

Q5 Can you please share your ideas and/or comments about Cross Reporting?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think it is very important to report animal abuse and I feel it would be helpful to inform staff of how to do it and what to look for.	9/27/2018 8:39 AM
2	Cross training with DCF and Dept of Ag; liaison at Dept of Ag workers can contact with questions, follow up after sending Report form, etc.	9/25/2018 9:00 AM
3	Do not know much about it	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
4	Given the research on the relationship between animal abuse and child abuse, critical initiative.	9/25/2018 7:02 AM
5	-	9/24/2018 3:14 PM
6	Cross reporting policy is not well known	9/24/2018 1:18 PM
7	I think it is important to do so. Animals are just as defenseless as children.	9/24/2018 12:34 PM
8	Great idea....	9/24/2018 12:31 PM
9	It's a good idea.	9/24/2018 12:26 PM
10	Animal cruelty reported to designated state agencies	9/24/2018 11:47 AM
11	inter-agency collaborative and cross training should be done	9/24/2018 11:26 AM
12	info needs to be as simple as possible to implement	9/24/2018 11:01 AM
13	great idea	9/24/2018 10:52 AM
14	I can't think of any at this time.	9/24/2018 10:49 AM
15	I have no clue about reporting animal abuse. Please send out a flyer that contains facts and instructions. A whole training is not needed.	9/24/2018 10:37 AM
16	I would like some information concerning Cross Reporting	9/24/2018 10:34 AM
17	I think it needs to be a requirement and something that is discussed by managers and supervisors more with their workers, that animals are as important as the children as they are both vulnerable. It needs to be discussed more in the office so that every worker knows exactly what to look for and what to do if an animal is being mistreated.	9/24/2018 10:33 AM
18	I feel it's very likely that if abuse or neglect of a minor is occurring then the same is happening to a pet.	9/24/2018 10:29 AM
19	Being a pet owner myself, I am very pleased that we are recognizing animal cruelty/neglect as they are part of the family and need our protection to ensure that their needs are met on a consistent basis..	9/24/2018 10:24 AM
20	very important	9/24/2018 10:18 AM
21	Never heard this term before	9/24/2018 10:18 AM
22	It is important to understand how people treat animals. It is good that CT has this law.	9/24/2018 10:18 AM
23	I think it is great, but we should have a training around it in order to fully understand out role and how to report.	9/24/2018 10:01 AM
24	Training for all direct line staff along with SWS and PS should be required. I'm glad to see this is being paid attention too. Animal cruelty began prior to child abuse neglect which is telling.	9/24/2018 9:50 AM
25	Animals can be put on protective order in ipv cases	9/24/2018 9:49 AM
26	concerns are that it would intervene with the CPS aspect of the case and cause potential problems with trust building with families.	9/24/2018 9:44 AM

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27	I feel this is a serious concern especially with the pitbulls that our families care for. The pittbulls can become very agressive and turn on their owner or anyone in the home. I had a case in teh past where the pittbull attacked the child in the home due to allegedly being hungry and because child was taunting the dog. Due to his taunting behaviors the dog attacked the child and he had to be rush to the hospital for very severe injuries.	9/24/2018 9:42 AM
28	We have had one encounter with what we felt was harsh treatment of a family pet, but that was due more to ignorance. Suggesting "dog" training classes that were as much about training owners along with letting them know they could always give the dog up to the CT Humane Society if they found they were not able to properly care for their "pet" eventually helped in the "pet" becoming a much beloved member of their family. We were just plain lucky. Not all encounters result in happy outcomes.	9/24/2018 9:40 AM
29	There should be an informational meeting where this process/requirement can be provided to everyone	9/24/2018 9:39 AM
30	I feel much more equipped to recognize child abuse than animal abuse.	9/24/2018 9:38 AM
31	don't have any questions as of yet. (unsure what questions to ask?)	9/24/2018 9:37 AM
32	I think it is a good idea since people who abuse animals have a higher tendency to abuse children	9/24/2018 9:34 AM
33	n/a	9/24/2018 9:33 AM
34	I would like to know more about cross reporting.	9/24/2018 9:31 AM
35	The way humans treat animals is an extreme coralation in regards to how children are treated..... I definitely keep my eyes open	9/24/2018 9:30 AM
36	Animals/humans. Made from flesh and blood. Difference between us, we can talk, they cannot. Both species experience, pain, cold heat, neglect, emotional neglect. They should not be treated as objects, but as living creatures that should not be hurt or thought less of.	9/24/2018 9:29 AM
37	As an intake worker, I shared with a SWS animal neglect in a home and inquired if I should call to report the neglect. However, the concept was dismissed by supervisor. Hence I was not aware we were supposed to report.	9/24/2018 9:29 AM
38	I believe it would be extremely beneficial and should be communicated better so that we can help animals being abused. These poor animals have no voice and need help.	9/24/2018 9:26 AM
39	I don't have stats, but it would be helpful if the information is shared with staff so we are abreast of these numbers.	9/24/2018 9:26 AM
40	None at this time	9/24/2018 9:26 AM
41	DCF and Dpt of Agriculture should be providing annual trainings re: cross reporting	9/24/2018 9:24 AM
42	Info. on who to report to for staff, regional contacts. Training for new DCF workers (trainees)	9/24/2018 9:24 AM
43	A training on animal abuse reporting.	9/24/2018 9:23 AM
44	This is the first I am hearing about it.	9/24/2018 9:21 AM
45	Sometimes it is hard to determine neglect of an animal. There could be an injury or issue that the family is working on. Is there any documentation that would help to decipher if something is abuse.....maybe a checklist that investigators can have?	9/24/2018 9:20 AM
46	More information would be helpful	9/24/2018 9:20 AM
47	I do not do home visiting in my position	9/24/2018 9:19 AM
48	i have none	9/24/2018 9:19 AM
49	Law enforcement (State and local agencies) are not educated about the legislation and/or our mandate. It would be helpful if they were and if they had protocols to streamline our collaboration.	9/24/2018 9:17 AM
50	I am not sure of exactly what this is. I have had concerns with some of the appearance of animals in homes with DCF involvement but not necessarily animal abuse. I would like to know more and build a partnership.	9/24/2018 9:16 AM
51	DCF is here to protect children. Of course if animals are being abused, it should be reported. However children are the priority.	9/24/2018 9:16 AM
52	Where do I call and where can I find more info. about this subject?	9/24/2018 9:14 AM

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53	I know there is a correlation between animal abuse, child abuse and domestic violence	9/21/2018 9:13 PM
54	N/a	9/21/2018 11:02 AM
55	There should be more education about it as I have been with DCF for 21 years and am just hearing of this now.	9/20/2018 1:52 PM
56	Fortunately, I have never had to do this, but I am aware of how to.	9/20/2018 8:38 AM
57	I don't think there's been sufficient sharing of information regarding this issue with ongoing staff. More info blasts would be warranted.	9/20/2018 8:32 AM
58	n/a	9/20/2018 5:39 AM
59	N/A	9/19/2018 3:04 PM
60	animal abuse is an important indicator for mental health issues and should be assessed with RRG	9/19/2018 2:24 PM
61	I am not a social worker, but I have reported animal abuse as a civilian and will ALWAYS do so.	9/19/2018 12:56 PM
62	It's very important because of the link between animal and child abuse.	9/19/2018 12:26 PM
63	100% necessary and related to both child abuse/neglect and animal abuse/neglect, where there is one there is often both.	9/19/2018 12:08 PM
64	Its important to make sure any animal abuse is reported.	9/19/2018 10:41 AM
65	Cross reporting is very important, as animal abuse is usually an indicator of other, sometimes larger, concerns.	9/19/2018 10:15 AM
66	I think it's a good idea and makes sense.	9/19/2018 9:40 AM
67	It is important for both agencies to work together as there is a higher likely hood of animal abuse if there is child abuse and vice versa.	9/19/2018 9:38 AM
68	NA	9/19/2018 9:27 AM
69	I think it is something that is very much needed and does not get reported as often as it should be,	9/19/2018 9:27 AM
70	it would be helpful to have a straightforward method of cross-reporting (ex a form that can be emailed)	9/19/2018 9:26 AM
71	the only time I think I saw animal abuse was in 1996, I was a brand new DCF social worker, and did not know I was supposed to report it.	9/19/2018 9:07 AM
72	Very important statute/policy for which staff need to maintain awareness and ensure implementation	9/19/2018 8:35 AM
73	I think cross reporting is necessary and hopefully people are doing this consistently	9/19/2018 7:32 AM
74	Academy of workforce development training	9/19/2018 7:26 AM
75	Look into other state programs for animal rescue and finding homes	9/18/2018 8:18 PM
76	More people need to do this	9/18/2018 6:40 PM
77	It is imperative that we also report animal abuse in a home as that is also indicative of neglect of a child and/or mental health in the home environment of the parent(s) or child(ren) and/or both as well as the suffering of a helpless animal.	9/18/2018 4:50 PM
78	Required to do for those who have encounter animal abuse during an investigation.	9/18/2018 4:29 PM
79	This be made part of the frontline workers checklist to ask the family if they have an animal. If so if they notice the animal is being abuse a call can be made to animal control.	9/18/2018 4:02 PM
80	Would like to have more information.	9/18/2018 3:52 PM
81	I am not a SW so the questions above did not apply to me. However, there should be yearly reminders to the staff about this topic in the form of online trainings.	9/18/2018 3:31 PM
82	I think this is a great idea! It's nice to see people coming together for child AND animal safety	9/18/2018 3:30 PM
83	My staff and I have also had positive experiences working with local animal control regarding concerns of animal maltreatment.	9/18/2018 3:07 PM
84	I feel more training needs to be provided to our staff	9/18/2018 2:46 PM

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85	Great law, but not well understood. Folks could definitely use more information.	9/18/2018 2:39 PM
86	It would be helpful to get more training around this	9/18/2018 2:32 PM
87	please make sure to continue to remind staff of this. I know some staff are unaware how animal abuse and child abuse are related.	9/18/2018 2:32 PM
88	I think there are many animals who suffer from living in small apartments with families who can't afford to bring the animal to the vet. This results in malnourishment and less of a life span for that animal. I believe if a family can not afford treatment, routine care, and routine expenditures for an animal, they should not be allowed to care for it. It is not fair to the animal.	9/18/2018 2:24 PM
89	I would like to have more info about what agency we report abuse.	9/18/2018 2:20 PM
90	It would be helpful to make reports to our own careline and to other agencies electronically	9/18/2018 2:16 PM
91	I think there is a lack of awareness with regards to Social Workers/Supervisors understanding the Cross Reporting. Greater education with long time workers is important.	9/18/2018 2:07 PM
92	It is extremely important to the enhancement of protection of children, the elderly, the community, the animals	9/18/2018 1:59 PM
93	There should be a web training for it.	9/18/2018 1:57 PM
94	Cannot share any ideas at this time because of not being to familiar with the cross reporting for animals.	9/18/2018 1:36 PM
95	It is extremely confusing to workers and intake staff, as there is no readily available directions for what to do if you see abuse, or suspect abuse. It is also important to note that the DOAG is not as clear as I would like them to be on what needs to be done. If there was a clear cut set of instructions with frequently asked questions, and then the answer, as well as a phone number, name and email address of exactly whom to contact if abuse or neglect is suspected, prior to submitting the form. We are not sure what happens once the report is made, and communication should be more open between agencies.	9/18/2018 1:36 PM
96	A quick informational session by office would be great (1 hour max)	9/18/2018 1:33 PM
97	I think Cross reporting is important as a community issue. It also sets an example that all life is important.	9/18/2018 1:27 PM
98	I am support staff, so I do not visit homes and animals are not allowed in the building, unless they are service animals. I have seen emails and policies regarding this policy.	9/18/2018 1:23 PM
99	NA	9/18/2018 1:21 PM
100	I am in favor of this and believe animals should be protected. In instances of DV animals are often abused.	9/18/2018 1:18 PM
101	educating offices on what Cross Reporting is, how to go about doing it and other supporting information.	9/18/2018 1:16 PM
102	DCF needs to work with animal control to ensure animal needs are met as well as children and families.	9/18/2018 1:15 PM
103	Online training is helpful with direct numbers to call in the areas that we work. IE Animal control, rescue information etc	9/18/2018 1:15 PM
104	Not familiar with it	9/18/2018 1:14 PM
105	It's a loaded phrase, and I'm assuming you mean specific to animal abuse, but it's likely also relevant in general across multiple landscapes. Smiley Face.	9/18/2018 1:01 PM
106	I think if a family is being investigated, the social worker's responsibility is also to ensure the animal is cared for and be mandated to call.	9/18/2018 1:00 PM
107	I think it is a good idea as there is a correlations between abuse/neglect of children and animals when there is an abuser in the household.	9/18/2018 12:57 PM

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108	ACTUALLY MY FIRST GERMAN SHEPHERD WAS A DCF RESCUE FROM AN ACTIVE CPS CASE. WHEN THE INITIAL HOME VISIT WAS DONE WE HAD ANIMAL WELFARE GO OUT, AND THEY REMOVED THE DOG. I ADOPTED HER THAT SAME WEEKEND (SHE WAS REMOVED FROM THE HOME ON A THURSDAY) AND WE SPENT THE NEXT 11 YEARS TOGETHER. LOVED THAT DOG!!!!!! I GOT ONE OF MY CATS FROM THE DCF PARKING LOT A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO AS WELL, AND SHE WAS JUST AN AMAZING KITTY... I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE AGENCIES SO THAT NEITHER HELPLESS CHILDREN OR ANIMALS HAVE TO SUFFER NEEDLESSLY.	9/18/2018 12:53 PM
109	n/a	9/18/2018 12:46 PM
110	I think it is a great idea.	9/18/2018 12:45 PM
111	excellent idea, and possible predictor of abuse/neglect	9/18/2018 12:45 PM
112	More information is needed that for social workers in the field to report animal abuse. Do you call local animal control? The police? Is there a known number to call?	9/18/2018 12:44 PM
113	I am hopeful that there is a way of tracking those individuals that have been determined to abuse animals in some sort of registry as with Mandated Reporting.	9/18/2018 12:44 PM
114	This is an aware that is not at all addressed with on going services. More training is absolutely necessary	9/18/2018 12:44 PM
115	There is a strong connection between animal abuse and child abuse and further education/training is needed for all staff on all levels (mainly careline, as they are the ones taking the reports) in an effort to recognize the red flags and address the concerns appropriately.	9/18/2018 12:43 PM
116	I think more education to dcf staff would be good.	9/18/2018 12:39 PM
117	I'm not at all familiar with Cross Reporting	9/18/2018 12:38 PM
118	I believe providing the staff with research regarding the correlation of animal abuse and child abuse would be very beneficial. Also, any brochures or informational packets regarding that correlation that we could provide to families would be helpful.	9/18/2018 12:38 PM
119	I just asked a colleague (whose a state employee for the past 25plus years) if familiar with Cross reporting and their response is NO. There should be a yearly reminder via email about cross reporting.	9/18/2018 12:36 PM
120	Questions 2 & 3 above don't apply to my job. This is interesting. As an agency, we should all be aware.	9/18/2018 12:36 PM
121	it stands to reason that folks who mistreat or are neglectful of children or animals might exhibit the same behavior towards to the other. I believe in either case judgment can wait. Rather, look at the behaviors as indicators of something deeper and address those issues/needs.	9/18/2018 12:36 PM
122	More information about how to report and what to report would be helpful	9/18/2018 12:35 PM
123	I believe cross reporting should happen.	9/18/2018 12:35 PM
124	Not sure what exactly Cross Reporting means? first time I hear this term. Is it while CPS is in the home and see animal abuse. As an animal lover it should be very important to report when animal abuse takes place.	9/18/2018 12:33 PM
125	I need more information on this subject.	9/18/2018 12:32 PM
126	Children are connected to their pets. When we remove children and cross report, sometimes we don't know what happens to the animals. Is there a way to have better communication surrounding this?	9/18/2018 12:31 PM
127	It sounds like an interesting concept but we don't hear much about it.	9/18/2018 12:31 PM
128	Was told at the academy to ask Supervisor for directions would like a pamphlet of steps for how to go about reporting this.	9/18/2018 12:31 PM
129	I feel that there should be an in office training surrounding cross reporting, as I do not feel very informed on the subject in terms of standards and criteria of when to report. I also believe it should be mandatory for workers to report animal abuse, neglect, maltreatment.	9/18/2018 12:30 PM
130	If there are concerns that an animal is being abused/malnourished or neglected, we file a report with the police for investigation.	9/18/2018 12:29 PM
131	incredibly important. It is indicators of IPV, substance abuse, and physical abuse	9/18/2018 12:29 PM

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132	I believe there should be training on this area. If DCF staff are removing children that are abused/neglect and observe animals in the same condition, workers are often left conflicted because they are either misinformed or they are told to turn the other way.	9/18/2018 12:27 PM
133	There is an association between animal neglect/abuse and child neglect/abuse with very similar dynamics. Someone that will abuse/neglect an animal is likely to also abuse/neglect a child.	9/18/2018 12:27 PM
134	very glad to see this is finally happening	9/18/2018 12:27 PM
135	this is important	9/18/2018 12:26 PM
136	more information should be given about who and when to call.	9/18/2018 12:25 PM
137	it is a VERY GOOD idea	9/18/2018 12:25 PM
138	under reporting concerns regarding animal abuse	9/18/2018 12:25 PM