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DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES
Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities



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TO: The Honorable Marilyn Moore, Chair, Committee on Children
The Honorable Len Suzio, Chair, Committee on Children
The Honorable Diana Urban, Chair, Committee on Children
The Honorable Lezlye Zupkus, Ranking Member, Committee on Children

FROM: Joette Katz, Commissioner
Department of Children and Families

DATE: February 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Annual Report Concerning Actual or Suspected Instance of
Animal Neglect or Cruelty, C.G.S. § 17a-110c

I am pleased to submit this report as required by Public Act 14-70: An Act Concerning Cross Reporting of Child Abuse and Animal Cruelty.

Between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016, The Department of Children and Families has received a total of seventy- eight (78) written reports from the Department of Agriculture during calendar year 2016. Of the seventy- eight (78) reports received, twenty- seven (27) had histories with DCF; however, of the seven (7) reports that met the standard for an abuse/ neglect report based on the initial information provided in the written report, only three (3) were accepted for investigation.

In addition, I'm attaching a de-identified summary of the reports received, by month, for your review.

Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Dakibu Muléy, Director of Careline Operations at: 860-560-7001 or Dakibu.Muley@CT.GOV.

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Attachment

cc: Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, Department of Agriculture
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**Department of Children and Families
Summary of Suspected Animal Abuse Reports 2016**

Month	Reports Received	Open Case	Prior DCF History	Reports that Met Standard for Investigation	Review Still Open	Cases Opened
January	11	5	5	5	0	2
February	1	0	0	0	0	0
March	3	0	0	0	0	0
April	7	1	1	0	0	0
May	9	0	2	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	1	0	0	0
September	12	0	1	0	0	0
October	11	5	5	1	0	1
November	14	1	10	0	0	0
December	8	1	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	78	13	27	7	0	3