, who was involved, if safely possible get pictures or film, license plate number(s) and address(es).

National Codes and Acts

Criminal Code of Canada Sections 444 to 447 of the current Criminal Code of Canada deal with cruelty to animals.

Section 264.1 makes it an offence to threaten animals. Most convictions for animal cruelty are under Section 446: 446 (1) Every one commits an offence who (a) wilfully causes, or being the owner, wilfully permits to be caused unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to an animal.

Other subsections refer to wilful neglect, abandonment, poisoning, and other specific offences.

Cases covered by the Criminal Code of Canada are usually investigated by Community Police or the RCMP, often in consultation with the appropriate SPCA or Humane Society. For a summary conviction offence under this section of the Criminal Code of Canada, the maximum penalty that a judge can impose is a \$2000 fine and/or 6 months in prison.

Health of Animals Act - An Act respecting diseases and toxic substances that may affect animals or that may be transmitted by animals to persons, and respecting the protection of animals. Can be found by searching "Health of Animals Act" on the Dept. of Justice website at <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/>

The Recommended Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals During Transport is found at the National Farm Animal Care Council at <http://www.nfacc.ca/code.aspx>

Responsible Agency for Food Production Animals

The **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)** regulates the import, export and transportation of animals in Canada, and plays a role in providing protection for animals used in food production. This Animal Welfare link also provides links to Provincial Farm Animal Councils, CFHS and CVMA.

CFIA Animal Welfare link: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/animal/heasan/transport/welfproe.shtml>

The CFIA's Transportation of Animals Program - Compromised Animals Policy: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/animal/heasan/transport/polie.shtml>

The CFIA's Livestock Transport Requirements in Canada: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/animal/heasan/transport/transportpoe.shtml>

Reporting Animal Cruelty to the Police - Animal cruelty is an offence according to the Criminal Code of Canada (see above).

Local police and the RCMP are mandated to respond to animal cruelty complaints.

Call 411 to contact your local police or RCMP. You can also find your local RCMP detachment at: http://www.rcmp.ca/detachments/generalcont_e.htm

Who to contact Provincially to Report an Animal in Distress

Telephone

Email

Website

Ontario

OSPCA (Ont. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

1-888-668-7722 (24 h)

info@ospca.on.ca

<http://ontariospca.ca>

Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society

519-745-5615

info@kwhumane.com

www.kwhumane.com

Farm Animal Care Helpline Services

519-837-1326

ON Min of Agriculture Illegal Slaughter Hotline

1-888-466-2372 X642

Look for hand painted signs with meat for sale

Manitoba

Winnipeg Humane Society

204-982-2020

erikaa@humanesociety.mb.ca

www.winnipeghumanesociety.ca

Manitoba Farm Animal Care	204-945-8000	info@mbfac.ca	http://www.mbfac.ca/		
Saskatchewan					
SK Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	1-877-382-7722	franwach.saskspca@sasktel.net	http://www.sspca.ca/		
Saskatoon SPCA	306-374-7387	sktspca-shelter@shaw.ca	http://www.saskatoonspca.com/index.html		
Alberta					
Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	1-800-455-9003				
Calgary Humane Society	403-205-4455				
Edmonton Humane Society	780-491-3502	ehs@edmontonhumanesociety.ca	http://www.edmontonhumanesociety.com		
BC					
BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	604-879-7343	info@spca.bc.ca	http://www.spca.bc.ca/adoption/branches.asp		
Quebec					
SPCA of Western Quebec	819-770-7722	ahspca@storm.ca	http://www.aylmer-hull-spca.qc.ca/main_e.htm		
Montreal SPCA	(514) 735-2711	admin@spscamountreal.com	http://www.spscamountreal.com/apprenez1.php?lg=en		
Maritimes					
Maritime Animal Rescue		gmsasco@eastlink.ca	http://maritimeanimalrescue.com/contacts.shtml		
		<i>Rescues on website link</i>			
The above-named authorities are mandated to assist with cases of cruelty. In the event that you do not receive a response or feel that the situation is not adequately handled by the officials in charge, please send an e-mail to the Canadian Horse Defense Coalition at info@defendhorsescanada.org .					