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Report Animal Cruelty

The Ontario SPCA investigators provide frontline protection for animals across Ontario by responding to nearly 16,000 animal cruelty complaints each year and rescuing injured, abandoned and abused animals.

Empowered by the Ontario SPCA Act, Inspectors and Agents relieve animal suffering and distress by issuing orders, removing animals and laying charges under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario SPCA Act where circumstances warrant. Under the Act, Inspectors and Agents have the same authority as police officers when enforcing animal-cruelty laws.

The Ontario SPCA operates on a complaints basis. This means that you can help animals by being aware of at-risk animals in your community and by reporting cases of suspected animal cruelty to your nearest Ontario SPCA Community, police, Crime Stoppers or police.

Help the investigating officer by providing as many details as possible, including the type of cruelty witnessed, the date of the incident, where it took place, and who was involved. All information remains confidential.

Who to Call

Report suspected animal abuse

To Report suspected animal abuse call the Ontario SPCA at 310-SPCA(7722) 1-888-688-7722 ext. 327, or email cruelty@ospc.ca, or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), your local Ontario SPCA Animal Centre, Affiliated SPCA or Humane Society or police.



Ontario Farm Animal Care Helpline Services

Contact the Ontario Farm Animal Care Helpline to assist farmers who are unwilling or unable to maintain acceptable conditions for their farm animals (or if you are a farmer experiencing difficulties) and concerns will be relayed to the appropriate group. Phone: 519-837-1326.

Illegal Slaughter Hotline

If you have any information regarding meat-processing activities which you think may be illegal, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) 1-888-466-2372, <http://www.omnra.gov.on.ca/>.

Wildlife

If you have any information regarding concerns for wildlife, please contact the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) 1-877-847-7667, <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/>.

Food Production and Humane Transport

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency plays an important role in providing protection for animals used in food production (CFIA). Contact at 1-800-442-2342, <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/foodce.shtml>

Public Health

Contact at 647-260-7100, <http://www.oshpp.ca/contact/index.html>

Dog Owners Liability Act (DOLA)

Contact your local municipality.