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Subject: RE: LD 1220 Chiropractic Animal Care - Stakeholder Meeting
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Penny:

I apologize. This is not a simple answer, which would be why this new law can be a challenge. Thus we can create a public health risk and animal health and welfare risk.

Respectfully,
RA French
Maine CVO

There are Reportable Animal Disease in Maine:

[Code of Maine Rules, Chapter 206, Section 001-206-5 - DISEASE CONTROL FOR ANIMALS AND BIRDS WITHIN THE STATE | Code of Maine Rules | Justia](#)

There are Reportable Disease Nationally, which Maine intends to adopt in a rule's revision in 2026.

[National List of Reportable Animal Diseases](#)

Then there is disease specific to Equines reportable to the Equine Disease Communications Center:

[Reportable Diseases | Equine Disease Communication Center](#)

Then there are guidelines regarding animal welfare issue for which I provide a brief outline below:

MAINE ANIMAL WELFARE REPORTING CHEAT SHEET

Category / Issue	Examples / Signs	Who to Report	Urgency
Food & Water	No clean water, starvation, malnutrition	DACF (farm animals), ACO/police (pets)	Immediate if life-threatening
Shelter	Exposure to extreme weather, unsafe housing, no bedding	DACF / ACO / Maine SPCA	Immediate if unsafe
Health / Veterinary Care	Untreated illness/injury, chronic disease, unable to move/feed	DACF / ACO / Maine SPCA	Immediate if suffering
Hygiene / Sanitation	Filthy cages, feces/urine buildup, parasite infestation	DACF / ACO / Maine SPCA	Reportable as observed
Physical Abuse	Hitting, burning, mutilation, organized	Police / ACO / Maine SPCA	Immediate

	cruelty		
Overcrowding / Confinement	Too many animals, restricted movement, no social contact	DACF / ACO / Maine SPCA	Immediate if unsafe
Neglect of Basic Needs	Long periods without food/water, hoarding	DACF / ACO / Maine SPCA	Immediate if suffering
Transport / Handling	Overcrowded or unsafe transport, no ventilation	DACF / ACO / Maine SPCA	Immediate if unsafe
Environmental / Chemical Hazards	Exposure to toxins, extreme heat/cold, unsafe terrain	DACF / ACO / IFW (wildlife)	Immediate if dangerous
Other Risk Factors	Abandonment, unexplained deaths, illegal activity	DACF / Police / Maine SPCA / IFW	Immediate if danger

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Good afternoon, Dr. French,

I hope this email finds you well! The stakeholder meeting is wrapping up its final meeting next Friday at 9:00 a.m. and my hope is to get more information related to state reporting requirements specific to animal welfare and/or any infectious disease reporting requirements. Would you be able to share any available resources?

Thank you!
Penny

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