

ANIMAL CRUELTY RESOURCES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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Founded in 1866, the **ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®)** is the first animal welfare organization in North America and serves as the nation's leading voice for animals. The ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. The ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. It provides training on animal cruelty for law enforcement, veterinary professionals, animal care and control and many others and works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to assist in responding to animal abuse and neglect.

ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

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**ANIMAL LEGAL
DEFENSE FUND**

Our Criminal Justice Program provides the following free legal services to prosecutors, law enforcement, and veterinary professionals:

- **Legal research:** Performing legal research, formulating case strategies, and submitting amicus curiae briefs; providing sample pleadings, research memos, voir dire questions, jury instructions, and briefs on issues relevant to cruelty prosecutions
- **Professional trainings:** Leading accredited training programs for police and animal control officers, prosecutors, judges, and veterinarians specific to animal cruelty cases
- **Grant funding:** Offering grant money to help cover the costs of caring for seized animals, necessary forensic work, and obtaining expert witnesses
- **Expert witnesses:** Securing and funding expert witnesses including veterinarians, animal behaviorists, and experts on organized animal fighting and animal hoarding

ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

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**Animal Welfare
Institute**
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While AWI's mission is to alleviate suffering of nonhuman animals, the principle followed by AWI of compassion and nonviolence applies to human animals as well as nonhuman animals. The **Animal Welfare Institute** condemns violence directed against all living creatures. There are no exceptions. Thus, we both regard animal cruelty as a violent crime in and of itself, and we recognize and seek to address the relationship between animal cruelty and other forms of violence. Through our Animals and Family Violence program, AWI provides resources to assist survivors of domestic violence and child abuse, juvenile offenders, and others; interacts with entities addressing violence and trauma; and is working with law enforcement communities to ensure robust collection of animal cruelty data for submission to the FBI.

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**ASSOCIATION OF
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The **Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA)** is a national 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.. APA has a staff and international membership comprised of elected and appointed prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement professionals as well as a number of various criminal justice system actors. Working in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, other non-profit organizations, experts on current prosecutorial concerns as well as several universities and colleges, APA provides a forum for productive discourse and the exchange of ideas. In addition they provide a number of valuable services including training, technical assistance, webinars, publications, as well as regional and national conferences.

BIG CAT RESCUE

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Big Cat Rescue is one of the world's largest accredited sanctuaries for big cats, including lions and tigers, mostly rescued from private owners. Our mission is to provide the best home we can for the cats in our care, end abuse of big cats in captivity, and prevent the extinction of big cats in the wild. We work with law enforcement and a network of partners to safely transport and place confiscated exotic cats. An estimated 10,000-20,000 big cats are owned by ill-equipped private individuals and roadside zoos in the United States, posing an unnecessary risk to public safety, law enforcement, and other first responders.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

The **Humane Society of the United States** is a national animal protection organization that fights for all animals by providing hands-on care to more than 100,000 animals each year, and professionalizing the animal protection field through education and training for local organizations.

Through its Law Enforcement Training Center and Humane State programs, every year the HSUS trains thousands of law enforcement officers across the country on how to investigate illegal animal cruelty and fighting. The HSUS also provides law enforcement with a fully equipped response team; the nation's leading experts on animal crimes; a \$5,000 reward for the arrest of animal fighters; and direct care for animals seized in cruelty and fighting cases.

NATIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION

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**NATIONAL ANIMAL
CARE & CONTROL ASSOCIATION**

The National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) was formed in 1978 for the express purpose of assisting its members to perform their duties in a professional manner. We believe only carefully selected and properly trained animal control personnel can correct community problems resulting from irresponsible animal ownership. NACA's purpose is to preserve the Human/Animal Bond by insisting on responsible animal ownership.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER ON ANIMAL ABUSE

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The **National Law Enforcement Center on Animal Abuse** was established to provide law enforcement officers information on the realities of animal abuse and to promote their proactive involvement in the enforcement of animal abuse laws in their communities. NLECAA serves as an information clearinghouse and forum for law enforcement on the growing problem of animal cruelty.

NATIONAL LINK COALITION

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NATIONAL LINK COALITION

*Working together to stop violence
against people and animals*

We are the National Resource Center on The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence. We publish a free monthly bulletin, The LINK-Letter. We conduct training programs for law enforcement and prosecution personnel; offer free resources and technical assistance; address legislative issues; and collect academic research regarding how animal abuse is Linked with child, domestic and elder abuse and other community crimes.

