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## GUIDELINES TO REPORT ABUSE OF FARM ANIMALS

### 1. Photos (in color) need to document living conditions and state of the animal

- the environment of the animal (lack of shelter, faeces, dangerous items, no water, etc)
- Close-ups (condition, wounds, emaciation, etc)
- The eartag must be readable
- DO NOT show people that can be identified, unless they are abusing the animal before your eyes

### 2. Report

- Your report (oral or written) must say in words what your pictures show (living conditions/wounds/emaciation/tethered/no food/no water/exposed to the weather (no shade/rain) etc
- How long you've been witnessing the abuse/neglect (in order to refute allegations that the animal is being fed at different hours/days etc)
- Try find out who the owner is, even if the info only comes from a neighbour and is unchecked (I asked and was told they belong to...")
- The name of the area
- Always mention whether the field is fenced or not, the presence or absence of shelter/stable, the presence or absence of watering and feeding system (water cans/ cattle feeders/available grass)
- Your report must list everything you submit to the Police (photos/videos). Better still, the list should briefly describe what each photo shows. If you submit printed photos, make sure to put a number on each one (and keep a copy with the same numbers)



### 3. In your report you must ask that :

- The relevant authorities **as described in article 3 of Law 4830/21** perform an autopsy of the place (living conditions) AND of the animal (state of welfare). Make sure you mention the specific law in your report.
- Administrative fines be imposed by the Police

**DO NOT FORGET to ask for a copy of your report from the VAS** (Police Book of Offences, Crimes and Incidents), where complaints are registered. The document you will receive (3-4€ tax stamp) contains no details but serves as a proof that the report was submitted.

#### Additional

- The complaint/report can be oral or you can submit it already written (in which case you'll know precisely what you have or haven't said)
- If there are more witnesses, they can either submit a separate report, or sign the same report (each signing a separate copy)
- The report can be anonymous (Law 4930/21, article 25, paragraph 2). In this case, the witness **does not sign** and will ask for a copy from the VAS (3-4€). The anonymous report can also be submitted to the Police by us, if we have sufficient documentation, but no witnesses means a weaker case.
- **No fee is needed to submit a report /complaint to the Police. But if the complainant is willing to testify in Court or if civil action is initiated, the complainant can/should get a proper copy of his/her report (40€).**



**Having the maximum information in hand, we can ask that separate cases with the same abuser be handled as a single case and/or stand in Court as Civil Action in support of the accusation**