

Dear

I'm writing to express my extreme disappointment that your agency still has not joined the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), the only national database that tracks animal cruelty.

As you may be aware, the FBI began recording incidents of animal abuse via NIBRS as of January 1, 2016. The FBI recognizes the link between cruelty to animals and violence against humans, and understands the importance of tracking *all* violent crimes.

NIBRS will help stop animal abusers before their behavior worsens. But the system will only work if all law enforcement agencies participate – including yours.

I urge you to join NIBRS as soon as possible. Federal grants, pilot programs and other initiatives are available to help with the costs and implementation. Please contact the state's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (contact information available at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/> under the General Resources section) to learn more.

Please act now to bring your agency into the modern era and start tracking animal cruelty!

Sincerely,