

# 2021 **MAINE** Animal Resource **GUIDE**



## **Get Key Information About:**

- Wildlife Rehabbers
- Rescue Leagues & Shelters
- Animal Welfare Organizations
- Emergency Care
- And Much More! ■

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## Living with Wildlife

As Maine becomes more developed, Mainers are increasingly encountering wildlife. The good news is that conflicts between people and wildlife can be humanely resolved. Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIF&W) has a lot of information on how to resolve conflicts with wildlife.

See: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/avoid-resolve-conflict/index.html>

What do you do if you find a baby fawn, moose calf, fox, racoon, or other wildlife? Remember the MDIF&W's motto, "If you care, leave them there." On its page "Dealing With Orphaned or Injured Wildlife" DIF&W explains that wildlife do not make good pets, and it is illegal to own wildlife without proper state and federal permits. Most importantly, while it might seem like a good idea to "rescue" wildlife, they have a much better chance of survival when not disrupted by humans. And taking in wildlife may expose you to a variety of diseases and it can lead to an animal being euthanized to test for rabies.

If you encounter an injured deer, bear, moose, or turkey, contact a MDIFW biologist or game warden.

## Maine Warden Service

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To reach a game warden 24-hours a day, contact the dispatch center nearest you:

**Augusta:** 1-800-452-4664

**Bangor:** 1-800-432-7381

**Houlton:** 1-800-924-2261

For injured species other than deer, moose, foxes, and racoons, please contact a local licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Wildlife Rehabilitators must be licensed by the State of Maine's Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife. In some cases, such as wild non-game birds, a federal permit is required. The Department's site provides a list <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/orphaned-injured-wildlife/index.html> of licensed rehabilitators, information on how to become a wildlife rehabilitator, and links to applicable laws and rules.

## Wildlife Rehabilitators by County

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### Androscoggin County

**Jennifer Marchigiani**

**Phone:** 212-1039

**Location:** 850 Garfield Road, Auburn, ME 04210

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small mammals. Prefers orphaned young over injured wildlife. Will transport.

### Aroostook County

*(Note: There is no one licensed in Aroostook County at this time.)*

### Cumberland County

**Kristine Beaudoin**

**Phone:** 807-1986

**Location:** 320 Longhill Road, Seabago, ME 04029

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit.

**Cynthea Bridges**

**Phone:** 331-7909

**Location:** 29 River Road Baldwin, ME 04024

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small mammals only.

**Wendy Clark**

**Phone:** 595-2140

**Location:** 31 Woods Mill Road Baldwin, ME 04024

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small mammals only.

**Karen Hawkins**

**Phone:** 647-3734

**Location:** 963 South High Street, Bridgton, ME 04009

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. All wildlife. No birds.

**Jessica Jackson**

**Phone:** 807-2585

**Location:** Casco, ME 04015

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. . Can take mammals size up to and including raccoon and fox. Specializes in predators.

**Curt Johnson**

**Phone:** 657-4977

**Location:** 56 Game Farm Road, Gray, ME 04039

**Rehab details:** None.

**Pamela Richardson**

**Phones:** 428-3348, 838-8967

**Location:** 6 Worcester Drive, Raymond, ME 04071 *(From Brown Road in Raymond bear right at 2 forks onto Worchester Dr. 3<sup>rd</sup> house on left, Just past cement bridge.)*

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Aquatic mammals, small mammals and reptiles.

**David & Joshua Sparks**

**Phone:** 892-8905

**Location:** 46 Rousseau Road, Windham, ME 04062

*(One half mile from the River Road on Windham/Westbrook line.)*

**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. All birds.

**Martha (Kappy) Sprenger****Phone:** 647-5593**Location:** 253 Highland Road, Fire Lane 137, Bridgton, ME 04009*(1.2 miles from Rte 302)***Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. Accepts all birds and mammals. Specializes in fish eating birds and chicks.**Franklin County***(Note: There is no one licensed in Franklin County at this time.)***Hancock County****Heather Grierson****Phone:** 667-3244**Location:** 446 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton, ME 04605**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. All mammals with the exception of raccoons, and some birds.**Ann Rivers****Phone:** 288-4960**Location:** Kitteridge Brook Road, Mount Desert, ME 04660*(Acadia Wildlife Foundation is located 3 miles south of Town Hill Center.)***Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. Cares for all birds (including turkeys), turtles, and all small mammals except raccoons. Specialize in bats, large mammals (deer), have facilities for species requiring water.**Kennebec County****Don Cote****Phone:** 445-4326**Location:** 1787 North Belfast Ave, Vassalboro, ME 04989*(Adjacent to Three-Mile Pond rest area/boat launch. Gray house and garage.)***Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. Birds, small/medium mammals, turtles, raccoons.**Peter Davis D.V.M.****Phone:** 622-6181**Location:** 220 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330**Knox County****Margo Bryant Maloney D.V.M.** **Phone:** 557-5669**Location:** 22 Atlantic Highway, Thomaston, ME 04861. *Mobile triage unit.***Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. All wildlife.**Lincoln County****Bridget Green****Phones:** 882-7951, 631-0874**Location:** 605 Bath Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578 *(Approx. 2 miles from downtown.)***Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small mammals, raccoons. No birds.**Anna Hunt****Phone:** 882-7323**Location:** Chewonki Foundation, 485 Chewonki Neck Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit.

# Wildlife

## Oxford County

**Katrina Carstensen**

**Phone:** 583-2105

**Location:** 47 Mountain View Drive, Otisfield, ME 04270

**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. medium size mammals and deer.

**Matthew E. Holden, D.V.M.**

**Phone:** 743-9271

**Location:** Oxford Hills Vet Hospital, 136 Western Avenue, South Paris, ME 04281

**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit.

**Jacqueline Fanning**

**Phone:** 583-6266

**Location:** 11 Baldplate Mountain Drive, Waterford, ME. 04088

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Can take small mammals up to the size of a fox.

## Penobscot County

**William Arthurs Jr.**

**Phone:** 403-0921

**Facility:** Wolf Run Wildlife Refuge, 2762 Lee Road, Lee, ME 04455

**Rehab details:** Has 3 buildings and is set up for anything with fur.

**Rachel Parsons**

**Phone:** 838-0268

**Location:** 623 Meadow Road, Hampden, ME 04444

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small and medium mammals

## Piscataquis County

*(Note: There is no one licensed in Piscataquis County at this time.)*

## Sagadahoc County

**Deborah L Bryan**

**Phone:** 607-0110

**Location:** 49 Deer Run Road, Bowdoin, ME 04287

*(Take left on 201 North to Rte 125 East past Lewis Hill Road, up small hill to first paved road on left. Home is 4th driveway on right)*

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small mammals and deer.

## Somerset County

*(Note: There is no one licensed in Somerset County at this time.)*

## Waldo County

**Laura Graham/Marc Payne/Diane Winn/Kimberly A. Chavez**

**Phone:** 382-6761

**Facility:** Avian Haven, 418 N. Palermo Road, Freedom, ME 04941

*(Gray-green cape, 1.5 miles north from S. Freedom Road or 2 miles south from Rte 137.)*

**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. All birds and reptiles. No mammals.

**Sandra Stone**

**Phones:** 223-4213, 592-9000

**Location:** 240 Swanville Road, Frankfort, ME 04438 *(Green barn on the Swanville Road about 2 miles from Swanlake Park towards Frankfort.)*

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. All mammals, no birds.

## Washington County

(Note: There is no one licensed in Washington County at this time.)

## York County

### The Center for Wildlife

**Phone:** 361-1400

**Facility:** The Center for Wildlife, 385 Mountain Road, Cape Neddick, ME 03902

**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit. All birds, small mammals and reptiles.  
No fox, raccoons or skunks.

### Annie Huyler

**Phone:** 413-320-7431

**Location:** 252 Haines Meadow Road, Buxton, ME 04093

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small mammals only.

### Alaina LeBlanc

**Phone:** 251-0443

**Location:** 141 High Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043

**Rehab details:** None

### Saco River Wildlife Center/Bethany Brown

**Phone:** 702-1405

**Location:** 238 River Road, Limington, ME 04049

**Rehab details:** Medium mammals (porcupines, raccoons, foxes) and reptiles.

### Tracey Stump-Clark

**Phone:** 891-3363

**Location:** 39 Devreux Rd., Parsonsfield, ME 04024

**Rehab details:** No Federal Permit. Small rodents only (squirrels, mice, voles, chipmunks).

## New Hampshire

### Elaine Connors Center for Wildlife/Cathy Gregg

**Phone:** 603-367-9453

**Location:** 152 Pine Hill Road, Madison, NH 03849

(Rte 41 on Silver Lake, look for sign)

**Rehab details:** Has Federal Permit.

## Maine Wildlife Groups: Advocacy and Education

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### Wildwatch Maine

**E-mail:** [info@wildwatchmaine.org](mailto:info@wildwatchmaine.org)

**Website:** <http://wildwatchmaine.org/>

### Maine Audubon Society

**Phone:** 781-2330

**Location:** 20 Gilsland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME 04105

**E-mail:** [info@maineaudubon.org](mailto:info@maineaudubon.org)

**Website:** [www.maineaudubon.org](http://www.maineaudubon.org)

### Coyote Center for Carnivore Ecology and Coexistence

**Phone:** 323-9959

**E-mail:** [gvistein@gmail.com](mailto:gvistein@gmail.com)

## State Agencies, Laws and Rules

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**Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **Phone:** 287-8000

**Location:** 284 State Street, 41 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04533-0041

**Website:** [www.maine.gov/ifw/](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/)

### Laws and Rules

For Hunting and Fishing laws and rules go to Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife website under Laws and Rules. [www.maine.gov/ifw/](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/)

### Maine Operation Game Thief

**Call 1-800-253-7887 or 1-800-ALERTUS** to report violations of Maine hunting and fishing laws. Maine Operation Game Thief (Maine OGT) is a private, non-profit organization that works with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Service, the Maine Warden's Service, Department of Marine Resources, Maine Marine Patrol, and Wildlife Crime Stoppers to pay rewards to citizens who turn in poachers. Rewards of up to \$1,000, based on severity, are paid for information that leads to the arrest or summons being issued for a fish or wildlife violation. Rewards up to \$2,000 are paid for information that leads to the arrest or summons being issued to individuals unlawfully introducing nonnative fish species into Maine's waters. In all cases, the caller remains anonymous and does not have to reveal his or her name or testify in court. For more information go to:

[www.maineogt.org/](http://www.maineogt.org/)



## Rescues and Shelters — Horses

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**Double B Animal Rescue**

997 West Mills Road, Industry, ME 04938

**Phone:** 778-6479

**Downeast Large Animal Society**

460 Hatchery Road, Deblois, ME 04622

**Phone:** 638-3005

**Ever After Mustang Rescue**

463 West St., Biddeford, ME 04006

**Phone:** 284-7721

**First Light Equine Shelter**

576 Shore Road, Perry, ME 04667

**Phone:** 853-9453

**4 R Animal Shelter**

202 Thomas Hill, Lee, ME 04155

**Phone:** 738-2248

**Gray's Equestrian Training**

849 Post Road, Bowdoinham, ME 04008

**Phone:** 522-8300

**Haven for Horses**

1294 Long Plains Road, Buxton, ME 04092

**Phone:** 929-3910

**Last Stop Horse Rescue**

938 Tar Ridge Road, Prentiss, ME 04487

**Phone:** 765-2284

**Lawrence Farm Equine Shelter**

191 Taylor Road, Athens, ME 04912

**Phone:** 431-5877

**Maine State Society****for the Protection of Animals**

279 River Road, Windham, ME 04062

**Phone:** 1(800) 482-7447

**Moments Peace Farm**

44 Hanson Lane, Hollis Center, ME 04042

**Phone:** 232 -9104

**Rockin T Equine Rescue Inc.**

60 Edgcomb Road, Lisbon Falls, ME 04256

**Phone:** 353-6581

## Rescues and Shelters — Farm Animals (Cows, pigs, goats, turkeys, etc.)

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**A Life Line**

Smyrna Center Road, Smyrna, ME 04780

**Phone:** 757-8486

**4 R Animal Shelter**

202 Thomas Hill, Lee, ME 04155

**Phone:** 738-2248

**Cottontail Cottage Animal Sanctuary**

471 Millbridge Road, Cherryfield, ME

**Phone:** 460-9305

**Graze in Peace**

591 Pinkham Brook Road, Durham, ME 04222

**Phone:** 558-2005

## Rescues & Shelters

### **Misfit Farm Animal Sanctuary**

581 Rockland Road, Somerville, ME 04348

**Phone:** 604-9633

### **Peace Ridge Farm Sanctuary**

1111 Littlefield Road, Brooks, ME 04921

**Phone:** 722-3035

### **The Jordan Farm**

214 Fairbanks Road, Farmington, ME 04938

**Phone:** 778-6690

### **Two Hands Farm & Rescue**

50 Woodridge Dr., Steep Falls, ME 04085

**Phone:** 298-2740

## Rescues and Shelters — Rabbits

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### **Acadia Island Exotics**

15 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662

**Phone:** 276-3665

### **Cottontail Cottage Animal Sanctuary**

471 Millbridge Road, Cherryfield, ME

**Phone:** 460-9305

### **Friends of Willow**

9 Winn Road, Falmouth, ME 04105

**Phone:** 858-9779

## Rescues and Shelters — Exotic Birds

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### **Seymour's Bird Refuge**

6 Forest Lake Road, West Cumberland, ME 04021

**Phone:** 829-5752

### **Siesta Sanctuary**

104 Brown Road, Harmony, ME 04942

**Phone:** 683-6322

## Rescues and Shelters — Reptiles

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### **Acadia Island Exotics**

15 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662

**Phone:** 276-3665

## Rescues and Shelters — Rodents

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### **Maine Chinchilla Shelter**

40 Sixth Ave., Augusta, ME 04330

**Phone:** 626-0130

### **Maine Rat Rescue**

152 Allen Ave., Auburn, ME 04210

**Phone:** 577-8999

## Rescues and Shelters by County – Companion Animals

(Dogs, Cats, Birds, Rabbits, Mice etc.)

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### Androscoggin County

**Blessed Be the Bullies**

53 Grayton Road, Lewiston, ME 04240

**Phone:** 576-0479

**Dog Rehabilitation Center of Maine**

379 Quaker Ridge Road, Greene, ME 04756

**Phone:** 841-8575

**Greater Androscoggin Humane Society**

55 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04252

**Phone:** 786-4713

**M.J. Ford**

20 Upland Road, Lisbon, ME 04236

**Phone:** 353-4561

**Pulled From the Pits**

17 Lower Road, Minot, ME 04258

**Phone:** 740-8229

**Underhound Railroad, Inc.**

171 Pinkham Brook Road, Durham, ME

**Phone:** 632-8800

### Aroostook County

**Ark Animal Sanctuary**

70 Main St., Houlton, ME 04730

**Phone:** 532-7387

**Canine Klink**

18 Community Center Dr., Fort Fairfield, ME 04742

**Phone:** 472-3808

**Central Aroostook Humane Society**

26 Cross St., Presque Isle, ME 04769

**Phone:** 764-3441

**Fort Kent Police Holding Facility**

11 West Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743

**Phone:** 834-5678

**Halfway Home Pet Rescue**

11 Pioneer Ave., Caribou, ME 04736

**Phone:** 492-1722

**Houlton Humane Society**

263 Callahan Road, Houlton, ME 04730

**Phone:** 532-2862

**Madawaska Animal Holding Facility**

428 Main St., Madawaska, ME 04756

**Phone:** 728-6356

**PAWS Temporary Holding Facility**

111 West Main St., Fort Kent Mill, ME 04744

**Phone:** 834-3503

**Valley Cat Haven (PAWS)**

8 Rye Ave., Fort Kent Mill, ME 04744

**Phone:** 543-7348

**Van Buren Animal Holding Facility**

65 Main Street, Van Buren, ME 04785

**Phone:** 868-3481

# Companion Animals

## Cumberland County

### **Adore Pet Rescue**

39 Faith Drive, Gorham, ME 04038

**Phone:** 831-4862

### **Almost Home Rescue**

25 Sterling Drive, Westbrook, ME 04092

**Phone:** 866-0422

### **Animal Behavior Consultants and Avant-Garde Pet Care, LLC**

301 Roosevelt Trail, Windham, ME 04062

**Phone:** 892-8388

### **Animal Refuge League (Portland's Shelter)**

449 Stroudwater St., Westbrook, ME 04092

**Phone:** 854-9771

### **Buddy Up Animal Society**

119 Bishop Street, Portland, ME 04103

**Phone:** 233-0261

### **Charlie's Friends**

42 Middle Road, Cumberland, ME 04021

**Phone:** 829-6580

### **Helping Paws Maine**

15 Running Springs Road, Gorham, ME 04038

**Phone:** 749-6461

### **Hemlock Valley**

326 Richville Road, Standish, ME 04084

**Phone:** 838-1956

### **Homeless Animal Rescue Team of Maine (HART)**

302 Range Road, Cumberland, ME 04021

**Phone:** 829-4116

### **Hope Harbor Animal Society**

12 Country Woods Road, Saco, ME 04072

**Phone:** 669-4880

### **Little Paws Big Hearts Pekingese Rescue**

34 W. Common Wealth Drive, Portland, ME 04103

**Phone:** 831-6982

### **Maine Lab Rescue**

19 Commons Ave., Windham, ME 04062

**Phone:** 415-2273

### **Midcoast Humane**

30 Range Road, Brunswick, ME 04011

**Phone:** 725-5051

### **National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network**

699 Highland Ave., South Portland, ME 04106

**Phone:** 767-2602

### **New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue Inc.**

197 Settler Road, South Portland, ME 04106

**Phone:** 828-2182

### **Paws of Dale Hollow**

88 Bartley Ave., Portland, ME 04103

**Phone:** 233-0721

### **Pointer Rescue**

215 Senator Black Road, West Baldwin, ME 04091

**Phone:** 625-8159

### **Puppy Love**

125 Ash Point Road, Harpswell, ME 04079

**Phone:** 833-5199

**The Pixel Fund**

39 Faith Dr., Gorham, ME 04038

**Phone:** 831-4862

**Tall Tails Beagle Rescue**

81 Pleasant Hill Road, Freeport, ME 04032

**Phone:** 797-5392

## Franklin County

**Franklin County Animal Shelter**

550 Industry Road, Farmington, ME 04938

**Phone:** 778-2638

**The Jordan Farm**

214 Fairbanks Road, Farmington, ME 04938

**Phone:** 778-6690

## Hancock County

**Acadia Island Exotics**

15 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662

**Phone:** 276-3665

**Acadia Veterinary Hospital**

21 Federal St., Bar Harbor, ME 04609

**Phone:** 288-5733

**Bucksport Animal Holding Facility**

Outer Central Street, Bucksport, ME 04416

**Phone:** 469-7368

**Small Animal Clinic**

9 Toothaker Lane, Ellsworth, ME 04605

**Phone:** 667-2341

**SPCA Hancock County**

141 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton, ME 04605

**Phone:** 667-8088

**Southwest Harbor Animal Welfare, Inc.**

15 Wood Street, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679

**Phone:** 244-3749

## Kennebec County

**Animal Rescue of Kennebec (ARK)**

PO Box 16, Augusta, ME 04332

**Phone:** 749-3575

**C.C. Strays Animal Rescue**

517 Johnson Flat Road, Clinton, ME 04927

**Phone:** 660-3236

**Charley's Strays Inc.**

117 McCarthy Road, Benton, ME 04901

**Phone:** 426-9482

**Dogs Deserve Better of Windsor**

23 Rogers Road, Windsor, ME 04363

**Phone:** 215-6972

**Humane Society — Waterville Area**

100 Webb Road, Waterville, ME 04901

**Phone:** 872-9222

**Kennebec Valley Humane Society**

Pet Haven Lane, Augusta, ME 04330

**Phone:** 626-3491

## Companion Animals

### **Maine Greyhound Placement Service**

249 Old Belgrade Road, Augusta, ME 04330

**Phone:** 846-4707

### **North Florida Rescue Maine**

84 North Main Street, North Monmouth, ME 04265

**Phone:** 931-7676

### **PALS**

188 Case Road, Winthrop, ME 04364

**Phone:** 395-4274

### **Passion for Pets Rescue**

378 Collins Mills Road, West Gardiner, ME 04345

**Phone:** 522 5779

### **Pibbles & More Animal Rescue, Inc**

43 Spring St., Gardiner, ME 04345

**Phone:** 582-8574

## **Knox County**

### **Catahoula Rescue of New England**

30 Clements Pt. Rd Warren, ME 04864

**Phone:** 273 1320

### **Humane Society of Knox County**

Dexter Street Extension, Thomaston, ME 04861

**Phone:** 594-2200

### **P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center**

146 Camden Street, Rockport, ME 04856

**Phone:** 236-8702

## **Lincoln County**

### **Midcoast Humane**

27 Atlantic Hwy, Edgecomb, ME 04457

**Phone:** 882-9677

## **Oxford County**

### **Fairy Rails Rescue of Maine**

236 Vernon Street, Bethel, ME 04217

**Phone:** 357-6638

### **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter**

Rte. 302, Fryeburg, ME 04037

**Phone:** 935-4358

### **Kozy Kennelz**

1734 Bear Pond Road, Hartford, ME 04220

**Phone:** 212-6677

### **Lazy L Kennel**

188 Scribner Hill Road, Otisfield, ME 04270

**Phone:** 539-9188

### **Long Journey to a New Beginning Animal Rescue**

212 Meadow Road, Stow, ME

**Phone:** 697-2299

### **McKenna's Animal Adoption Agency**

88 Hall Hill Road, Rumford, ME 04276

**Phone:** 364-7176

### **Ralphie's Retreat**

1864 Pewquawket Trail, Hiram, ME 04041

**Phone:** 625-3377

## **Responsible Pet Care**

9 Lower Swallow Road, South Paris, ME 04281

**Phone:** 743-8679, 739-2350

**Sticks and Stones Canine Rescue** *E-mail:* rebecca@sticksandstonesrescue.com

28 McSherry Lane, Hartford, ME 04220

**The Grateful Dog Animal Rescue, Inc.**

511 Maine Street, Stoneham, ME 04231

**Phone:** (570) 468-3205

## **Penobscot County**

### **Animal Orphanage**

Airport Road, Old Town, ME 04468

**Phone:** 827-8777

### **Bangor Humane Society**

693 Mt Hope Ave., Bangor, ME 04401

**Phone:** 942-8902

### **Brewer Veterinary Clinic**

111 Pierce Road, Brewer, ME 04412

**Phone:** 989-6531

### **GSP (German Shorthaired Pointer) Rescue**

630 Maxfield, Howland, ME 04448

**Phone:** (880) 450-2519

### **Little Wanderers Animal Adoption**

Rt. 43, 383 Corinth Road, Hudson, ME 04449

**Phone:** 327-1422

### **Morse's Feline Rescue Foundation**

16 ½ Pine St, Milford, ME 04461

**Phone:** 947-0333

### **Penobscot Valley Humane Society**

1 Park Avenue, Lincoln, ME 04457

**Phone:** 794-3457

### **Pet Motel**

534 Dexter Road, Corinna, ME 04928

**Phone:** 275-2800

### **Samsara Exotic Animal Refuge**

1356 Country Road, Greenfield Twp, ME

**Phone:** 478-4978

### **Shepherd's Beyond Borders Rescue**

1385 Main Road, West Enfield, ME 04493

**Phone:** 943-3469

### **Tykenbay Acres**

309 Old Country Road, Etna, ME 04434

**Phone:** 269-3939

## **Piscataquis County**

**Give a Dog a Home, German Shepherd Dog Rescue** **Phone:** 564-8838

187 Downs Road, Sebec, ME 04481

### **Foxcroft Veterinary Services, PA**

Rte 7 Dexter Road, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

**Phone:** 564-2144

### **Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary**

39 Clinton St, Milo, ME 04463

**Phone:** 943-2324

# Companion Animals

## Sagadahoc County

**Coastal Maine Great Dane Rescue** **Phone:** 729-0679  
9 Ladyslipper Lane, Topsham, ME 04086

**New England Brittany Rescue** **Phone:** 406-2771  
154 Mere Point Road, Brunswick, ME 04011

**Rescue Charlie's Friends** **Phone:** 389-4785  
7 Eagle Cove, Woolwich, ME 04579

**Souly Maine Pets Rescue** **Phone:** 443-3909  
222 Middle St., Bath, ME 04530

## Somerset County

**Moose River Animal Shelter** **Phone:** 668-5761  
724 Main St., Moose River, ME 04945

**Somerset Humane Society** **Phone:** 474-6493  
Middle Road, Skowhegan, ME 04976

**Spirits Place**  
74 Nokomis Road, Saint Albans, ME 04928

## Waldo County

**Maine Coast Animal Rescue** **Phone:** 789-5700  
66 Atlantic Highway, Northport, ME 04849

**Miracle German Shepherd Dog Rescue of Maine** **Phone:** 266-9676  
108 Appleton Ridge Road, Searsmont, ME 04973

**Townline Animal Shelter** **Phone:** 338-1403  
46 Baker Road, Belfast, ME 04915

## Washington County

**Ark Animal Shelter** **Phone:** 546-3484  
60 Barber Lane, Cherryfield, ME

**Baileyville Animal Holding Facility** **Phone:** 427-6992  
Dump Road, Baileyville, ME

**PAWS** **Phone:** 454-7662  
368 South St, Calais, ME

**Perry Animal Holding Facility** **Phone:** 853-4161  
Rte. 1 (Behind municipal building), Perry, ME 04667

**SOS-Lubec ME Give US a Chance Shelter** **Phone:** 733-2153  
67 Water Street, Lubec, ME 04652



## York County

### **Alpha Dog Rescue**

252 North Rochester Road, Lebanon, ME 04027

**Phone:** (603) 970-0516

### **Animal Welfare Society**

Old Holland Road, West Kennebunk, ME 04094

**Phone:** 985-3244

### **Another Chance Animal Rescue**

251 Country Club Road, Sanford, ME 04073

**Phone:** 676-9330

### **Berwick Animal Shelter**

63 Blackberry Hill Road, Berwick, ME 03901

**Phone:** 698-4580

### **Doggie Cottage**

81 Holmes Road, Scarborough, ME 04074

**Phone:** 883-1914

### **Emma's Angels Rescue**

30 Meeting House Road, North Berwick, ME 04906

**Phone:** 676-5599

### **Ferret Rescue of Maine**

429 Parker Farm Road, Buxton, ME 04093

**Phone:** 423-2297

### **Fetching Hope Rescue**

187 Emery Mills Road, Shapleigh, ME 04076

**Phone:** 323-1646

### **For Spoiled Pets Rescue**

452 Carl Broggi Hwy., Lebanon, ME 04027

**Phone:** 432-0029

### **Four Legged Freedom Rescue**

389 Maguire Road, Kennebunk, ME 04043

**Phone:** 387-5228

### **Kittery Animal Hospital, Inc.**

195 State Road, Kittery, ME 03904

**Phone:** 439-6674

### **Lucky Pup Rescue Inc.**

280 Cole Road, Kennebunk, ME 04043

**Phone:** 985-6763

### **Maine Sheltie Rescue**

356 Mountain Road, Arundel, ME

**Phone:** 284-8515

### **Mainely Mutts Animal Rescue**

35 Aramis Lane, Eliot, ME 03903

**Phone:** 312-7867

### **New England Lab Rescue**

58 Maine St., Limerick, ME 04048

**Phone:** 615-3126

### **Old Orchard Beach Animal Shelter**

1 Portland Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

**Phone:** 934-4911

### **Pittie Posse Rescue & Sanctuary**

11 Atkinson Lane, Saco, ME 04072

**Phone:** 619-2249

## Companion Animals

### **Safe Haven Humane Society**

1616 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090

**Phone:** 985-8781

### **Second Life Animal Rescue**

439 Main St., South Berwick 03908

**Phone:** 752-9378

### **The Green Ark**

730 Hollis Road, Hollis ME 04042

**Phone:** 298-9466

### **3 Dogs Rescue**

27 Tall Timbers Drive, Berwick, ME 03901

**Phone:** 641-3331

### **When the Going Gets Ruff Animal Rescue**

18 Raymond St., Biddeford, ME 04005

**Phone:** 710-3719

## Feral Cats

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### **Animal Welfare Society/The Cleo Fund**

Old Holland Road, West Kennebunk, ME 04094

**Phone:** 985-3244

### **Friends of Feral Felines**

651 Forest Avenue, Portland, ME 04101

**Phone:** 797-3014

**Website:** [www.feralfelines.net/](http://www.feralfelines.net/)

## Emergency Veterinary Clinics

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### **Animal Emergency Clinic**

739 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME 04104

**Phone:** 878-3121

### **Animal Emergency Clinic of Mid-Maine**

37 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston, ME 04252

**Phone:** 777-1110

### **Eastern Maine Emergency Clinic**

15 Dirigo Dr., Brewer, ME 04412

**Phone:** 989-6267

### **Maine Veterinary Medical Center**

1500 Technology Way, Scarborough, ME 04070

**Phone:** 885-1290

## New Hampshire

### **Port City Veterinary Referral Hospital**

215 Commerce Way, Portsmouth, NH 03801

**Phone:** (603) 433-0056

## Poison Control

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If you believe that your animal has been poisoned, call your local veterinarian immediately. Signs of poisoning include: listlessness, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle tremors, lack of coordination and/or fever among others.

If you are unable to get emergency assistance from a local veterinarian call the **ASPCA Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435**, <https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>. The Center operates a hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There may be a consultation fee (\$65) so you will need to provide your name and credit card number. For free basic information about poison emergencies for companion animals call the **Northern New England Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222**, <https://www.nnepc.org/>.

Be prepared for their questions by knowing as much information as possible about the species, breed, age, sex, size and weight of the animal you are calling about. Be prepared to describe the symptoms the animal is experiencing and if available, any information on the type of poisonous material, and time when ingested.

## Rights of Purchasers of Cats and Dogs

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Before you buy a dog from a breeder, please consider the many available dogs in Maine animals shelters! (See our lists, beginning on page 10.) If you plan to purchase a dog from a breeder, ask your veterinarian or friends to recommend breeders in your area or contact your local kennel club.

Maine law (7 M.R.S.A. §§ 4151-4163) sets forth consumer rights concerning the sale of dogs and cats. This law gives purchasers of dogs and cats a recourse when the animal they purchase from a pet dealer is either ill at the time of the purchase, becomes sick, or dies within a year of purchase due to a disease, an illness, or a congenital or hereditary condition.

To obtain these remedies the purchaser must meet certain notification deadlines. For example, 7 M.R.S.A. § 4155(1) requires the following: “If, within 10 days after receipt of the animal by the purchaser, a veterinarian states in writing that the animal has a health problem that existed in the animal at the time of delivery or if, within one year after receipt of the animal by the purchaser, a veterinarian states in writing that due to a hereditary or congenital defect the animal has died or has a condition that will shorten its life or will require constant treatment during its life, the animal is considered to have been unfit for sale at the time of sale.”

The dealer must also make certain mandatory disclosures to customers. For example, the dealer must provide a summary of the purchaser’s consumer rights under this law and a signed statement that the animal at the time of delivery has no known health problem or a statement disclosing any known health problem. (See 7 M.R.S.A. § 4160.)

For more information see “Sale of Dogs and Cats” in the Maine Statutes (7 M.R.S.A. §§ 4151) and/or contact the **State of Maine’s Animal Welfare Program at 287-3846 or 1 877-269-9200**. (When contacting the Animal Welfare Program you may be asked to leave a message. They will call you back!)

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/7/title7ch745sec0.html>

# Companion Animals

## Assistance with Paying Vet Bills

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If a person is having trouble affording veterinary care the Human Society of the United States recommends the following:

1. If you do not have a credit card, ask your veterinarian if she will allow you to pay on a weekly or monthly basis. Or offer to perform a service for your vet such as cleaning kennels or answering phones. You may also consider getting a second opinion. This means additional expenses but another veterinarian may suggest a less expensive method of treatment. (Also feel free to call different veterinarians to compare prices. Vets in smaller communities may charge less.) Consider calling the veterinary school closest to Maine, the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Massachusetts.
2. Think about ways to raise some extra cash. This could include a bank loan, yard sale, or asking for money from your employer, friends, family, or even strangers. GoFundMe, <https://www.gofundme.com/> and Waggle, <https://waggle.org/> enable you to ask for money from friends and family, or strangers by creating a personal fundraising page to raise funds for medical care for companion animals.
3. If you don't qualify for a credit card or bank loan, you may be able to get an account with CareCredit, a credit card that is specifically for health care expenses, including for companion animals. Care Credit, <https://www.carecredit.com/>, offers a no-interest or low-interest grace period that may help you if you can pay the money back within a few months.
4. There are many national animal welfare organizations that provide assistance in paying veterinary bills. Some of these organizations are breed specific or injury-specific. To find these groups go to the websites of such groups as HSUS, <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/are-you-having-trouble-affording-your-pet> and PetFund, <https://www.thepetfund.com/resources/additional-links-for-help>.
5. For Assistance with Spay and Neuter Costs — see the next section of this guide.

## Low Cost Spay Neuter Services in Maine

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### Spay Maine

For a complete, up to date list of low cost spay neuter services in Maine go to the website of SpayMaine <http://spaymaine.org/>.

Confused? Want a phone call? Email your phone number to [shall1@maine.rr.com](mailto:shall1@maine.rr.com). SpayMaine will call you to help you find a spay/neuter program.

**Remember to fix your cats between three to five months of age!**

## Pet Food Pantries in Maine

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There are food pantries in Maine that give those in need pet food and a variety of products to take care of companion animals. Below is a list of some of them.

**No Bowl Empty Pet Food Pantry**

238 Old Alfred Road, East Waterboro, ME 04030

**Phone:** 233-2793

**Dogwill**

1328 Washington St., Bath, ME 04530

**Phone:** 522 -1018

**Amy Buxton Pet Pantry**

9 Church Street, Augusta, ME 04330

**Phone:** 622-0552

**Waldo County Pet Food Pantry**

34 Field Street, Belfast, ME 04915

**Phone:** 322-2793

**Half Way Home Pet Rescue**

489 Main Street, Caribou, ME

**Phone:** 999-1075

## Finding A Lost Companion Animal

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**1) For Dogs – Contact Maine Lost Dog Recovery**

[www.facebook.com/MaineLostDogRecovery/](http://www.facebook.com/MaineLostDogRecovery/)

**2) For Cats – Contact Maine Lost Cat Recovery**

[www.facebook.com/MaineLostCatRecovery](http://www.facebook.com/MaineLostCatRecovery/)

*(From the website of PETA.)*

1) File “missing” reports at veterinarians’ offices, the police department, and animal control. Follow up in person to make sure that a case of mistaken identity is not hampering a reunion with your companion animal.

2) Comb the neighborhood, paying special attention to spaces under porches, shrubs, and cars, as well as sheds, drain pipes, and other hiding places that might attract your frightened friend. Cover at least a 2-mile radius.

3) Ask delivery persons in your neighborhood if they have seen your animal running at large.

4) Post “missing” fliers, including a current photo that accurately portrays your companion animal — do not use one that is dated and misrepresents his or her appearance. At the top of your flier, write “REWARD,” and at the bottom list your home, work, and cell phone numbers.

- It’s vitally important that the number you’re about to post everywhere be answered. As a precautionary measure, change your outgoing voice-mail message to something like this: *“If you have information about my missing [cat], I need to speak with you. Please leave your name and number and repeat them. If you don’t have a callback number, this phone should be answered by a live person between [x] and [y] today. You can also reach [someone you absolutely trust] at [another number you are absolutely sure of]. If I don’t call you back, it means that I couldn’t hear your number clearly, so please try me again. Thank you!”*

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- Keep the description vague or you may cause someone who has seen or rescued your animal to assume that he or she is not your lost friend. For example, many lost animals lose their collars — someone might think that your dog isn't the one on the poster simply because he or she is no longer wearing a red collar.
- Do not list the animal's name or behavioral traits. Lost animals often do not respond to their names or may behave differently when they are frightened.
- Don't hint that you think your friend has been stolen, i.e., don't say, "No questions asked," as it may discourage a rescuer from calling, worried that he or she will be accused of theft.
- Post your fliers at veterinary offices, animal control, pet and grooming shops, dog parks, schools, libraries, grocery stores — any place that displays a public bulletin board. Use sturdy tape or staples to place them on utility poles at busy intersections (you may wish to check with the utilities department to find out if such postings are legal). You'll need plenty of copies of your flier — plan to put up 200 posters the first day.

5) Visit your local animal shelter and animal control departments every day in person to see if your nonhuman friend has been turned in. Do not be satisfied with telephone inquiries. Shelters receive dozens of animals every day — and the staff person who answers your phone call may have missed seeing your friend come into the facility.

6) Place "lost" advertisements in all the local and weekly newspapers. Many publications will place such ads free of charge. Check the "found" ads every day.

7) If two weeks pass, update your flier. A rain-soaked, tattered flier can look months old to someone who might think the animal on your flier is long gone and can't be the same animal he or she has just rescued from busy traffic.

8) Sign up with an automated service such as **FindToto** <https://www.findtoto.com/> or **Lost My Doggie** <https://www.lostmydoggie.com/>. They will immediately call or e-mail thousands of your nearby neighbors to notify them that your animal companion is missing.

### National Resources:

**AKC Companion Animal Recovery:** 1-800-252-7894

**Tatoo-A-Pet:** 1-800-828-8667

### Protecting Companion Animals from Domestic Violence

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Often victims of domestic violence are afraid to leave their abusive homes because they do not want to leave their companion animals behind. More and more resources are now becoming available to help victims make sure their animals do not have to be left behind. Please call your local animal shelter (see our list beginning on page 10) or domestic violence advocacy group (call 211 to find a local advocacy group) to find out if there is a program available to help you make temporary arrangements for your animals.

Maine law gives judges the statutory authority to make orders with respect to the "care, custody and control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by

either party or a minor child residing in the household.” <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/19-A/title19-Asec4007.html>. Maine law also includes animals in its criminal stalking laws <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/17-A/title17-Asec210-A.html>. A person is guilty of stalking if he/she intentionally engages in a course of conduct directed at another person that reasonably causes that other person to fear injury to or death of an animal owned by or in the possession or control of the other person. These laws recognize the importance of animals in the lives of victims of family violence.

### Safety Planning for Companion Animals of Domestic Violence Victims

If you are planning on staying...

- Keep emergency provisions for your animal in case your abuser withholds money
- Keep the phone number of the nearest 24 hour emergency vet clinic
- Establish ownership of your animal by creating a paper trail ( e.g. obtain a license, have vet records put in your name)

If you are planning on leaving...

- Obtain safe emergency shelter for your animals somewhere that won't be disclosed to your abuser (e.g. veterinarian, friend, family, or a shelter that accepts animals such as Spruce Run in Bangor 1-800-863-9909, The Next Step in Ellsworth 1-800-315-5579, Family Crisis Services in Portland 874-1973, New Hope for Women in Rockland 1-800-522-3304 and Caring Unlimited in Sanford 1-800-239-7298).
- Pack a bag for your animal that includes food, medicine, documents of ownership (receipts from adoption or purchase of animal, license to establish ownership), health documents (vet or vaccine records), leash, ID and rabies tag, carrier, toys and bedding.

If you must leave without your animal, leave enough food fresh bedding, litter etc. for your pet. If you have left...

- Keep animals indoors if possible, don't let an animal outdoors alone, pick a safe route and time to walk your animal, don't exercise or walk alone, and change your veterinarian.

*From the People's Law of Maryland, Ahimsa House*

<https://www.peoples-law.org/domestic-violence-and-pets>

### Benefits of Licensing Your Dog

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Dogs must be licensed annually. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided. Licenses can be purchased from your town clerk and in most areas are available online. The Animal Welfare Program of the Maine Department of Agriculture is the state agency that investigates complaints about animal abuse, neglect and cruelty.

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## Humane Dog Trainers

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The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) is an international testing and certification program for professional dog trainers. The CCPDT's certification program is based on humane training practices and the latest scientific knowledge related to dog training. Competence and continued growth in training practices is promoted through the recertification of qualification of qualified professionals. To find humane dog trainers in Maine go to <https://www.ccpdt.org/>.

## Traveling with Companion Animals

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Plan ahead when traveling with animals. For useful information see the **Humane Society of the United States'** article entitled **Travel Safely with your Pet by Car, Airplane, Ship:** <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/travel-safely-your-pet-car-airplane-ship-or-train>.

For a directory of pet friendly hotels, see: <http://www.travelpets.com/>.

## Planning for a Disaster

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HSUS's To-Do list for Protecting your Companion Animals in a Disaster:

1. *Start getting ready now.* Make sure that your cat or dog is wearing a collar and identification that is up to date and visible at all times. Put your cell number on your animal's tag. If lost, having them microchipped increases the chances of being reunited. Have a disaster kit of food, water and medicine for your animal. Also for cats include litter, a box, and bags. Have current photos to help identify lost animals.
2. *If you evacuate, take your animal.* Evacuate early. Find a safe place to stay ahead of time. Before disaster hits call your local office of emergency management to see if you will be allowed to evacuate with your animals and that there will be shelters that take people and their animals in your area. Find an animal-friendly hotel or an animal-friendly safe place for your family and animals. A disaster or evacuation order may come when you are not home so make arrangements for a trusted neighbor or nearby friend or family member to take your animals.
3. *If you stay at home do it safely.* Identify a safe area of your home where you can all stay together and make it animal friendly.

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/make-disaster-plan-your-pets#:~:text=%20Make%20a%20disaster%20plan%20for%20your%20pets,you%27re%20away%20during%20a%20disaster%20or...%20More%20>

## Bereavement of a Companion Animal

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There are several good organizations with websites devoted to easing the loss of a companion animal. Here are three:

**The Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement, Inc. Phone:** 1(718)-382-0690  
P.O. Box 106, Brooklyn, NY 11230

<https://www.aplb.org/>



## Companion Animals/Emergencies

### **University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Pet Loss Helpline**

**Helpline:** 1(217) 244-2273

The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine offers free support to all grieving individuals:

[https://vetmed.illinois.edu/pet\\_column/care-helpline-grieving-pet-owners/](https://vetmed.illinois.edu/pet_column/care-helpline-grieving-pet-owners/)

### **Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Helpline:**

**Helpline:** (508) 839-7966 <https://vet.tufts.edu/petloss/>

### **PETA on "The Loss of a Companion Animal":**

<https://www.peta.org/issues/animal-companion-issues/animal-companion-factsheets/loss-companion-animal/>

## Maine's Animal Welfare Program/To Report Abuse

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The Animal Welfare Program (AWP) is part of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and based in Augusta. The program assigns humane agents to the various districts in Maine to investigate complaints of suspected abuse, neglect and cruelty. To report abuse, neglect or cruelty, contact:

### **Maine Animal Welfare Program**

28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028

**Phones:** 287-3846, 1-877-269-9200 (*Leave a message and they will call back*)

**E-mail:** [animal.welfare@maine.gov](mailto:animal.welfare@maine.gov)

[https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_welfare/index.shtml](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/index.shtml)

For emergencies after business hours call your local law enforcement or 866-2121.

If you have a complaint about any State of Maine Humane Agent, contact the Department of Agriculture at 287-3871.

## Animal Control

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Animal Control Officers are employed by municipalities to enforce municipal animal control duties under Maine law. If you have a complaint about an Animal Control Officer in his or her performance of duties, contact your local town officials or police department as Animal Control Officers are employed by the local municipality and not the State Animal Welfare Program. To locate your animal control officer, contact your local police department, town clerk, or town office. Animal Control Officers may also handle animal cruelty, neglect or abuse complaints. The State of Maine has a list of animal control officers, but it may not be up to date.

[https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_welfare/index.shtml](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/index.shtml)

## Emergencies

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For emergency (non-wildlife) animal welfare complaints, contact your local Animal Control Officer or police department or the **Animal Welfare Program in Augusta at 1-877-269-9200 or 287-3846**. If you wish to contact the Animal Welfare Program after hours, call (207) 866-2121. To report a wildlife emergency, see page 3 of this guide.

[https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_welfare/index.shtml](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/index.shtml)

# Animal Welfare Laws/Service Animals

## Animal Welfare Laws

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Maine's Animal Welfare Laws (civil) can be found in Title 7 of the Maine Revised Statutes. Maine's Animal Welfare laws (criminal) can be found in Title 17 of the Maine Revised Statutes. The State of Maine publishes the Animal Welfare Law Book and it can be purchased from the Animal Welfare Program (**Call 287-3846**). It is also available free online. [https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_welfare/documents/2019-awp-lawbook.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/documents/2019-awp-lawbook.pdf)

Good sources of animal laws throughout the United States are Animal Law 101 <https://www.statutes-of-limitations.com/news/read/animal-law-101/>, the Animal Legal Defense Fund's webpage <https://aldf.org/>, and Michigan State University School of Law's Animal Legal and Historical Center at <https://www.animallaw.info/>.

## Public Accommodations (restaurants, hotels, stores, etc.) and Service Dogs

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For public accommodations (restaurants, hotels, stores, etc.) **a service animal is a dog** that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.

Examples of such work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting an individual who is totally or partially blind with navigation and other tasks, alerting an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting an individual to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or a telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to an individual with a mobility disability and helping a person with a psychiatric or neurological disability by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

The Maine Human Rights Act (5 M.R.S.A. section 4592, subsection 8) states that it is unlawful for a public accommodation (restaurant, stores, hotels, etc.) to refuse to permit the use of a service animal (dog) or otherwise discriminate against an individual with a physical or mental disability who uses a service animal (dog) at a public accommodation unless it is shown by defense that the service animal (dog) poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or the use of the service animal (dog) would result in substantially physical damage to the property of others or would substantially interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of the public accommodation.

## Fair Housing Laws and Assistance Animals

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In 2016 in order to clarify the use of helper animals, the Maine Legislature modified the Maine Human Rights Act to add a new definition – ***assistance animal***. ***Assistance animal pertains only to housing and does not have to be a dog.***

An assistance animal is:

- A. An animal (cat, dog, etc.) that has been determined necessary to mitigate the effects of a physical or mental disability by a physician, psychologist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or licensed social worker or
- B. an animal (cat, dog, etc.) individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a physical or mental disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to intruders or sounds, providing reasonable protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or retrieving dropped items.

The Maine Human Rights Act (5 M.R.S.A. section 4582-A subsection 3) states that it is unlawful housing discrimination for a lessor of property to refuse to permit the use of assistance animals (dogs, cats, etc.) unless it is shown that the assistance animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or the use of the assistance animal would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others or would substantially interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of the housing accommodations of others. The use of an assistance animal may not be conditioned on the payment of a fee or security deposit, although the individual with a physical or mental disability is liable for any damage done to the premises by an assistance animal.

## Marine Animals

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**Maine Marine Animal Reporting Hotline:** 1-800-532-9551

The Maine Marine Animal Reporting Hotline is a dedicated toll-free number that receives and directs reports of whales, seals, dolphins, porpoises, and sea turtles and is staffed by Marine Mammals of Maine, a not-for-profit organization.

<https://mmome.org/strandings/>

Remember that marine animals are protected by federal law. It is illegal for unauthorized persons to handle or harass them. If you spot a marine mammal in distress in Maine, call the Marine Animal Reporting Hotline. Do not attempt to remove the animal from the area or return it to the water. Seals temporarily leave the water to rest and mothers will briefly leave their crying pups while feeding at sea. If you find a beached whale or dolphin, do not hesitate, report it immediately! Observe the animal from a distance. Marine mammals can inflict serious injury and transmit diseases. Keep people and dogs away. Note the physical characteristics and condition of the animal such as size and color. Is it weak or active? Are there any wounds or bleeding? Determine the exact location of the animal for accurate directions.

# Animal Advocacy Groups

## Maine-based Animal Advocacy Groups

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**Maine Animal Coalition**, dedicated to the elimination of animal abuse and exploitation through education, advocacy and example.

P.O. Box 6683, Portland, ME 04101

**Phone:** 773-2215

**E-mail:** [mac@maineanimalcoalition.org](mailto:mac@maineanimalcoalition.org)

**Website:** <https://www.maineanimalcoalition.org/>

**Maine Audubon** works to conserve Maine's wildlife and wildlife habitat by engaging people of all ages in education, conservation and action.

20 Gilsland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME 04105

**Phone:** 781-2330

**Website:** <https://maineaudubon.org/>

**Maine Federation of Humane Societies**, representing companion animal welfare organizations, humane societies, animal welfare and rescue leagues, animal shelters, and private breed rescue organizations.

**E-mail:** [info@mefed.org](mailto:info@mefed.org)

**Website:** <http://mefed.org/>

**Maine Friends of Animals**, through legislative action, education, and advocacy, Maine Friends of Animals is dedicated to ending animal cruelty and promoting the humane treatment of animals in Maine.

190 U.S. Route 1, Falmouth, ME 04105

**Phone:** 781-2187

**E-mail:** [info@mfoa.net](mailto:info@mfoa.net)

**Website:** <https://mfoa.net/>

### Marine Mammals of Maine

P.O. Box 751, Bath, ME 04530

**Phone:** 844-8718

**E-mail:** [contactinfo@mmome.org](mailto:contactinfo@mmome.org)

**Website:** <https://www.mmome.org/>

**Spay Maine** is a collaboration of Maine's animal shelters, rescues, vets, animal control officers and animal advocates, who work together to reduce Maine's shelter intakes and euthanasia by supporting Help Fix Me and promoting spay neuter clinics and programs around the state.

**E-mail:** [shall1@maine.rr.com](mailto:shall1@maine.rr.com)

**Website:** [www.spaymaine.org/](http://www.spaymaine.org/)

**WildWatch Maine** is an independent group of Maine citizens who are working to put the ethical treatment of wildlife and the best-available science at the center of wildlife policy. They seek to expand public education, public engagement, and dialog on wildlife issues; reform abusive practices; and promote policies that reflect public interest in the well-being of wildlife and healthy, biodiverse ecosystems.

**E-mail:** [Info@wildwatchmaine.com](mailto:Info@wildwatchmaine.com)

**Website:** <http://wildwatchmaine.org/>

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## Humane Education

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Many animal shelters offer humane education programs in their community. Please contact your local shelter for more information on programs available in your area. To learn more about humane education contact:

**The Institute for Humane Education**

P.O. Box 260, Surry ME 04684

**Phone:** 667-1025

**Website:** [www.humaneeducation.org](http://www.humaneeducation.org)

**The National Humane Education Society**

P.O. Box 340, Charles Town, WV 25414

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**Website:** [www.nhes.org](http://www.nhes.org)

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## Maine's Law on Vivisection in Schools

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Maine's law on vivisection in schools can be found in the Maine Statutes at 7 M.R.S.A. §3971. Use of live animals is governed by the following law:

*“No live vertebrate, except eggs, may be used in kindergarten and grades one to 12 of any public or private school as part of a scientific experiment or for any other purpose in which the animal is experimentally medicated or drugged in a manner to cause painful reactions or to induce painful or lethal pathological conditions, or in which the animal is injured through any other type of treatment, experiment or procedure, including, but not limited to, anesthetization or electric shock or where the normal health of the animal is interfered with or where pain or distress is caused.”*

*“No person may, in the presence of any student in kindergarten and grades one to 12, practice vivisection or exhibit a vivisected animal. Dissection of dead animals or any portions of dead animals in schools shall be confined to the classroom and to the presence of students engaged in the study of dissection and shall not be for the purpose of exhibition.”*

## Maine Student's Right to Alternatives to Dissection

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It is the policy of the Maine Department of Education that school administrative units should recognize that students who show a legitimate conscientious, ethical reason not to do dissection should not be required to do so and be offered an alternative assignment.

On January 30, 1990, then Commissioner of Education, Eve M. Bither, issued Informational Letter #49 to Superintendents of Schools stating the following:

*As you are aware, based on recent legislative debate and consideration, the issue of allowing students to refuse to do dissection and providing alternative instructions to dissection has reached a high level of awareness and discussion.*

*Therefore, to accommodate students who request not to do dissections, I am issuing the following advisory for local school administrative unit action:*

- 1. That school administrative units should recognize that students who show a legitimate conscientious, ethical reason not to do dissection should not be required to do so and should be offered an alternative assignment to dissection.*
- 2. That school administrative units should establish a local policy which: a) allows students to refuse to do dissections; b) states that alternative assignments to dissection which meet student needs while at the same time preserve the integrity of the biology program will be provided to students on request; c) makes known that students have an alternative to dissection through such means as course description materials, posters or school announcements; and d) establishes a procedure whereby students may request, and the school may review and approve/disapprove, an alternative.*

For more information on alternatives to dissection, contact:

**Rise for Animals**

**Phone:** 617-523-6020.

**Website:** <https://riseforanimals.org/>

Presently America produces and slaughters (most often inhumanely) 10 billion animals for food each year. Going vegan or reducing meat consumption not only reduces animal suffering, but it also helps the environment, increases the world's food supply, and improves the nation's health.

Animal Agriculture is a major source of water-quality problems in America's rivers and streams. Worldwide, forests, wetlands and wildlife habitats are being destroyed in order to raise farm animals. In a 2006 study the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization calculated that livestock production causes more greenhouse gases than transportation.

Reducing the number of animals raised for food could also reduce world hunger. The majority of corn and soy grown today is used to produce meat. It takes thirteen pounds of grain to produce one pound of beef. It is more efficient to feed the corn and soy directly to people

A vegan diet is generally seen as healthful by nutritionists. Obtaining enough protein is not a problem for most vegetarians or vegans. Currently Americans eat approximately 110 grams of protein a day, which is twice the government recommendation. Almost all foods except for alcohol, sugar and fats are good sources of protein. Nutritionists no longer believe that it is necessary to combine different plant foods to get the full protein value. Even when eating an exclusively plant-based diet, vegans consume enough protein as long as they eat a variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Reducing meat consumption lowers a person's risk for heart disease, cancer, stroke and other chronic diseases. Forsaking meat reduces a person's risk of food poisoning, which sickens seventy-five thousand Americans each year and kills approximately five thousand.

For additional information see the website of the Vegetarian Resource Group, [www.vrg.org](http://www.vrg.org). Also consider attending Maine Animal Coalition's annual Veg Fest [www.mainevegfest.com](http://www.mainevegfest.com) in Portland or join the Maine Vegan Meet-Up Group, [www.meetup.com/Mainely-Vegans/](http://www.meetup.com/Mainely-Vegans/), a Maine based vegan group engaging in different activities. Maine Animal Coalition is the organizer of the Maine Vegan Meetup.

## About Maine Animal Coalition

Maine Animal Coalition was founded in 1988 and is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to the elimination of animal abuse and exploitation through education, advocacy and example. Typical annual activities include hosting the Veg Fest, advocating for animal related bills before the Maine Legislature, publishing the *Maine Animal Resource Guide*, hosting the Maine Vegan Meetup, donating DVD's to Maine's 250 public libraries, presenting lectures and films, and supporting other animal related nonprofits in Maine.

Please go to Maine Animal Coalition's website [www.maineanimalcoalition.org/](http://www.maineanimalcoalition.org/) and JOIN US! All members receive a FREE subscription to *VegNews* Magazine. [vegnews.com](http://vegnews.com)

*The Maine Animal Resource Guide* is published by Maine Animal Coalition, a statewide nonprofit dedicated to the elimination of animal abuse and exploitation through education, advocacy, and example. The Guide may be download free of charge from our website [www.maineanimalcoalition.org](http://www.maineanimalcoalition.org).

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