

What is animal hoarding?

Animal hoarding has been defined since 1999 as a combination of these behaviors:

- ① “Having more than the typical number of companion animals.
- ② Failing to provide even minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation, shelter and veterinary care, with this neglect often resulting in illness and death from starvation, spread of infectious disease and untreated injury or medical condition.
- ③ Denial of the inability to provide this minimum care and the impact of that failure on the animals, the household and human occupants of the dwelling.
- ④ Persistence, despite this failure, in accumulating and controlling animals.”

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