



Ohio Revised Code

Section 959.07 Reporting of violation involving a companion animal by licensed professionals.

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(A) As used in sections 959.07 to 959.10 of the Revised Code:

- (1) "Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section 959.131 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Licensed veterinarian" has the same meaning as in section 4741.01 of the Revised Code.
- (3) "Protective services" has the same meaning as in section 5101.60 of the Revised Code.
- (4) "Officer" has the same meaning as in section 959.132 of the Revised Code.
- (5) "Social service professional" means an employee or agent of a public children services agency or an employee or agent of a county department of job and family services with responsibility for protective services.
- (6) "Older adult" means any person sixty years of age or older within this state who is disabled by the infirmities of aging or who has a physical or mental impairment which prevents the person from providing for the person's own care or protection, and who resides in an independent living arrangement.
- (7) "Violation involving a companion animal" means any violation of section 959.01, 959.02, 959.03, 959.13, 959.131, 959.15, 959.16, or 959.21 of the Revised Code involving a companion animal.

(B)(1) No person listed in division (B)(2) of this section shall fail to immediately report a violation involving a companion animal to an officer who is not a dog warden or deputy dog warden when that person has knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect that such a violation has occurred or is occurring.



(2) Division (B)(1) of this section applies to all of the following operating in an official or professional capacity:

(a) A licensed veterinarian;

(b) A social service professional;

(c) A person licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code.
