

Dogfighting and Cockfighting

In New Mexico it is illegal for a person to sponsor, arrange, conduct or participate in a dogfight or cockfight. It is illegal to be a spectator at a dogfight or to own a participating dog or rooster. It is also illegal to train, equip or sponsor a dog or rooster for the purpose of fighting (NM ST § 30-18-9).



Be very cautious if you suspect dog or cockfighting. These events are often accompanied by other felony criminal activities.

Hoarding

Hoarding is having more than the typical amount of companion animals without the ability to provide them with proper food, water, sanitation, shelter or veterinary care. Hoarders typically cannot comprehend their inability to care for their

animals or recognize animal suffering. Hoarding also causes health hazards for both animals and humans.



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ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE

The Attorney General's Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) helps enforce New Mexico's animal cruelty laws. It encourages and facilitates cooperation among agencies; provides training for law enforcement, attorneys, judges and animal control personnel; and develops animal cruelty awareness campaigns for the public. The ACT handles cases of cockfighting, dogfighting and hoarding.

REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY

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877-548-6263

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Animal Cruelty



Observe



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Report



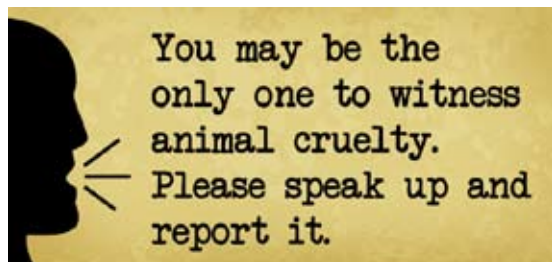
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Animal cruelty is...

- Failing to provide food, water, shelter and shade
- Mistreating
- Injuring
- Tormenting
- Abandoning
- Mutilating
- Poisoning
- Killing without lawful justification

This applies to all animals except insects and reptiles.



Animal Cruelty Statute

NM ST § 30-18-1 - 15

http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusnm30_18_1_15.htm

If you witness animal cruelty, DO NOT intervene if doing so will jeopardize your safety and do not break the law yourself.



**Up to \$10,000 REWARD
for Reporting Animal Cruelty.
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How to Gather Information

If you believe you have witnessed animal cruelty, it is important to document all the details of what you have seen. Use the form to the right as a guideline for recording details of the incident(s).

Document as many details as you can.

When you are recording details, think about recording the who, what, where and when.

Who: the owners of the animal or anyone who may have also witnessed anything relating to the animal

What: details about the abuse you witnessed, describe injuries in detail and the animal's living conditions

Where: address of the animal's location and where the animal is located on the property

When: the time and date of your observations, weather conditions and how long the animal has been living in the condition you are concerned about

If you can, document the abuse with photos or video. Find other witnesses and get their information and account of abuse.

If the conditions are extreme, do not wait to document. Call law enforcement *immediately*.

Date/Time: _____

Location: _____

Description of animal: _____

Description of perpetrator (name, identifying information such as license plate): _____

Description of what you believe to be abuse: _____

Description of animal's living conditions: _____