



In Collaboration with Heath Mobile Veterinary Services

RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING EQUINE CRUELTY OR NEGLECT

How Do I Recognize Equine Cruelty or Neglect?

Physical Signs May Include:

- Observing physical abuse by a person
- Equine (horse, mule, or donkey) is extremely thin
- Equine shows extreme fear of suspected abuser
- Open wounds or multiple healed wounds on equine's head, sides, or legs
- Observed limping or equine can't walk or stand
- Observing a halter, rope, or wire embedded in horse's nose or neck; or halter, rope, or wire is so tight it's causing a wound
- Loss of hair, scaly skin, bumps, or rashes
- Severely matted mane and tail, overgrown hoofs (cracks, chips, or toes curving upwards), or filthy coat
- Heavy discharge from eyes or nose
- Visible signs of confusion or extreme drowsiness
- Lying down for prolonged period of time when not at rest

Environmental Signs May Include:

- Living in filthy conditions (feces, garbage, piles of wood or metal)
- Kept tied outside for long periods of time without adequate food or water
- Kept in pen or stall without room to lie down
- Living in pen or field with no grass or hay visible
- Trees with bark missing from trunks or lower branches with no leaves present
- Water container with dirty water or little to no water
- Strong odor of urine, ammonia, fecal matter, decay, or decomposition from barn, stall, or pen

Who Should I Call?

Use this tool to look up the phone number for your local Animal Services or Animal Control agency:

<http://nationallinkcoalition.org/how-do-i-report-suspected-abuse/texas>

What Should I Say?

Be prepared to provide your name, contact information, physical address of property, description of animal(s), and explanation of suspected harm to the animal.