



LEGAL HELP



Occasionally, you may run into a situation where you feel you need to seek legal help or guidance for animal-related issues (for example, dogs that are accused of barking or biting, feral cat issues).

One helpful book is *Every Dog's Legal Guide: A Must-Have Book for Your Owner*, by attorney Mary Randolph (published by Nolo Press, www.nolo.com). It provides legal information about issues like barking and biting, and also addresses the responsibilities of dog owners and neighbors' rights.

LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Some local bar associations have committees on animal welfare, so you might want to try contacting the local or state bar association for referrals.

- [Charleston County Bar Association](#), PO Box 21136, Charleston, SC 29413 - (843) 881-6666 secretary@charlestoncountybar.org
- [Dorchester County Bar Association](#) - dana@danaadkinslaw.com
- [Berkeley County Bar Association](#) – (843) 761-5626 jwestlaw@homesc.com
- [South Carolina Bar](#), 950 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29201 – (803) 799-6653 scbar-info@scbar.org

NATIONAL LEGAL CONTACTS

- [Animal Legal Defense Fund](#) - (707) 795-2533
- [American Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service](#) - (800) 285-2221
- Municode.com - Information on local laws and ordinances

PET LEGAL ADVICE / PUBLIC RESOURCES

- [North Shore Animal League](#)
- [American Bar Association](#)
- [Dog Bites & Other Injuries](#)
- American Bar Association's [Legal Guide for Dog Owners](#)

First and foremost, we recommend that all pet owners consult with their veterinarian. The information contained herein is meant to be a resource. It is not exhaustive, nor does it indicate an endorsement or recommendation from Charleston Animal Society. Please use your own due diligence in researching these sources and making the best choice for your pet(s).

If you still need assistance after reviewing the information on our website, please either email or call our Animal Resource Center at help@charlestonanimalsociety.org or (843) 329-1554.