



# Animal Protection Laws in Connecticut

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## Anti-Cruelty Statute Summary

A person commits the crime of cruelty to animals and/or pets if the person:

- Overdrives, overloads, overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates or cruelly beats or kills or unjustifiably injures any animal
- Fails to supply any confined animal with proper care such as wholesome air, food and water
- Administers any poisonous or noxious drug or substance
- Abandons or carries in a cruel manner
- Fights, baits, or harasses an animal for the purpose of making it perform for amusement or gain
- Intentionally kills any animal while such animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a peace officer or intentionally kills a dog that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team while the dog is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a member of the team

If you suspect cruelty is taking place, you should contact your local Animal Control department to make a complaint. This department is responsible for investigating complaints, confiscating pets in alleged cruelty cases and working with local police to make arrests of individuals facing cruelty charges.

For more information about Animal Cruelty go to [Connecticut Humane Society](#)

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