



**Franklin County Municipal Court  
Environmental Division  
Judge Stephanie Mingo**

# **Animal Cruelty**

Animals can't speak for themselves. They rely on humans who care about their well-being. If you know of an animal that has been abandoned, neglected, or mistreated, please contact Columbus Humane at (614)777-7387 ext. 250 so that they may investigate or direct you to the proper resource.



Take all reports of animal abuse and cruelty seriously. When filing a complaint, be prepared to provide the street address and zip code of where the animal is located. Any photos or videos you can get of what your reporting is helpful evidence to provide to the investigation. Your call to the Humane Society is not confidential, but leaving your contact information allows Columbus Humane Cruelty Investigators to contact you for further information.

# How to Recognize Animal Cruelty

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

Animals with an injury or illness who have not received medical care

*For more information on animal related contact information, programs, and brochures visit the Environmental Court's website.*

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