



Humane Investigations

Animal Humane Society's Humane Investigations team is committed to seeking justice for animals throughout Minnesota. Our **humane agents investigate reports of animal abuse and neglect, offer no-cost services for law enforcement** on cases related to animals and animal welfare statutes, and **provide training and workshops** for agencies, institutions, and community organizations.

Our humane agents, **the only full-time professional humane investigators in the state of Minnesota**, can provide assistance to local law enforcement officials in all counties. On average, roughly 2,000 reports of neglected or abused animals are received each year and our efforts in humane investigations help nearly 5,000 animals.

Animal Humane Society is committed to engaging the hearts, hands, and minds of the community to help animals. As the leading animal welfare organization in the Upper Midwest, we provide comprehensive programs and services to compassionately serve all stages of an animal's life.



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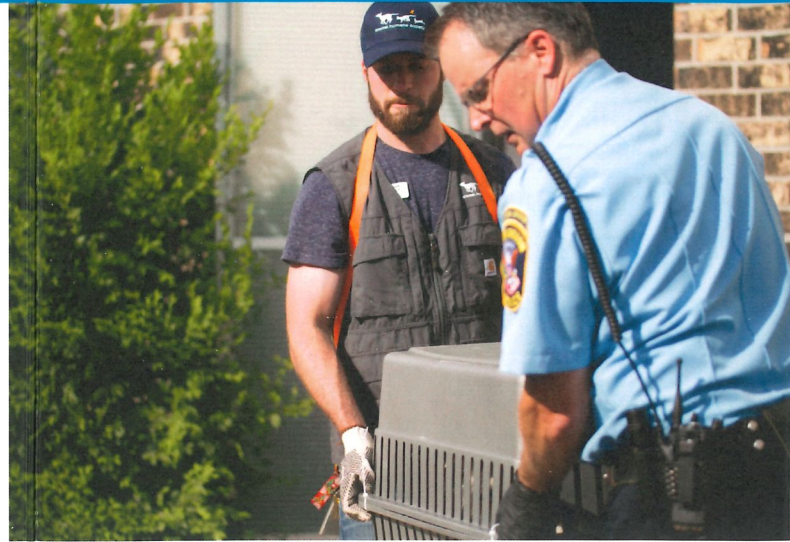


Investigating reports of animal abuse and neglect

Most of the cases reported to our agents involve lack of food, water, shelter, and general animal husbandry. Larger, more complex cases can result in on-site investigations, animal seizure, and prosecuting offenders.

Issues our humane agents investigate include:

- Domestic animals and livestock lacking necessary food, water or shelter as required by law
- Animal fighting and hoarding
- Physical abuse or chronic neglect of animals
- Denial of necessary medical attention to animals who are sick or injured
- Illegal shooting, trapping, abandonment, poisoning, or torture of any domestic animal
- Potential injury to animals from tangled leashes, ropes, or chains
- Animals subject to environmental conditions that would or could adversely affect the animal's health or welfare
- Pet stores, petting zoos, boarding kennels, dog kennels, horse stables, and other facilities that are not meeting the minimum standards of care as required by law



Collaborating with law enforcement

Our services are available at no cost to all local law enforcement officials. When called upon, our agents and veterinary and animal care staff can provide:

- Equipment and personnel to assist with animal seizure
- Medical examinations of involved animals
- Transportation and shelter for large numbers of animals taken into custody
- Technical consultation during investigations involving animal cruelty allegations

Training and workshops

In addition to investigations, our agents conduct training presentations and workshops for law enforcement agencies, academic institutions, community associations, and other members of the animal welfare industry.

Contact us for help

Our experienced humane agents have provided professional services to the public and law enforcement in the state of Minnesota since 1987.

If you suspect an animal is being abused or neglected, it's preferred that you submit a report online at animalhumanesociety.org/reportcruelty or call our hotline.

Our ability to conduct an effective investigation depends on the information provided. Proper evidence and witnesses are required to build a successful case for seizure and/or prosecution. The information you provide is kept confidential.

When calling our hotline, please provide the following:

- Name, address, and contact information of the animal's owner, if known
- Brief, but specific, account of the facts and circumstances involved
- Your name and daytime phone number

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