

Safer Together: Cross-Reporting for Humane and Human Services in Indiana

Free Virtual Workshop • Wednesday • 10-26-22 • 10am – 4:30pm



Presenters:

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Facilitator:

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Registration: September 10 – October 24:

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Partners: Animal Welfare Institute, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Lafayette Animal Control, National Association of Social Workers – IN Chapter, National Link Coalition, Pet Friendly Services of Indiana, Prevent Child Abuse, Tippecanoe County Prosecutors

Why This Workshop?

In 2018, [Indiana Code 12-10-3-8.5](#), **Reporting of observed or suspected animal cruelty, abandonment, or neglect**, became law. This new law allows employees of Adult Protective Services and the Department of Child Services to report suspected animal abuse. This law is important because compelling evidence links animal cruelty and neglect to domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse, and elder abuse. We will introduce you to the law, explain what you need to know about it, and show you how to respond.

Animal abuse frequently is an indicator and predictor of interpersonal, family, and community violence, particularly in domestic violence and child maltreatment scenarios. Significant numbers of women report that threats to their companion and farm animals prevent them from leaving abusive relationships. Children who perpetrate or witness animal cruelty are at risk of being victims themselves and/or future perpetrators of violence, with lifelong adverse emotional consequences. Cross-training and cross-reporting among human services and animal protection agencies are necessary to create more effective species-spanning community collaboratives that prevent and prosecute these interlocking forms of family violence.

The Animal Welfare Institute and the National Link Coalition, with the support of the Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-IN) and the Winley Foundation, will host this virtual workshop to explore this critical issue and opportunities to establish and enhance cross-training and cross-reporting processes at the local level. This workshop will explore “the dark side” of the human-animal bond and its implications for human and humane services, family welfare agencies, prosecutors, law enforcement, and human and veterinary medicine. It will describe new strategies, public policy, research, and programs to prevent family violence and to respond to its human and animal victims.

Topics to be addressed include: animal hoarding, animal sexual abuse, animal fighting, applicable statutes and statistics, case studies, and animal abuse’s specific links with child maltreatment, domestic violence, elder abuse, and community violence. There will be a law enforcement case study recognizing the link between animal and human violence and utilizing threat assessments for better case resolution and officer safety. Recommendations for professionals and advocates and an extensive list of resources will be presented. NASW-IN will be providing 5.5 CEUs for social workers.

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