

COLUMBUS HUMANE and FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Who do you call if you have a complaint about animal cruelty? What about vicious or dangerous dogs?

COLUMBUS HUMANE

Let's answer the first question. The Capital Area Humane Society is now Columbus Humane. They are the lead enforcement agency in Franklin County for investigating reports of animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect. Personnel are available 365 days a year to investigate the complaints, and to educate members of the community of the proper care and treatment of animals.

Anyone can call to report what they suspect is a case of cruelty, abuse, and neglect. Columbus Humane receives calls from concerned citizens, social services, health departments, and other law enforcement agencies.

Columbus Humane does not pick up stray dogs, dogs running loose; for this type of complaint call Franklin County Animal Care & Control.

Columbus Humane does not pick up stray cats and kittens. There is no agency in Central Ohio that provides this service. They will accept stray cats and kittens (*not wild/feral*) that are candidates for adoption.

How to file a report:

Please call 614-777-7387, ext. 250 to leave a voice mail. This service is available 24 hours a day. *All calls are completely confidential.* You will need to leave the street address and zip code of where the animal is located. If you leave a return phone number, this will allow the Cruelty Dispatcher to contact you for further information.

Or, file an On-line report at www.columbushumane.org

How do you recognize animal cruelty (from Columbus Humane's Website):

- Extremely thin, starving animals
- Wounds on the body.
- Patches of missing hair.
- Limping.
- Dogs who are repeatedly left alone without food, water or shelter, often chained or locked up in a yard.
- Animals that have been abandoned by their owner.
- An owner striking, or otherwise physically abusing an animal.
- Tick or flea infestations. Flystrike – open wounds on ears and/or nose caused by biting flies.
- Animals with an injury or illness who have not received medical care.
- Embedded collars/chains around the neck.
- Animals whose hair is severely matted.
- Intentionally fighting animals.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL.

The Franklin County Animal Care & Control provides field animal control services to the citizens of Franklin County 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. They are responsible for the enforcement of Ohio's vicious, dangerous and nuisance dog laws in Franklin County. Call their offices at 614-525-3400, 24-hours a day.

The agency also handles the following problems related to animals:

- Dogs running loose; call 614-525-3400 to file a report.
- Sick or injured stray dogs; call 614-525-3400 to file a report.
- Bites and injuries caused by dogs; occurred within 24 hours call 614-525-3400 to file a report. For non-serious bites more than 24 hours old, call Franklin County Public Health at 614-525-3160 to file a report.
- Bites and injuries caused by other animals; for bites to humans involving other mammal (i.e. cats, raccoons, bats), or scratches that break the skin, call 614-525-3400 to file a report.

For more information, please visit their Website at <https://dogs.franklincountyohio.gov>, or find a link on the Franklin County Commissioners' Website at <https://commissioners.franklincountyohio.gov>.

The Sharon Township Police Department does not investigate instances of animal cruelty, abuse, neglect, and vicious / dangerous / nuisance dog laws. The organizations listed in this article have the experience and expertise to investigate these types of cases.