

# Animal Hoarding Monitoring Project

## Case Report Form

For purposes of this project, only submit cases consistent with the following definition of an animal hoarder:

*Someone who has accumulated a large number of animals and who fails to provide minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation, and veterinary care; and fails to act on the deteriorating conditions of the animals (including disease, starvation, or death) and the environment (severe overcrowding, extremely unsanitary conditions) or the negative effect of the collection on their own health and well being and on that of other family members.*

1. What was the origin of the complaint? Circle all that apply.

1. Stranger	2. Friend or acquaintance	3. Relative no living there
4. Family member or roommate	5. Social service agency	6. Service person visiting home
7. Landlord/tenant/neighbor	8. Fire or Police Department	9. Veterinarian
10. Anonymous	11. Other:	

2. Please list the people living in the house, their age, sex and relationship to the person in question:

Person	Age (yrs)	Sex	Relationship to harder (circle correct choice)
1. Hoarder		M F	n/a
2. Person 2		M F	parent, child, sibling, grandparent, other relative, partner, roommate
3. Person 3		M F	parent, child, sibling, grandparent, other relative, partner, roommate
4. Person 4		M F	parent, child, sibling, grandparent, other relative, partner, roommate
5. Person 5		M F	parent, child, sibling, grandparent, other relative, partner, roommate

3. Please circle the marital status of the hoarder:

Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	Partner/sig. Other	Unknown
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4. Please circle the type of residence:

Single Family Home	Apartment/Condo	Trailer	Other (describe):
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5. Please indicate the occupation of the hoarder: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please indicate what other agencies are involved in the case:

Mental Health	Yes	No	Unknown
Fire Department	Yes	No	Unknown
Police Department	Yes	No	Unknown
Department of Aging	Yes	No	Unknown
Child Welfare	Yes	No	Unknown
Court	Yes	No	Unknown

7. Please indicate whether the following appliance/utilities were in working order:

Stove/Oven	Yes	No	Unknown	Fridge/Freezer	Yes	No	Unknown
Kitchen Sink	Yes	No	Unknown	Bathroom Sink	Yes	No	Unknown
Washer/Dryer	Yes	No	Unknown	Toilet	Yes	No	Unknown
Electricity	Yes	No	Unknown	Water heater	Yes	No	Unknown
Furnace/Heat	Yes	No	Unknown	Shower/Tub	Yes	No	Unknown

*In some cases, the hoarding of animals is accompanied by the hoarding of possessions. The next few questions have to do with the clutter created by both animals and possessions.*

8. Please indicate the extent to which each of the following types of items were hoarded:

Hoarded Object	Extent of Harding (circle the best answer)				
	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Newspapers or magazines	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Books	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Other Paper	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Clothing	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Containers (plastic, paper, bottles, glasses)	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Food or food garbage	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Animals	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Clutter outdoors	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Other (describe):	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown



11. Please indicate what areas of the house were cluttered and the degree of clutter present:

Cluttered Areas	Extent of Clutter (circle best choice)				
	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Bedroom	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Bathroom	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Living Room	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Kitchen	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Dining Room	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Stairwell	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Hallway	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Basement	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Attic	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown
Outside	None	Moderate	Substantial	Severe	Unknown

12. List number, type and vital status of all animals in the collection (note: if estimates rather than an actual count of the animals, please note using “=” symbol):

Type of animal	Number in good or adequate health	Number alive but in poor condition; not in immediate risk of death	Number alive but severely injured, diseased or extremely malnourished	Number dead	Total
Dogs					
Puppies (<1 yr old)					
Cats					
Kittens (<1 yr old)					
Birds					
Reptiles					
Small mammals					
Horses					
Cattle/sheep/goats					
Other: _____					

13. How long has this individual been monitored or investigated for animal hoarding related problems?

<1 year	1 – 3 years	4 – 5 years	>5 years
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14. Please describe how the majority of animals are acquired. Rate the most common method as 1, the next as 2, etc. Use each ranking only once.

	Animals bred deliberately in hoarders home
	Animals bred accidentally in hoarders home
	People brought animals to the hoarder
	Hoarder purchased or adopted new animals
	Hoarder actively solicited new animals by advertisement, picking up strays
	Other (describe) _____

15. What were the reason(s) stated by the hoarder for having the animals? Check all that apply:

	Saving them
	Love animals
	Animals are like children
	No one else would care for them
	Animals are their only friends or companions
	Other (describe): _____

16. Circle how many of the individual animals are hoarder was able to identify by name:

ALL	MOST	SOME	FEW	NONE	UNKNOWN
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17. Did the hoarder attempt to conceal the presence of the animals in any of the following ways?

Yes	No	Unknown	Covered windows (shades down, blackened, etc...)
Yes	No	Unknown	Solid fences or other similar external barriers
Yes	No	Unknown	Overgrown vegetation – bushes, trees, hedges, etc...
Yes	No	Unknown	External debris sufficient to block view or access
Yes	No	Unknown	Deny investigator or other persons access to residence

18. What was the resolution of the case investigation? Circle all that apply:

1. All animals were removed from hoarder
2. Some animals were removed from the hoarder
3. Hoarder prohibited from owning animals for a period
4. Hoarder agreed to ongoing monitoring
5. Hoarder ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation
6. Hoarder was institutionalized or placed under protective care
7. Hoarder penalized by fine or jail term – describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly summarize the status of the case and the animals. Please describe any unusual features of the case, including interaction with the mental health system. Continue on reverse if needed.

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19. Please indicate if there was media coverage:

Newspaper	Yes	No	Unknown
Radio	Yes	No	Unknown
Television	Yes	No	Unknown

Name and title of person completing case report form: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Did you personally investigate and view this case?      YES      NO