
**ANIMAL CRUELTY, ABUSE
OR ABANDONMENT IS
ILLEGAL**



**INDIANAPOLIS ANIMAL
CARE SERVICES**

How to report: If you witness or suspect someone of animal cruelty, abandonment or poisoning, immediately contact Indianapolis Animal Care Services (IACS). Give them the details of the situation, the address where the crime is occurring, and the name(s) of anyone committing the crime, if known.

Go to www.indy.gov/requestindy - click on the following tabs - Create a New Request > Animals > Other Animal Requests > abused or abandoned animal, as the case may be. Information submitted through the app is immediately provided to the on-duty Animal Control Officers.

Or call the Mayor's Action Center (MAC Line) during normal business hours 7:30a -5:30p at **(317) 327- 4622**. If there is a need on the weekends, after hours or holidays - citizens can call the police non-emergency line at **(317) 327-3811**. For an emergency situation you should call 911.

It does not matter if the animal is a pet, stray, feral or wild animal, (IACS) is the enforcement authority for animal ordinances in the city.

CRUELTY/ABUSE

Section 531-401, entitled "General requirements for animal care and treatment," states that animals must be, protected against abuse, cruelty, neglect, torment, overload, overwork, or any other mistreatment.

ABANDONMENT

Section 531-402, entitled "Abandonment of Animal" states: It shall be unlawful for a person to abandon any animal on public or private property in the city. For example, moving and leaving your pet behind in your residence or putting them outside to fend for themselves is prohibited. In addition, trapping and dumping cats, chickens or rabbits in a location different from their home neighborhood is illegal.

POISONING

Section 531-403, entitled "Attempts to poison animal" states: It shall be unlawful for a person to throw or deposit poisoned meat or any poison or harmful substance in any street, alley, marketplace or public place, or on any private premises, in the city for the purpose of destroying or injuring any animal.

ANIMAL FIGHTING

Sec. 531-404, entitled "Animal Fighting" states: It shall be unlawful for a person to incite, train to fight or set any animal to fighting another animal or to incite combat between animals and humans.

Violators may be fined up to \$2,500 for EACH VIOLATION and some acts can be classified as a FELONY.
