



“THE LINK BETWEEN CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND VIOLENCE TOWARDS HUMANS”

RESOURCES: DENVER & COLORADO

State of Colorado, Department of Agriculture, **Bureau of Animal Protection:**

Dr. Keith Roehr, Veterinarian: (303) 239-4161; www.ag.state.co.us/animals/bureau.html

Colorado Alliance for Cruelty Prevention (CACP) Subsection of the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association. www.coacp.info Contact Kathleen Schoen at 303-824-5305 or kschoen@cobar.org to arrange for a speaker on “The Link” or to locate a trained evaluator and treatment provider for suspected abusers.

Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies – **CFAWA:** www.cfawa.org
Excellent website to locate a local welfare agency or animal control professional

Colorado Horse Rescue – Longmont, CO (720) 494-1414, www.chr.org/

Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
If you need a licensed veterinarian to conduct a forensic necropsy (autopsy of an animal), contact the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Ft. Collins (970) 297-1281;
<http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/>

Colorado Veterinary Medical Association – (303) 318-0447; www.colovma.com

Denver Municipal Animal Shelter: 678 S. Jason, (303) 698-0076
Doug Kelley, Director; www.denvergov.org/AnimalControl/

Denver Neighborhood Inspection and Code Enforcement: (sanitation and zoning issues)
(720) 865-3200; www.denvergov.org/Inspection_Services/

Diane Balkin: Denver District Attorney’s Office – 201 W. Colfax Ave., 8th Floor
(720) 913-9098; dx@denverda.org

Dumb Friends League: www.ddfl.org – also has links to other organizations,
(303) 696-4941; 2080 S. Quebec; Cruelty investigations: (303) 923-0022; and provides Humane Education Programs for teachers

DVERT: Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team, Colorado Springs, CO - www.dvert.org or call (719) 444-7813 or email info@dvert.org – great example of a multi-disciplinary approach

Mountain States Horse Rescue and Rehab – 8154 County Road 3, Joes, CO 80822; (970) 358-4548; www.geocities.com/mshrr/

RESOURCES: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

American Humane Association: www.amerianhumane.org ; Tel. No. (303) 792-9900
National Headquarters: 63 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, CO 80112; (866) 242-1877

Animal Abuser Database: www.pet-abuse.com

Animal Defense Global for world-wide information and organizations: www.animalinks.net

Anti-Cruelty Statutes: www.animal-law.org

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA): www.asPCA.org Home of "Animal Precinct;" has links to animal protection groups and information about anti-cruelty statutes

AVMA: American Veterinary Medical Association: www.avma.org

Dangerousness Assessment by R. Lockwood: <http://www.pet-abuse.com/cruelty/risk.php>

Hoarding of Animals Research Consortium - <http://www.tufts.edu/vet/cfa/hoarding/>

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS): www.hsus.org, then select "First Strike"

Link – bibliography of articles: <http://www.animaltherapy.net/Bibliography-Link.html>

www.municode.com for **Municipal codes**

***** New York State Humane Association** – *Manual on How to Investigate Animal Cruelty*
www.nyshumane.org/ then select "Manual"

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (**RSPCA**): www.rspca.org.uk

For information on **serial killers and mass murderers:**

www.crimelibrary.com/serialkillers.html

Society & Animals Forum (formerly **PSEYTA** – Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals): www.pseyta.org – information regarding the AniCare and AniCare Child Models of Treatment for Animal Abusers

Tufts Animal Care and Condition Scales

www.animalsheltering.org/resource_library/magazine_articles/jul_aug_1998/body_condition.pdf

World Animal Net - <http://worldanimalnet.org> – largest database for animal protection societies – merely fill in the name of the city

Zoophilia/ Bestiality - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zoophilia>

STATUTES AND ORDINANCES (EXCERPTS)

COLORADO (STATE) CRIMINAL CODE 2006

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Section 18-9-201.: Definitions.

(1) "Abandon" means the leaving of an animal without adequate provisions for the animal's proper care by its owner, the person responsible for the animal's care or custody, or any other person having possession of such animal.

(2) "Animal" means any living dumb creature.

(3) "Mistreatment" means every act or omission that causes or unreasonably permits the continuation of unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering.

(4) "Neglect" means failure to provide food, water, protection from the elements, or other care generally considered to be normal, usual, and accepted for an animal's health and well-being consistent with the species, breed, and type of animal.

Section 18-9-202. Cruelty to animals--aggravated cruelty to animals--neglect of animals—offenses

(1) (a) A person commits cruelty to animals if he or she knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence overdrives, overloads, overworks, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beats, carries or confines in or upon any vehicles in a cruel or reckless manner, or otherwise mistreats or neglects any animal, or causes or procures it to be done, or, having the charge or custody of any animal, fails to provide it with proper food, drink, or protection from the weather, or abandons it.

(b) Any person who intentionally abandons a dog or cat commits the offense of cruelty to animals.

(1.5)(a) A person commits cruelty to animals if he or she recklessly or with criminal negligence tortures, needlessly mutilates, or needlessly kills an animal.

(b) A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals if he or she knowingly tortures, needlessly mutilates, or needlessly kills an animal. (Class 6 felony)

COLORADO AGRICULTURE - ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

Section 35-42-109. Protection of animals mistreated, neglected, or abandoned.

(1) No animal shall be mistreated or neglected to such degree or abandoned in any circumstance so that the animal's life or health is endangered.

COLORADO STATUTES REGARDING REPORTING

“GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS”

PROVISIONS REGARDING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Section 18-9-209. Immunity for reporting animal cruelty - false report - penalty.

(1) A person who, in good faith, reports a suspected incident of animal cruelty, to a local law enforcement agency or to the state bureau of animal protection shall be immune from civil liability for reporting the incident.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a person who knowingly makes a false report of animal cruelty.

Section 12-64-121. Cruelty to animals – immunity for reporting.

Any veterinarian licensed in this State who reports, in good faith and in the normal course of business, a suspected incident of animal cruelty as described in section 18-9-202, Colorado Revised Statutes, to the proper authorities shall be immune from liability in any civil or criminal action brought against such veterinarian for reporting such incident.