

Important Numbers

Keep these phone numbers handy so that you will be ready to help any animal.

Police Department

Name: _____

Number: _____

Animal Shelter

Name: _____

Number: _____

Veterinarian

Name: _____

Number: _____

Wildlife Rehabilitator

Name: _____

Number: _____

Call the First Strike® campaign at The Humane Society of the United States if your class would like to know more about helping animals—202-452-1100.



What would you do if you saw someone hurting an animal?

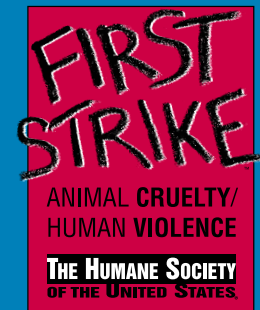


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Abuse Is Serious

Animal abuse is one link in a chain of abuse that hurts everyone—animals and people. Kids who hurt animals can grow up to be adults who hurt kids or other adults.

If you know someone who has hurt an animal or who talks about hurting animals, tell this to an adult in your family or to your teacher. Either you or the adult should call the police and local animal shelter. The chain of abuse cannot be broken until you share what you know.

Get an Adult to Help

If you see someone hurting an animal, don't try to help the animal yourself. That could be dangerous—the animal may be scared and the person hurting the animal may be angry. Try to remember what the person looks like, what was happening, and where it was happening.

Then get help from an adult you trust. You or the adult should also call the police and local animal shelter. If you can't find an adult to help, call the police or your local emergency number (it is 911 in many areas).



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Be Observant

How big is the animal? What color is the animal? Notice where the animal is. (Is he near a store, a house, or another landmark?) Try to get the exact address. If you're with a friend, ask your friend to watch the animal while you call for help. Then call the people at your local animal shelter and ask them to send someone as soon as possible. They may need to call you back, so give your name and home phone number.



Help Strays, Too

Animals running loose are called strays and sometimes bite because they are scared, sick, or injured. If you see a stray dog or cat, don't go near! Get a good look from a safe distance.

Start Helping Now!

Talk to your family, your teacher, or your local animal shelter to ask how you can help.

Be the First to Know How to Help

Set an example for younger kids.

- Show them this flyer.
- Teach them to watch and appreciate animals, instead of scaring or chasing them.
- Remind them not to go near a stray or injured animal but to get an adult to help.

Some people may tease you for helping animals. **That's OK. Be yourself. Be kind.**

Doesn't Everybody Love Animals?

Cats, dogs, horses, cows, rabbits, and elephants are wonderful in many different ways. Most kids know it's good to treat animals with kindness and respect.

But sometimes someone hurts an animal on purpose—maybe to be mean or to show off. We call that animal abuse. Just like child abuse, it's wrong. This flyer is about helping abused animals.

