

Process for Reporting Animal Welfare Concerns to an Animal Rescue Organisation

1. Identify the Concern

Clearly determine if the situation involves potential animal neglect, abuse, or welfare concerns. Gather relevant details such as the animal's condition, environment, and any observed behaviour that suggests distress.

2. Gather Information

Before reporting, collect as much information as possible. Take note of:

- The type of animal involved (species, breed, etc.)
- The location where the concern was observed
- The date and time of the incident
- Descriptions of the animal's condition or environment
- Any visible injuries or signs of neglect
- Photographs or videos, if safe and legal to do so

3. Find the Right Organisation

Research the appropriate animal rescue or welfare organisation in your area.

This could be:

- Local animal shelters or rescues
- Animal welfare charities or societies (e.g., GSPCA)
- Government animal control services - States Veterinary Officer

4. Contact the Organisation

Reach out to the organisation through their preferred reporting channels.

Most organisations accept reports via:

- **Phone:** Call the organisation's hotline or general number to make a report.

- **Email:** Send an email detailing the concern and attach any supporting evidence like photos or videos.
- **Online Forms:** Many organisations provide online reporting forms on their websites.

5. **Provide Detailed Information**

When reporting, provide a clear and detailed account of the situation, including all the information gathered. Be factual, objective, and concise in your report to help the organisation assess the urgency of the situation.

6. **Follow Up (Optional)**

Depending on the organisation's policies, you may follow up to inquire about the status of your report. However, not all organisations provide updates on ongoing investigations.

7. **Remain Confidential (if necessary)**

If you wish to remain anonymous, many organisations allow anonymous reporting. However, be mindful that providing contact details may help investigators gather more information if needed.

8. **Stay Informed**

If you're concerned about ongoing welfare issues in your community, stay informed about local animal welfare laws and ways you can support organisations through volunteer work or donations.