

Jen Plumb proposes the following substitute bill:

**Animal Abuse Reporting Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb**

House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses reporting of animal abuse.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the courts to report information about certain animal abuse convictions to the Division of Child and Family Services.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**76-13-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **76-13-105** is enacted to read:

**76-13-105 . Cruelty to animals -- Reporting requirements.**

(1) At least once in each quarter of the year, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall report all convictions of the animal cruelty offenses described in Subsection (2) to the Division of Child and Family Services in the previous quarter.

(2) The report described in Subsection (1) shall include the name, birth date, address, and the offense of each individual convicted of a violation of:

(a) Section 76-13-202, cruelty to an animal;

(b) Section 76-13-203, aggravated cruelty to an animal;

(c) Section 76-13-204, torturing a companion animal;

(d) Section 76-13-205, dog fighting;

30        (e) Section 76-13-206, attending a dog fight or related activity; or  
31        (f) Section 76-13-211, injuring, harassing, or endangering a service animal.  
32        (3)(a) The Division of Child and Family Services shall document the report described in  
33        Subsection (1).  
34        (b) An individual may not be investigated for child abuse or neglect based solely on a  
35        conviction described in Subsection (2).  
36        **Section 2. Effective Date.**  
37        This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.