

Appendix II

Resource Agencies & State Associations

The following agencies and associations may be of interest to you during the course of investigating animal cruelty complaints.

Some agencies can provide you with information and possibly assist in your cruelty investigation. Based on the nature of the complaint, some agencies can bring their own charges against the abuser. In the case of the American Kennel Club, it can remove a breeder's accreditation.

American Humane

1400 16th Street NW, Suite 360
Washington, DC 20036
800-227-4645

www.americanhumane.org

May provide small grants for veterinary expenses incurred as a result of animal cruelty cases. Check their website for more information.

American Kennel Club (AKC)

Investigations and Inspections Unit
8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100
Raleigh, NJ 27617-3390
919-816-3629

www.akc.org

Inform the AKC about animal cruelty cases that involve dog breeders selling AKC registered dogs. The AKC can remove the breeder's accreditation. They also maintain a list of breed rescue groups throughout the country.

American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

424 E. 92nd Street
New York, NY 10128
(212) 876-7700

www.aspca.org

Can provide legal guidance and training in cruelty cases; Ask for "Legal Department - General Counsel."

Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF)

170 East Cotati Avenue
Cotati, CA 94931
707-795-2533

www.aldf.org

A network of attorneys and paralegals with expertise in the prosecution of animal-related crimes.

Best Friends Animal Society

435-644-2001

nmhpnetwork@bestfriends.org

www.bestfriends.org

*The Best Friends Network provides support and advice on animal situations, informational and funding resources, networking with other local organizations, adoption and spay/neuter programs, and public education campaigns. Together we will **Save Them All**™.*

End Trap

PO Box 112
Colchester, VT 05446
802-864-0663

A statewide volunteer organization to protect Vermont pets, and all animals, from cruel and indiscriminate body-gripping (leghold, foothold and conibear) traps.

Friends of Vermont Dogs, Inc.

802-552-0613

www.friendsofvermontdogs.org

An all-volunteer nonprofit organization that supplies and installs fencing at no cost for people who choose to unchain their dogs. FVD also provides insulated dogs houses, spay/neuter cost support, and general education about the dangers of continual chaining/tethering.

Humane Society of the United States

Vermont State Office
PO Box 619
Jacksonville, VT 05342
802-368-2790 (phone)
802-368-2756 (fax)
www.humanesociety.org

Can provide guidance and hands-on assistance with cruelty investigations in Vermont. May post rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of offenders.

Into the Wild – Humane Wildlife Exclusion

67 Lafountain Street
Burlington, VT 05401
802-651-6863

Helping to solve wildlife conflicts with humane solutions.

Law Enforcement Training Institute

University of Missouri Extension
321 Hearnes Center
Columbus, MO 65211
800-825-6505
leti.missouri.edu/animal-cruelty.aspx

In partnership with Code 3 Associates, operates the National Cruelty Investigator's School, Levels I, II, III and IV, and Bite Stick Certification at various locations around the country.

National Animal Control Association

Training Academy
101 N. Church Street
Olathe, KS 66061
913-768-1319

www.nacanet.org

Membership organization that assists local animal control officers. Offers various levels of intensive training in animal care and control, enforcement, communication, and safety.

Pet-Abuse.com

P.O. Box 5
Southfields, NY 10975
www.pet-abuse.com

A national registry that researches and tracks incidents of criminal animal cruelty. It maintains a searchable online database of criminal animal cruelty on the Internet, allowing you to search the database by location, animal, type of cruelty and more.

Spay ASAP

Dr. Sara White
163 Clay Hill Rd
Hartland, VT 05048
802-356-6783
shelternvet@mac.com

Provides mobile spay/neuter services in Vermont.

United States Department of Agriculture - APHIS

Regulatory Enforcement & Animal Care
4700 River Rd, Unit 84
Riverdale, MD 20737-1234

Eastern Regional Director
Dr. Jack A. Shire 919-855-7250

www.aphis.usda.gov/

Contact the USDA when you have a cruelty case involving animal breeders, animal dealers, etc. who sell directly to pet stores. Such enterprises must be licensed by the USDA and operated according to the standards established by the Animal Welfare Act. See also Chapter 7, Various Vermont Laws Dealing with Animals, "USDA Law and Animal Cruelty".

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Division of Animal Health
116 State St.
Montpelier, VT 05602
802-828-2430

www.vermontagriculture.com/

Responsible for enforcement of Title 20; also has certain enforcement authority involving livestock in Title 13. Contact the agency before you take any enforcement action on cases involving livestock. See also Appendix IV, "Consulting with the Agency of Agriculture on Livestock Cruelty Investigations".

Vermont Constables Association

Silas Loomis, President
PO Box 57
Hydeville, VT 05760
802-468-5012

The association is comprised of 80 elected and appointed constables, most with law enforcement authority, and more than 80% of them serve as animal control officers for their towns. Contact your local constable to assist with animal cruelty investigations.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement
103 South Main St.
Waterbury, VT 05671-0501
802-241-3727

www.vtfishandwildlife.com

Responsible for enforcing general criminal laws involving wildlife. Wardens can be reached by calling the nearest State Police dispatcher. For a complete listing of wardens by district, check the Department's website.

Vermont Department of Health

108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402-0070
1-800-464-4343; 802-863-720

<http://healthvermont.gov/>

Contact your local health officer for assistance in animal cruelty cases that involve problems that may endanger human health, such as vermin, ground water pollution, and suspected rabies, as well as animal hoarding. Contact information for each county can be found on-line at the Department's website.

Vermont Department for Children and Families, Family Services Division

Barre – 802-479-4260
Bennington – 802-442-8138
Brattleboro – 802-257-2888
Burlington – 802-863-7370
Hartford – 802-295-8840
Middlebury – 802-388-4660
Morrisville – 802-888-4576
Newport – 802-334-6723
Rutland – 802-786-5817
St. Albans – 802-527-7741
St. Johnsbury – 802-748-8374
Springfield – 802-885-8900
After Hours Emergency – 1-800-649-5285

<http://www.dsw.state.vt.us/>

Contact your local district office when you suspect that a person may also be a victim of abuse in an animal cruelty case you are investigating.

Vermont Humane Federation

PO Box 311
Waterbury, VT 05676
802-244-5895

www.vermonthumane.org

A professional association for the state's animal welfare advocates and organizations. The VHF supports education initiatives and works collaboratively on issues involving animal cruelty and neglect, disaster planning and ongoing issues pertaining to animal welfare. They administer the animal cruelty reporting website, www.ReportAnimalCruelty.com

Vermont Sheriffs' Departments

Addison County – 802-388-2981
Bennington County – 802-442-4900
Caledonia County – 802-748-6666
Chittenden County – 802-863-4341
Essex County – 802-676-3500
Franklin County – 802-524-2121
Grand Isle County – 802-372-4482
Lamoille County – 802-888-3502
Orange County – 802-685-4875
Orleans County – 802-334-3333
Rutland County – 802-775-8002
Washington County – 802-223-3001
Windham County – 802-457-5211
Windsor County – 802-295-0603

Assistance with cruelty investigations in municipalities that have contracted them to provide law enforcement services.

Vermont State's Attorney's Offices

Addison County – 802-388-7931
Bennington County – 802-442-8116
Caledonia County – 802-748-6657
Chittenden County – 802-863-2865
Essex County – 802-754-2880
Franklin County – 802-524-7920
Grand Isle County – 802-372-5422
Lamoille County – 802-888-7945
Orange County – 802-685-3036

Vermont State's Attorney's Offices (cont)

Orleans County – 802-334-2037

Rutland County – 802-786-2531

Washington County – 802-479-4220

Windham County – 802-257-2860

Windsor County – 802-295-8870

Contact for assistance with putting together a case, including applications for search warrants, review of evidence, etc.

Vermont State Police

Troop A

St Albans Barracks - 802-524-5993

Williston Barracks - 802-878-7111

Middlesex Barracks - 802-229-9191

Troop B

Derby Barracks - 802-334-8881

Bradford Barracks - 802-222-4680

St Johnsbury Barracks - 802-748-3111

Troop C

New Haven Barracks - 802-388-4919

Rutland Barracks - 802-773-9101

Shaftsbury Barracks - 802-442-5421

Troop D

Royalton Barracks - 802-234-9933

Rockingham Barracks - 802-875-2112

Brattleboro Barracks - 802-254-2382

Assistance with cruelty investigations when no local law enforcement covers the area in question.

Vermont Veterinary Medical Association

88 Beech St.

Essex Jct, VT 05452

802-878-6888

www.vtvets.org

The VVMA's mission is to promote animal well-being and public health, to provide education for veterinarians and the public, and to enhance the ability of veterinarians to succeed. The VVMA has over 300 members and a Committee on Animal Welfare. Anyone looking for input or help from veterinarians can contact the VVMA.

VT-CAN

Vermont Companion Animal Neutering

19A Bailey Meadows Road

Middlesex, VT 05602

802-223-0034

<http://www.vt-can.org/>

A stationary, reduced cost, high quality, high volume spay/neuter clinic located in Middlesex, Vermont.

Wild in Vermont, Inc.

PO Box 163

Underhill Center, VT 05490

802-899-1027

Vermont's umbrella wildlife rehabilitation organization. WIV is a non-profit organization committed to the support and profession of wildlife rehabilitation, its practitioners, and conservation education in the state of Vermont. For a complete list of rehabilitators in the state, contact the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.