

Anyone who witnesses cruelty to livestock, as defined in RSA 427:38, or poultry has a duty to report that cruelty to law enforcement, with jurisdiction, within 48 hours of witnessing said crime. If the person reporting the cruelty has evidence of the crime, they have the same duty to notify law enforcement at the same time that they have the evidence. If the evidence is a photograph or video, they must keep an unedited copy for 60 days.

Failure to report cruelty to livestock or poultry is a violation and carries a \$250 fine for the first offense and \$1000 fine for each subsequent offense.

Cruelty for the purpose of this chapter is defined as:

The commission of an offense which intentionally or knowingly:

Tortures, maims, lacerates or grossly overworks livestock or poultry; or transports or confines livestock or poultry in a cruel manner, not consistent with good animal agriculture practices.