

California Veterinary Animal Abuse Reporting Laws

California Business and Professions Code Section 4830.5

(a) If a licensee under this chapter has reasonable cause to believe that a dog has been injured or killed through participation in a staged animal fight, as prescribed in [Section 597b of the Penal Code](#), it is the duty of the licensee to promptly report that fact to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county, city, or city and county in which the fight occurred.

(b) A licensee shall not incur any civil liability as a result of making any report pursuant to this section or as a result of making any report of a violation of Section 596, subdivision (a) or (b) [of Section 597](#), or Section 597b, former Section 597f, Section 597g, 597n, 597.1, or 597.5 of the Penal Code.

California Business and Professions Code Section 4830.7

Whenever any licensee under this chapter has reasonable cause to believe an animal under its care has been a victim of animal abuse or cruelty, as prescribed in [Section 597 of the Penal Code](#), it shall be the duty of the licensee to promptly report it to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county, city, or city and county in which it occurred. No licensee shall incur any civil liability as a result of making any report pursuant to this section or as a result of making any report of a violation of subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of [Section 597](#).

California Business and Professions Code Section 4830.8

(a) An attending or on-call veterinarian at a rodeo event shall, pursuant to [Section 596.7 of the Penal Code](#), report to the board any animal injury at the event requiring veterinary treatment within 48 hours of the conclusion of the rodeo.

(b) A veterinarian, other than a veterinarian identified in subdivision (a), shall report to the board within seven days of rendering treatment to an animal for an injury that the veterinarian knows occurred at a rodeo event.

(c) A report submitted pursuant to this section shall include the title, location, and date of the rodeo event, the name of the attending veterinarian at the event, the name of the reporting veterinarian, the type of animal, and a brief description of the injury suffered by the animal. The board shall post a form on its Internet Web site to be used by veterinarians for purposes of submitting this report.

(d) For purposes of this section, "rodeo" has the same meaning set forth in [Section 596.7 of the Penal Code](#).