

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ALBANY, NY 12235**

**ARTICLE 26  
of the Agriculture and Markets Law  
relating to  
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

**353. Overdriving, torturing and injuring animals;  
failure to provide proper sustenance.**

**A person who overdrives, overloads, tortures or cruelly beats or unjustifiably injures, maims, mutilates or KILLS ANY ANIMAL, whether wild or tame, and whether belonging to himself or another, or deprives any animal of necessary substance, food or drink, or neglects or refuses to furnish it such sustenance or drink, or causes, procures or permits any animal to be overdriven, overloaded, tortured, cruelly beaten, or unjustifiably injured, maimed, mutilated or killed, or to be deprived of necessary food or drink, or who willfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.**

**Report Animal Abuse and Cruelty**

**Nassau County  
Nassau SPCA  
516 781-2052**

**Suffolk County  
Suffolk SPCA  
631 382-7722**

**New York City and  
the 5 Boroughs  
212 876-7700**