

For animal crimes in Progress, call 911. To contact the Animal Cruelty Task Force, call (213) 486-0450.

## Statistics



85% of women and 63% of children entering abuse shelters discussed incidents of animal cruelty in their households.



71% of women in shelters said their abusers injured or killed their companion animal(s).



Children in 88% of homes with prosecutable animal cruelty cases reported being abused.



32% of domestic violence victims with pets in their households reported that one or more of their children hurt or killed their companion animal(s).

## Los Angeles Animal Shelters

West Los Angeles Shelter  
11950 Missouri Avenue  
West Los Angeles, CA 90025

West Valley Shelter  
20655 Plummer Street  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

North Central  
Los Angeles Shelter  
3201 Lacy Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90031

East Valley Shelter  
14409 Vanowen St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91405

South Los Angeles Shelter  
3612 11th Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90018

Harbor Shelter  
957 N. Gaffey St.  
San Pedro CA 90731

A friend is waiting 🐾🐾🐾 Adopt a pet.

<http://www.laanimalservices.com>

## In Case of Emergency Dial 911

For non-emergencies, you may contact the Los Angeles Police Department at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired.

You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department's Web site at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) and clicking on "Prevent Crime."

Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or activity, please contact your local police station or the LAPD crime hotline at 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855).

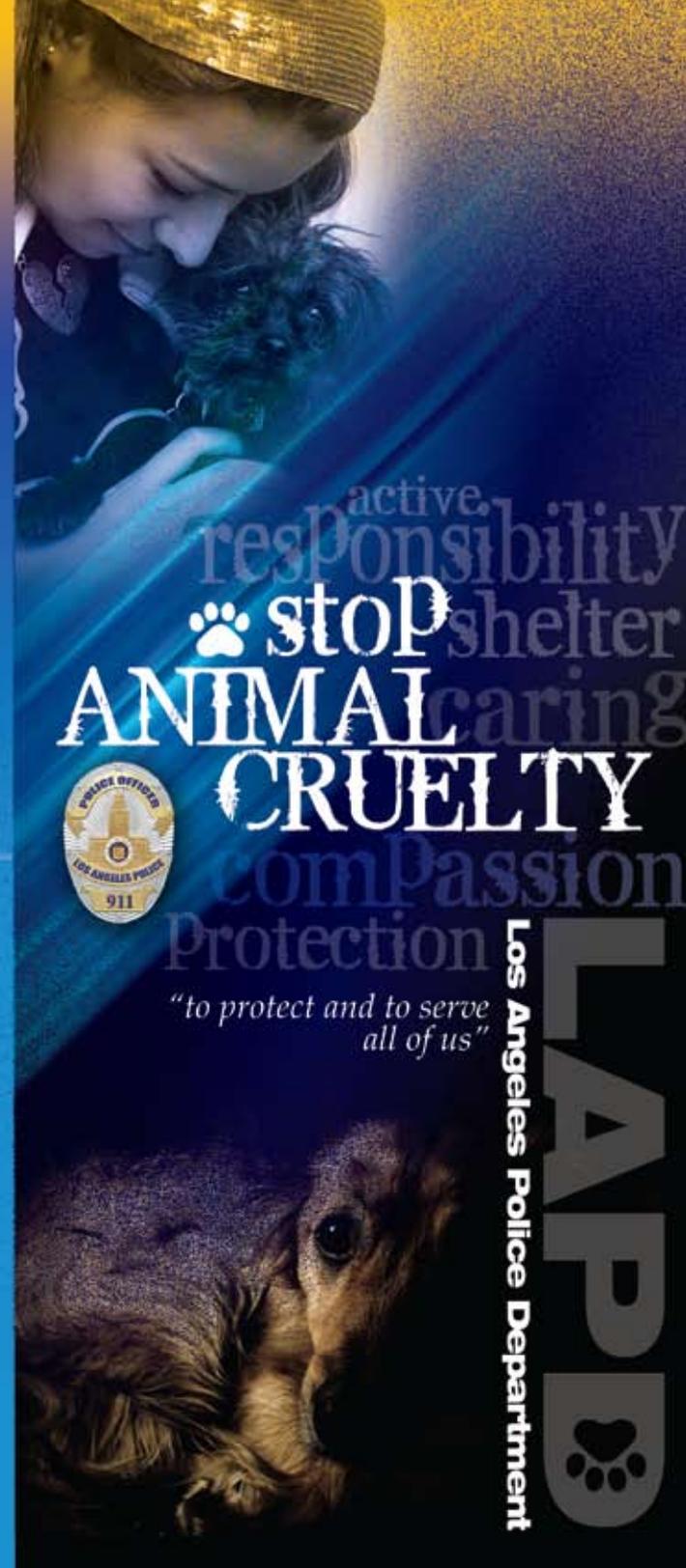
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### What is animal cruelty?

Animal cruelty is defined as the malicious and intentional maiming, mutilating, torturing, neglecting, and/or wounding of a living animal, or the malicious and intentional killing of an animal.

### What does animal cruelty include?

Animal cruelty includes any activity that causes injury, disability or death of an animal. Examples of animal cruelty include kicking, hitting, choking, punching, hanging, stabbing, shooting, setting on fire, electrocution and animal hoarding.

### What is animal hoarding?

Animal hoarding involves keeping an unusually high number of animals as pets without having the ability to properly house or care for them. Hoarding can be characterized as a symptom of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Hoarders are typically deeply attached to their pets, and believe they are truly caring for their animal companions.

### Why shouldn't we tolerate animal cruelty?

Cruelty to animals is a crime. Cruelty to animals can also be evidence of emotional disturbances, which could later lead to violence toward humans. Infamous killers such as Jeffrey Dahmer, "Son of Sam" David Berkowitz, "the Boston strangler" Albert Desalvo and many more each have histories of animal cruelty. Psychologists and criminal profiling experts have documented a strong link between animal cruelty and violence against humans.

### What does ACTF investigate?

The Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) investigates animal cruelty, neglect, hoarding, mutilation or sacrifice, bestiality, cockfighting and dog fighting. ACTF investigations are a combined effort of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles Department of Animal Services.

### What happens to the impounded animals?

Impounded animals are taken to the nearest animal shelters located citywide. At the shelters, some of the impounded animals are entered into the Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program, where they receive the medical treatment needed from experienced veterinarians.

### May I foster or adopt animals that have been impounded by the ACTF?

Yes. The Department of Animal Services has a foster program that trains volunteers to provide temporary homes for animals with special needs until they are healthy enough for adoption. Please contact the Department of Animal Services at (888) 452-7381 or visit [www.lacity.org/ani](http://www.lacity.org/ani) for more information on the foster or adoption programs.

### Do suspects who commit animal cruelty go to jail?

Yes. Animal cruelty is a violation of California Penal Code Section 597 and is punishable by imprisonment in a state prison, or by a fine of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or by both the fine and imprisonment.

### Does the City of Los Angeles require all dogs within the City to be licensed?

Yes. Dog owners are required to obtain a license for their dog(s). Having a dog without a license is a violation of the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.15.3. Dog licensing violation imposes escalating fines. Go to [www.lacity.org/ani](http://www.lacity.org/ani) for more information on obtaining licenses.

### Can I make my complaint anonymously?

Yes. Any animal cruelty complaint may be made anonymously. The complainant's identity will be kept with utmost confidentiality.

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