

# COST OF ANIMAL CARE LEGISLATION

*Good for Animals, Good for Shelters, Good for Taxpayers*

When abused and neglected animals are rescued by law enforcement, sometimes they are held for months—or even years—while cruelty charges are prosecuted. That's a significant cost to animal shelters, taxpayers and animals.



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## ***Cost of Animal Care Laws***

- Establish a process so that anyone who has had his or her animals lawfully seized due to cruelty may be required to pay for the animals' care or relinquish ownership.
- Prevent local and state agencies from incurring debilitating costs in animal cruelty cases, saving tax dollars and animal lives.
- Give relief to animal shelters so they can help more abused, neglected and homeless animals find new homes.



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# COST OF ANIMAL CARE LAWS BY STATE

*Animal cruelty cases can involve the seizure of dozens or even hundreds of animals. Providing care for the animals for months or years pending trial can be financially devastating to county animal shelters and to the well-being of these abused animals.*

