

WHO TO CALL TO REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE IN GEORGIA

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What information should I report on animal abuse?

- Any facts about the cruelty/abuse/neglect you are reporting. Give as many details about the situation as you can include the type of animal in need of assistance and any other details such as breed, color, quantity, and size.
- Specific location of the animal in need of assistance, including the county or city, the address, and an intersecting street (if possible). A pin-drop location is also helpful.
- If there is a vehicle involved, provide a description and plate number.
- A description of the suspected person and their name (if known).
- Which local authorities have already been contacted (if applicable).
- Your name, address, zip code, contact information (phone number, email address), and preferred method of contact.

Who should I call to report suspected abuse?

For immediate help, call 911 or your local police department.

Human Victims

Nationwide

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233) or 800-787-3224 (TTY) www.thehotline.org
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE (800-656-4673) www.rainn.org
- National Center on Elder Abuse: 800-500-ELDR (800-500-3537) or 888-774-0152 or 608-255-0539
 ncea.acl.gov
- National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life: 608-255-0539 www.ncall.us
- Child Maltreatment: (855) 422-4453

Statewide

- Georgia Adult Protective Services: 1-866-55-AGING (1-866-552-4464) www.aging.georgia.gov
- Georgia Longterm Care Ombudsman: 866-544-4464 www.georgiaombudsman.org
- Georgia 24-hour Hotline for Domestic Violence: 800-334-2836



Animal Victims

Suspected animal cruelty should be reported to local law enforcement (police), local animal control, or the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) Companion Animal Division at gdalawenforcement@agr.georgia.gov. If law enforcement does not respond, contact a local prosecutor directly. When possible, it is important to contact law enforcement in the region where the cruelty likely occurred.

Nationwide

 For reports about online content depicting animal cruelty, take screenshots and report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center: https://www.ic3.gov/

Statewide

- For immediate help, call 911 or your local law enforcement officer. If you are trying to contact the police while suspects are in your clinic, tell the dispatch officer to send police immediately. If dispatch tells you to call Animal Control, say "no, we need police here immediately." Police who are POST-certified are the only ones who can make an arrest, not animal control officers (ACOs). Dispatch personnel are rarely trained on animal cruelty matters and will often default to ACOs.
- Equine Cases: Georgia Department of Agriculture Equine Health Section (800) 282-5852 ext 3713
- Livestock/Poultry Cases: Georgia Department of Agriculture Livestock Poultry Field Forces (800)
 282-5852 ext 3665

Local

The following contact information can be used to report animal abuse in your area. When possible, suspected animal cruelty should be reported locally to authorities in the locality in which the suspected abuse occurred.

Black: specifically-designated animal control or animal services agency

Blue: police department or Sheriff's office (no specifically-designated animal division)

Green: contracted third-party organization

Appling County
Lennie Music, Animal Control Officer 912-367-8305
Athens-Clarke County
Atkinson County
Lennie Music, Animal Control Officer 912-367-8305
Athens-Clarke County Animal Control 706-613-3540
Atkinson County Sheriff's Office 912-422-3611

Bacon County See City of Alma

Alma David Alderman, Animal Control Officer 912-592-1627

Baker CountyBaker County Sheriff's Office 229-734-3002
Baldwin County
Baldwin County Animal Control 478-445-5514



Banks County Banks County Sheriff's Office 706-677-2248

Barrow County Jaclyn Fryman, Director of Animal Control 770-307-3012

Bartow County Bartow County Animal Control 770-387-5153

Ben Hill County City of Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Animal Control Division 229-426-5000

Berrien County See City of Nashville

Nashville Animal Control 229-686-7666

Bleckley County See City of Cochran

Cochran Sergeant Darrel Miller, Animal Control Officer 478-230-3875

Brantley County Brantley County Sheriff's Office 912-462-5727
Brooks County Sheriff's Dept. 229-263-9323

Bryan County Animal Services 912-851-3817 or 912-653-3816

Bulloch County Bulloch County Humane Enforcement 912-489-6911

Burke County Chaddrick Parrish, Director of Animal Services 762-225-6462

Butts County Lieutenant Crystal Williams, Animal Control Manager 770-775-8011

Calhoun County Calhoun County Sheriff's Dept. 229-849-2555
Camden County Animal Control 912-576-7395

Candler County See City of Metter

Metter Margo Hart, Animal Control Officer 912-685-7877

Carroll County Christy Owens, Animal Control Director, 770-834-8150

Catoosa County Jason Hunter, Interim Director of Animal Control 706-935-2454

Charlton County Sheriff's Office 912-496-7321

Chatham County Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Animal Services 912-652-6575

Chattahoochee Co. Chattahoochee County Sheriff's Office 706-989-3644
Chattooga County Jeremy Lee, Animal Control Officer 706-857-0680

Cherokee County Marshal's Animal Control 678-493-4080

Clay County Sheriff's Office 229-768-2505
Clayton County Clinch County Clinch County Clinch County Clinch County Clinch County Sheriff's Dept. 912-487-5316
Homerville Animal Control 912-487-5306

Cobb County Stephen Hammond, Director of Animal Services 770-499-4136

Coffee County See City of Douglas

Douglas Animal Control 912-389-3450

Colquitt County Moultrie Colquitt County Humane Society 229-985-5463

Columbia County Columbia County Animal Services 706-541-4077

Cook County See City of Adel

Adel Ronan Ward, Animal Control Officer 229-896-2224

Coweta County Animal Control 770-254-3735

Newnan Police Dept. Animal Warden 770-254-2355

Crawford County Rachel Carroll, Animal Control Officer 478-836-3199



Crisp County Crisp County Animal Services 229-276-2600

Cordele Animal Control 229-276-2921

Dade County Terry Powell, Parks and Animal Control Commissioner 706-657-4167

Dawson CountyDawson County Animal Control 706-265-7387DawsonvilleDawsonville Animal Control Dept. 706-265-3256Decatur CountyDecatur County Animal Control 229-248-3044BainbridgeBainbridge Public Safety Dept. 229-248-2038

DeKalb County DeKalb County Animal Enforcement Services 404-294-2996 x2

Chamblee Chamblee Animal Control Officer 770-986-5019

Dodge County Dodge County Law Enforcement Center 478-559-1130

Dooly County See City of Vienna

Vienna Animal Control Specialist 229-98-2447

Dougherty County See City of Albany

Albany Albany/Dougherty County Animal Control 229-431-2132

Douglas CountyDouglas County Animal Shelter 770-942-5961Early CountyEarly County Sheriff's Office 229-723-3577BlakelyBlakely Animal Control 229-724-7474

Echols County Echols County Sheriff's Office 229-559-5603

Effingham County Lorna Shelton, Animal Control Director 912-754-2109

Elbert County Animal Control 706-283-5054
Elberton Elberton Animal Control Officer 706-213-3130
Emanuel County Sheriff's Office 478-237-7526

Evans County Seth Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer 912-334-0556

Fannin County Animal Control 706-632-3845 **Fannin County** Fayette County Animal Shelter 770-631-7210 **Fayette County Floyd County** Floyd County Animal Control Dept. 706-236-4545 **Forsyth County** Forsyth County Animal Services 770-781-2138 **Franklin County** Franklin County Sheriff's Office 706-384-2525 **Fulton County** Fulton County Animal Services 404-613-0358 **Gilmer County** Gilmer County Animal Control 706-635-8911 Glascock County Sheriff's Office 706-598-2881 Glascock County **Glynn County** Glynn County Animal Services 912-554-7500 **Gordon County** Gordon County Animal Control 706-629-3327

Calhoun Animal Control 706-629-6746

Resaca Gordon County Animal Control 706-629-3327

Grady County Greene County Animal Control 229-377-3070

Greene County Animal Control 706-454-7039

Gwinnett County Gwinnett County Animal Welfare & Enforcement Center 770-339-3200 Habersham County Dept. of Animal Care & Control 706-839-0195



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Hall County Animal Control & Enforcement 770-531-6830

Hancock CountyHancock County Sheriff's Dept. 706-444-6471Haralson CountyHaralson County Animal Control 770-646-6622Harris CountyHarris County Animal Control 706-582-2763Hart CountyEric Brown, Animal Control Officer 706-376-3114Heard CountyHeard County Animal Control Center 706-675-3570

Henry County Henry County Animal Care & Control Dept. 770-288-7387

Houston CountyHouston County Animal Control 478-542-2033Warner RobinsWarner Robins Animal Control 478-929-7290Irwin CountyIrwin County Sheriff's Office 229-468-7459Jackson CountyJackson County Animal Control 706-367-5480Jasper CountyJasper County Animal Control 706-468-0396Jeff Davis CountyJeff Davis County Sheriff's Dept. 912-375-6600

Hazlehurst Police Dept. 912-375-6688

Jefferson County Jefferson County Sheriff's Office 478-625-7538

Wrens Police Dept. 706-547-3232

Jenkins County Jenkins County Sheriff's Office 478-982-4211

Millen Police Dept. 478-982-2750

Johnson County
Jones County
Jones County
Jones County
Jones County
Jones County
Jones County Animal Control 478-986-1427
Lamar County
Barnesville
Barnesville
Animal Control 770-358-0181
Lamar County Animal Control 770-358-0181

Lanier County Jessica Ganas, Animal Control Officer, Click to Contact

Laurens County Laurens County Animal Control 478-277-2943 Lee County Lee County Animal Control 229-759-6037 **Liberty County** Liberty County Animal Control 912-876-9191 **Lincoln County** Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 706-359-4118 **Long County** Long County Animal Control 912-545-2283 **Lowndes County** Lowndes County Animal Welfare 229-671-2760 **Lumpkin County** Lumpkin County Animal Shelter 706-867-7297 **Macon-Bibb County** Macon-Bibb Animal Welfare 478-621-6791 **Madison County** Madison County Animal Control 706-795-5589 **Marion County** Tri-County Animal Management 229-649-5670 McDuffie County Animal Services 706-595-0463 McDuffie County

McIntosh County

McIntosh County Animal Services 912-258-1376

Meriwether County Animal Shelter 706-672-2966

Miller County Miller County Sheriff's Office 229-758-3421

Mitchell County Stitches for Mitchell County 229-36-7030



Monroe County Monroe County Animal Control 478-993-1032

Montgomery County Jasmine Velazquez, Animal Control Officer 912-583-2521

Morgan County Morgan County Animal Control 706-752-1195

Madison Animal Control 706-342-9604

Murray County Animal Control 706-695-6222

Chatsworth Chatsworth Animal Control 706-695-8003 or 706-695-8069

Muscogee County Columbus Animal Care & Control Center 706-653-4512 or

Muscogee County Sheriff 706-653-4225

Newton CountyNewton County Animal Control 770-786-9514Oconee CountyOconee County Animal Services 706-769-3956

Oglethorpe County Oglethorpe County Code Compliance 706-743-5270

Paulding County Paulding County Animal Control 770-445-1511

Peach County Jessica McAbee, Animal Control Supervisor 478-825-5118

Pickens County Office of the Sheriff 706-253-8901

Jasper Animal Control 706-692-9100

Pierce County Pierce County Sheriff's Office 912-449-2011

Blackshear Blackshear Police Dept. 912-449-7011

Pike County Tanya Perkins, Director of Animal Services 678-603-7285

Polk County Polk County Animal Control 770-749-8908

Pulaski County Animal Control Officer 478-783-1212

Putnam County Putnam County Animal Services 706-485-3970

Quitman CountyBen Plowden, Code Enforcement Officer 334-255-9027 **Rabun County**Brandon McClain, Animal Control Director 706-782-5422

Randolph County Randolph County Sheriff's Office 229-732-2525

Richmond County Augusta Animal Services 706-790-6836

Rockdale County Rockdale County Animal Care Shelter 770-278-8403

Schley County Sheriff's Office 229-937-2101
Screven County
Screven County
Screven County Animal Control 912-978-1491

Sylvania Police Dept. 912-564-2055

Seminole County Sheriff's Office 229-524-5115
Spalding County Spalding County Animal Control 770-467-4772

Stephens County Marshal's Office 706-886-9491 ext. 9307
Stewart County Sheriff's Office 229-838-4393

Sumter County Animal Welfare & Control 229-924-4094

AmericusAmericus Animal Control Officer 229-924-7330Talbot CountyTalbot County Animal Control 706-741-3012Taliaferro CountyTaliaferro County Sheriff's Office 706-456-2345Tattnall CountyTattnall County Animal Control 912-557-6082

Taylor County Taylor County Sheriff's Office 478-862-5444



Telfair County
Terrell County
Thomas County
Tift County
Toombs County
Telfair County Sheriff's Office 229-868-6621
Terrell County Animal Control 229-995-4410
Thomas County Sheriff's Office 229-236-2772
Tift County
Tift County Animal Control 229-382-7397
Toombs County Sheriff's Office 912-526-9292

Vidalia Vidalia Animal Control 912-537-8866

Towns County Towns County Sheriff's Office 706-896-4444

Treutlen County See City of Soperton

Soperton Animal Control 912-529-6174

Troup County Troup County Marshal's Office Animal Control Division 706-883-1627

LaGrange Police Dept. Animal Services 706-298-3606

Turner CountyTurner County Sheriff's Office 229-567-2401
Twiggs County
Twiggs County Sheriff's Office 478-945-3357

Union County Union County Sheriff's Office Animal Control 706-439-6052

Upson County Upson County Animal Control 706-647-5586

Walker County Bailey Clements, Animal Services Director 706-375-2100 ext. 1

Walton County Animal Control Dept. 770-267-1322

Ware County Ware County Animal Services 912-287-4379
Waycross Waycross Animal Control 912-287-2900

Warren County Deputy Greg Long, Animal Control Officer 706-465-2091

Washington County Sandersville-Washington County Animal Control Shelter 478-552-2756

Wayne County
Wayne Conty Animal Control 912-559-5823
Webster County
Wheeler County
White County
White County
Wayne Conty Animal Control 912-559-5823
Webster County Sheriff's Office 229-828-7503
Wheeler County Sheriff's Office 912-568-7107
White County Animal Control 706-219-2689

Whitfield County Whitfield County Sheriff Animal Control Unit 706-275-7500

Wilcox County Wilcox County Sheriff's Office 229-467-2322
Wilkes County Washington-Wilkes Animal Shelter 706-678-2287
Wilkinson County Sheriff's Office 478-946-2411
Worth County Worth County Animal Control 229-777-7774

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