



## Tips for reporting animal cruelty in Maricopa County, AZ

- 1- If an animal is being violently attacked or is otherwise at risk for imminent death or very serious injury, call 911.
- 2- Reporting party should be the person who observed the cruelty.
- 3- For other (non-emergency) cruelty reports, call non-emergency number for jurisdiction where you live and AHS or MCSO cruelty line where appropriate
- 4- What should callers/witnesses do to ensure that agency responds or if agency is non-responsive?
  - a. Go up chain of command (ask for officer's supervisor. Start with sergeant, move up to lieutenant or captain and even chief and staff, if needed)
  - b. Need ("long-form") report to get case through investigating agency to detective or prosecutor (this varies from city to city).
  - c. Cite [ARS §13-2910](#)- Arizona's animal cruelty statute that is part of criminal code that agencies are charged with enforcing. Municipality or county may also have local ordinance that is relevant.
  - d. Don't be anonymous; ask for a call back from the responding officer "with disposition." This holds everyone accountable. Get the officer's name, badge number and an "Event number" or "Report number". If you don't think it was handled appropriately you can call again and ask for that officer's sergeant.

### **\*Resources: (including non-emergency Police Department Numbers)**

Chandler- 480 782-4130

Gilbert- 480-503-6500

Glendale-623 930-3000

Mesa

Animal Control- 480-644-2268 (M-F 7am- 6 pm)

Police- 480 644-2211

Phoenix- 602 262-6151

Peoria- 623-773-8311 (same number for Animal Control and non-emergency police)

Scottsdale- 480-312-5000

Tempe- 480-350-8311

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office ("MCSO") at 602-876-1681 (unincorporated Maricopa County only)

Arizona Humane Society at 602-977-7585, ext. 2073

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