

# How to Recognize Animal Cruelty

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## Signs of Animal Cruelty

- Numerous healed or open wounds
- Continual illnesses or injuries that are not being treated
- Tight and/or embedded collar with neck wound
- Untreated skin conditions and rashes, including but not limited to untreated mange
- Untreated fur conditions including matting, balding, dirty coat, and/or tick, flea, or other parasite infestations
- Heavy discharge from eyes and nose
- Weakness, limping, or inability to use limbs
- Emaciation, visible signs of lack of nourishment
- Signs of confusion or extreme lethargy
- Witnessing a person physically abusing animal
- Abnormal behavior that includes extreme aggression or shyness

## Living Conditions Indicating Animal Cruelty

- Animals left with inadequate or unsanitary food and water
- Tethered animals who are tethered all day without shade or shelter or not close enough to food or water bowls
- Pets left out on balconies or patios all day without proper shelter
- Pets kept in inclement weather or extreme temperatures without adequate shelter
- Pets kept in areas with feces, garbage, or other dangerous materials that could injure the animal
- Animals showing evidence of being trained for or having been used to fight
- Animals living on one property with an excessive number of other animals; may be a sign of animal hoarding
- Animals left in an empty house or yard