

Types of Animal Cruelty

Animal Abandonment

Every person who willfully abandons any animal is guilty of a crime. PC 597s

Animal Cruelty

Any person who . . .

Maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates, tortures, or wounds a living animal or maliciously and intentionally kills an animal is guilty of animal cruelty. PC 597(a)

Animal Fighting

Staging fights between two or more animals or a human and an animal for the purpose of human entertainment is a felony. PC 597b(a)

It's a crime to be a spectator at any animal fight. PC 597(c)

Dog Fighting:

Anyone who owns, possesses, keeps, or trains any dog, with the intent that the dog shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting with another dog. PC 597.5

- Dog owners, keepers, or trainers.
- Person who causes a dog to fight or injure another dog.
- Owner of the premise who permits the fight, aiders/abettors.

Cockfighting:

Any person who for amusement or gain causes any rooster to fight with another rooster. PC 597b(b)

Possessing gamebirds with the intent they be fought by anyone is a crime. PC 597j

Manufacturing, buying, selling, or possessing any of the implements designed to be attached to a gamebird. PC 597i

Animal Hoarding

Keeping multiple animals without providing even basic care resulting in malnutrition, untreated medical conditions, or severe psychological distress. PC 597(b)

Animal Left in Vehicle

No person shall leave an animal unattended in a vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of the animal. PC 597.7

Animal Negligence

Gross negligence:

Any person who has charge or custody of an animal and subjects any animal to needless suffering, inflicts unnecessary cruelty, or fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, or shelter, with actions are dramatically different from how a reasonable person would behave in the same situation. PC 597(b)

Other negligence:

Any person who fails to exercise ordinary or reasonable care that exposes the animal to potential harm. PC 597.1

The section includes an administrative authority to seize animals.

Bestiality/ Sexual Assault on an Animal

Every person who has sexual contact with an animal is guilty of a crime. Exception for any lawful and accepted practice related to veterinary medicine or any accepted animal husbandry practice. PC 286.5

Exception for any lawful and accepted practice related to veterinary medicine performed by a licensed veterinarian.

Dog Tethering

No person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog, or cause a dog to be tethered, fastened, chained, tied, or restrained to any stationary object for more than three hours in a 24-hour period. HSC 122335

No person shall confine or restrain an animal in a way that risks entanglement. Every person who keeps an animal confined in an enclosed area shall provide it with adequate exercise, food, water, and shelter. PC 597t

Selling/Giving Away Animal

It is unlawful for any person to willfully. . .

Sell/give away as part of a commercial transaction, a live animal on any street, highway, public right of way, parking lot, carnival, or boardwalk. PC 597.4

It's a crime for any person to sell a dog under eight weeks of age, without written approval from a veterinarian prior to the physical transfer. PC 597z

Beware of purchasing a dog from an un reputable breeder. It's best to adopt animals from shelters or reputable rescues.

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When You Suspect Animal Cruelty or Neglect

Take Note

Take video or photographs if it's safe to do so.

Recognizing the Type of Animal Cruelty

Being able to accurately describe the event helps law enforcement when collecting critical evidence.

- Was the animal severely injured?
- Was a weapon used? If so, what kind?
- What are the SPECIFIC attributes of the abuser/evidence/scene?

Injured Animal? Call for Help

If you encounter an injured or dead animal and are unsure what to do, contact your local animal services agency immediately. Do not ignore the situation.

Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse, Cruelty, and Neglect
If serious abuse is in progress, CALL 911.

Otherwise, contact your local animal services agency:

City of Los Angeles Animal Services
(888) 452-7381

Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control
South County Communication Center
(Agoura Animal Care Center, Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, Carson/Gardena Animal Care Center, and Downey Animal Care Center)
(562) 940-6898

North County Communication Center
(Castaic Animal Care Center, Lancaster Animal Care Center, and Palmdale Animal Care Center)
(661) 940-4191

Long Beach Animal Care Services
(562) 570-7387

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA)
(323) 730-5300 or 1-888-spcaLA1

Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA)
(562) 803-3301

Other tip lines:
Stand Up for Pits Foundation
Dog fighting tip line
(877) 777-2585
info@standupforpits.us

LA Crime Stoppers
Anonymous tip line
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

LA Mandates Spay/Neuter, Microchips, Licensing



City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles mandates that all dogs and cats over the age of four months be spayed or neutered, microchipped, and licensed. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.15.2.



County of Los Angeles

The County of Los Angeles requires animal licensing, under Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code, specifically Chapter 10.20. All dogs and cats over the age of four months must be licensed annually. This applies to residents in unincorporated areas of the county and in cities that contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.



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