

## SPREADING THE WORD

In partnership with the NYPD and ASPCA, the Kings County District Attorney's Office Animal Cruelty Unit is working to prevent and protect our animals in Brooklyn. Every animal should have the basic necessities, including food, water and shelter appropriate for each season. It's up to you to be the voice of our animal friends.



**WORKING TOGETHER,  
WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

### Kings County District Attorney's Office

**DA's Action Center  
718-250-2340**

**Or visit us at:**  
350 Jay Street, 16th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Walk-ins welcome from  
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
Monday—Friday

for more information visit us at  
**[www. BrooklynDA.org](http://www.BrooklynDA.org)**

To report or request help for pets that need assistance, but the conditions do not rise to the level of criminality, contact the ASPCA Community Engagement team directly at 866-816-4804

#### **MTA Subway Directions:**

- The A, C or F train to the Jay Street/MetroTech station
- The R train to the Jay Street/MetroTech - Fulton Station and walk toward Jay Street
- The 2, 3, 4 or 5 train to the Borough Hall station. Walk east and cross Adams Street to Jay Street
- The building entrance is on Jay Street.

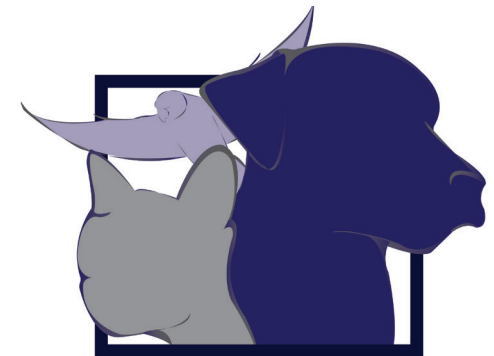
#### **MTA Bus Lines**

- Jay Street: B26, B 57, B62, B67 and B54
- Adams Street: B25, B38, B41, B52 and B103 (walk towards Jay Street)

# Animal Cruelty Unit



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Thousands of households throughout Brooklyn are home to a beloved pet, be it a cat, dog, rabbit, bird, or reptile. While most animals are properly cared for by their owners, there are some that suffer a lifetime of abuse or neglect. Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is committed to working together with the NYPD and the ASPCA to end the suffering and protect Brooklyn's animals.

### **What is the Kings County District Attorney's Office Animal Cruelty Unit?**

The Kings County District Attorney's Office Animal Cruelty Unit works in partnership with the New York City Police Department's Animal Cruelty Investigations Squad and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty crimes, ranging from the intentional injuring or killing of animals, to animal fighting for sport, both dog fighting and cock fighting, to neglect and abandonment of domestic pets.



If you have information about an animal being abused or neglected call:

**311**

or to file a complaint or report a crime in progress, call:

**911**

### **How do I report cruelty?**

Try to gather the following information before submitting a report of animal cruelty:

- A concise, written, factual statement of what you observed—giving dates and approximate times whenever possible—to provide to law enforcement.
- Photographs of the location, the animals in question and the surrounding area.

### **Note: do not put yourself in danger!**

Do not enter another person's property without permission, and exercise great caution around unfamiliar animals who may be frightened or in pain.

- If you can, provide law enforcement with the names and contact information of other people who have firsthand information about the abusive situation.
- It is possible to file an anonymous report, but please consider providing your information. The case is more likely to be pursued when there are credible witnesses willing to stand behind the report and, if necessary, testify in court.

### **What happens to the animal owner if a complaint is made?**

It depends on the nature of the abuse or neglect. If there is intentional abuse, killing of an animal, animal fighting for sport, or extreme neglect we may seek incarceration. In some cases of neglect, we may recommend a non-possess order to refrain the perpetrator from owning an animal for a specified period. In other cases, we may mandate ASPCA intervention and mandatory compliance to ensure the ongoing and proper care of the animal.