



# RECOGNIZE

## *Physical Signs.*

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- Observed physical abuse by an owner, caretaker, or child
- Extremely thin animals
- Animals showing extreme fear of their owner
- Open wounds or multiple healed wounds
- Observed limping or inability to walk/stand
- Observed collar embedded in animals' neck or collar so tight it is causing wounds
- Loss of hair, scaly skin, bumps or rashes
- Severely, matted fur, overgrown nails or filthy coat
- Heavy discharge from eyes or nose
- Visible signs of confusion or extreme drowsiness
- Flea, tick or other external parasite infestation

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## *Environmental Signs.*

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- Animals living in filthy conditions (feces, garbage, broken glass, etc.)
- Kept outside (chained) for long periods of time without adequate food, water, or shelter
- Regularly left alone for long periods of time without food or water
- Kept outside in inclement weather without access to adequate shelter
- Kept only in a crate and not let outside
- Home is overcrowded with animals in cages/kennels
- Kept in cages that are too small to allow them to stand or turn around



# OHIO CROSS REPORTING

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE & REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE

# REPORT

## *Animal Cruelty.*

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**IF THERE ARE SIGNS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT OR IPV IN THE HOME, PETS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT RISK FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

If you have reasonable suspicion to believe that an animal is suffering from harm, abuse or neglect, **contact the agency in your county responsible for taking reports of animal cruelty** (It is vital to make a verbal report for immediate action). In many Ohio counties, a humane society is responsible for humane enforcement. In some counties, the dog warden, police, or sheriff is responsible or may be the backup for the humane societies. **To find your animal cruelty reporting agency:**

**[ohioanimaladvocates.org/reportcruelty](https://ohioanimaladvocates.org/reportcruelty)**