



Tips for Reporting Animal Cruelty in Maricopa County

If an animal is being violently attacked or is otherwise at risk for imminent death or very serious injury, call 911.

1. The reporting party should be the person who observed the cruelty.
2. For other (non-emergency) cruelty reports, call the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) or Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).
 - AHS covers the cities of Gilbert, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe ONLY.
3. What should callers/witnesses do to ensure that an agency responds or if an agency is non-responsive?
 - Go up the chain of command.
 - Ask for the officer's supervisor. Start with sergeant and then move up to lieutenant or captain and even chief and staff, if needed.
 - Request a "long-form" or "incident" report to get the case through the investigating agency to a detective or prosecutor. A call to a non-emergency number will not always lead to a report or be given an "event number." This varies from city to city.
 - Cite ARS 13-2910.
 - This is an 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.
 - Don't be anonymous.
 - Ask for a call back from the responding officer "with disposition." This holds everyone accountable. Get the officers 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):

Arizona Humane Society	602-997-7585, ext. 2073 https://www.azhumane.org/report-animal-abuse/
Avondale	623-333-7001
Buckeye	623-349-6400
Chandler	480-782-4130
Fountain Hills	602-876-8477
Gilbert	480-503-6500 Email: police@gilbertaz.gov
Glendale	623-930-3000
Goodyear	623-932-1220
Maricopa County	602-876-1000 (Unincorporated)

Sheriff's Office	Maricopa County Only)
Mesa	Animal Control: 480-644-2268 (M-F 7am - 6pm) Police: 480-644-2211
Paradise Valley	480-948-7410
Peoria	623-773-8311
Phoenix	602-262-6151
Scottsdale	480-312-5000
Surprise	623-222-4000
Southern Arizona Animal Cruelty Task Force	http://www.act-az.org/