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SUSPECTED ANIMAL ABUSE REPORT

MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS

DATE AND TIME SUSPECTED NEGLECT OR CRUELTY OCCURRED				NAME OF REPORTING OFFICER		
NAME OF ANIMAL OWNER				ADDRESS OF ANIMAL OWNER		
TELEPHONE # OF ANIMAL OWNER				ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL IS LOCATED		
SPECIES OF ANIMAL	BREED	AGE	SEX	COLOR (S)	NAME OF ANIMAL	

NATURE OF HARM, NEGLECT OR CRUELTY: _____

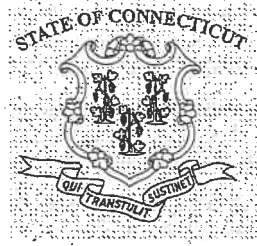
HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THE SUSPECTED HARM, NEGLECT OR CRUELTY? _____

NAME OF ALL SUSPECTS:	ADDRESS OF SUSPECTS:

PREVIOUS HISTORY: _____

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Public Act No. 14-70

**AN ACT CONCERNING CROSS REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE
AND ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 22-329b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

(a) Any animal control officer appointed pursuant to section 22-328, 22-331 or 22-331a who (1) has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal observed in the course of the officer's employment is being or has been harmed, neglected or treated cruelly in violation of section 53-247, [and] or (2) files a verified petition with the Superior Court pursuant to section 22-329a shall make a written report to the Commissioner of Agriculture in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The written report shall be made by the officer as soon as practicable, but not later than forty-eight hours after the officer has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal has been harmed, neglected or treated cruelly pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or has filed [the] a verified petition. Each written report shall contain, if known: (1) The address where the animal was observed and the name and address of the owner or other person responsible for

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Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 17a-100a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

(a) Any employee of the Department of Children and Families who, in the course of his or her employment, has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal is being or has been harmed, neglected or treated cruelly in violation of section 53-247 shall make [an oral] a written report to the Commissioner of Agriculture in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) Not later than January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the Commissioners of Children and Families and Agriculture shall, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on the number of written reports regarding actual or suspected instances of animal neglect or cruelty received from employees of the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-100a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and from animal control officers pursuant to section 22-329b of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

Approved June 3, 2014