

RSPCA professional referral process

There is increasing research into the links between domestic abuse and pet abuse. LDAP have worked with the RSPCA who have implemented a new process for professionals referring in concerns for animals in relation to domestic abuse cases.

Animal abuse is identified/suspected If partners are involved, discuss if anyone has reported the abuse to the RSPCA already If no reports have been made, please refer to the RSPCA via the professional phone line* Please back up this referral to the RSPCA email address** <u>on the same day</u> with any evidence i.e relevant information on the DASH, info on services involved.

Ensure all internal records are updated

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Please visit the professional site for the process the RSPCA take once a call is received <u>Domestic abuse resources – Professional resources (lincolnshire.gov.uk)</u>

*Professionals **only** referral line 0300 123 8008 open 8am-6pm Monday to Friday. Concerns are triaged on the call – any immediate issues (collapsed/dying animal) is dealt with as a priority.

**Email address to back up phone report:<u>intelligence.unit@rspca.org.uk</u> - The intelligence unit have enhanced understanding of the risks associated with domestic abuse so please ensure you email over facts and your professional concerns, including information if the relationship is continuing/in the same household as the animal.

If the case is due at MARAC please state email address <u>maraclincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u> that the RSPCA can email to request an invite to the IF this is a MARAC case, when emailing the RSPCA please give them <u>maraclincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u> email address so the RSPCA can request an invite to any future MARAC meetings if required.



Version Control

Version 1.0 final version agreed upon by partners – added version control and LDAP logo.	October 2024