

Key points in Nevada's animal cruelty laws. The entire statute can be read [HERE](#) .

Nevada law regarding Estrays and Livestock can be read [HERE](#).

NRS 574.050 Definition

“Torture” or “cruelty” includes every act, omission or neglect, whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

NRS 574.053 Reporting acts of cruelty

Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an animal has been subjected to an act of cruelty may report the act of cruelty to any:

(a) Peace officer;

(b) Officer of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals who is authorized to make arrests; or

(c) Animal control officer.

NRS 574.055 Taking possession

Any peace officer or officer of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals who is authorized to make arrests pursuant shall, upon discovering any animal which is being treated cruelly, take possession of it and provide it with shelter and care (or upon obtaining written permission from the owner of the animal, may destroy it in a humane manner).

NRS 574.100 Abuse

Torturing, overdriving, injuring or abandoning animals; failure to provide proper sustenance

1. A person shall not:

(a) Torture or unjustifiably maim, mutilate or kill:

(1) An animal kept for companionship or pleasure, whether belonging to the person or to another; or

(2) Any cat or dog;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), overdrive, overload, torture, cruelly beat or unjustifiably injure, maim, mutilate or kill an animal, whether belonging to the person or to another ;

(c) Deprive an animal of necessary sustenance, food or drink, or neglect or refuse to furnish it such sustenance or drink;

(d) Cause, procure or allow an animal to be overdriven, overloaded, tortured, cruelly

beaten, or unjustifiably injured, maimed, mutilated or killed or to be deprived of necessary food or drink;

(e) Instigate, engage in, or in any way further an act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty; or

(f) Abandon an animal

The provisions of this section do not apply with respect to an injury to or the death of an animal that occurs accidentally in the normal course of:

(a) Carrying out the activities of a rodeo or livestock show; or

(b) Operating a ranch.

NRS 574.100 Punishment

A person who willfully and maliciously violates paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), is guilty of a category D felony

NRS 574.140 Sale of disabled horses unlawful ☐☐

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell any horse which, by reason of disease, could not be worked in this state without violating the law against cruelty to animals.

NRS 574.150 Poisoning animals unlawful

A person who unjustifiably administers or exposes with intent any poisonous or noxious drug or substance to a horse, mule or domestic cattle, whether the property of the person or another, is guilty of a category C felony

NRS 574.180 Running horses on highway

A person driving any vehicle upon any plank road, turnpike or public highway, who unjustifiably runs the horses drawing the same, or causes or permits them to run, is guilty of a misdemeanor.