

STOP

ANIMAL ABUSE



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PARTNERING TO STOP CRUELTY

The City of Phoenix and the Arizona Humane Society have long partnered to protect the pets of our community and we need your help.

Every year, AHS' Emergency Animal Medical Technicians™ respond to thousands of cases of animal cruelty, abuse and neglect throughout Phoenix. The most common animal cruelty investigations are for abandonment, no water, no food or no shelter.

We take abuse very seriously and so should you. If you notice any signs of animal cruelty taking place, please call **602.997.7585 Ext. 2073. Services are free** and available **daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

SIGNS OF ANIMAL ABUSE/CRUELTY

- Open sores or cuts on the animal's body
- Animal has bruising, bleeding or other apparent injury
- Patches of missing fur
- Tick or flea infestation
- Extremely thin body

- Limping/inability to walk
- Witness owner hitting or beating the animal
- Dogs repeatedly left alone (possibly chained) outside without food or water
- Dogs kept outside in extreme weather with no shelter
- House with excessive amounts of animals
- Cowering in fear (especially when approached by owner)
- Pets left in parked cars in the heat

ANIMAL CRUELTY IS A CRIME

The City of Phoenix has some of the most progressive animal cruelty laws. A person commits animal cruelty if they do any of the following:

- Subjects any animal under the person's custody or control to abandonment or fails to provide food, water, shelter or medical care
- Inflicts unnecessary physical injury to any animal
- Recklessly subjects any animal to cruel mistreatment/torture
- Kills or attempts to kill any animal under the custody or control of another person without either legal privilege or consent of the owner
- Recklessly interferes with, strikes, kills or harms a working or service animal without either legal privilege or consent of the owner
- Poisons or attempts to poison any animal
- Owns, possess or maintain, more animals than they can physically or financially care for

UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT ORDINANCE

An owner shall not restrain a dog outside by use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement or during extreme weather conditions.

A restraint **unreasonably limits a dog's movement** if the restraint:

- Uses a collar that is not properly fitted to the dog
- Is in length shorter than 10 feet
- Places the dog in unsafe or unsanitary conditions
- Causes injury to the dog
- Does not permit the dog access to food, water, shade, dry ground, or shelter

“Extreme weather conditions” means:

- The actual or effective outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- A heat advisory has been issued by a local, state, or national authority for the area
- A monsoon, hurricane, tropical-storm, dust-storm or tornado warning has been issued for the area by a local, state, or national authority



COCKFIGHTING...IT'S A CRIME

Cockfighting is a blood sport in which two roosters, specifically bred for aggression, are placed in a small ring and encouraged to fight to the death. Although **illegal in all 50 states**, cockfighting still persists across the nation.

In Arizona, cockfighting is a **class 5 felony**. A person commits cockfighting by knowingly:

1. Owning, possessing, keeping or training any cock with the intent that such cock engage in an exhibition of fighting with another cock.
2. For amusement or gain, causing any cock to fight with another cock or causing any cocks to injure each other.
3. Permitting any act in violation of paragraph 1 or 2 to be done on any premises under his charge or control.

Any person who is knowingly present at any place or building where preparations are being made for a cockfight or is present at such exhibition, is guilty of a **class 1 misdemeanor**.





Report Animal Abuse

Arizona Humane Society Animal Rescue Services

602.997.6585 Ext. 2073
8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

Phoenix Police Department

602.262.6151

City of Phoenix – Neighborhood Services (noise, cleanliness complaints)

602.534.4444

Maricopa County Animal Crimes Investigations Unit (ACIU) Hotline Number

602.876.1681

*For residents of unincorporated Maricopa County

Silent Witness

480.Witness (948.6377)

Provide information about an unsolved animal cruelty case. You can remain anonymous and could receive a cash reward up to \$4,000.



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