



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 47 - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

N.C.G.S. § 14-360.1.

Immunity for veterinarian reporting animal cruelty.

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Any veterinarian licensed in this State who has reasonable cause to believe that an animal has been the subject of animal cruelty in violation of G.S. 14-360 and who makes a report of animal cruelty, or who participates in any investigation or testifies in any judicial proceeding that arises from a report of animal cruelty, shall be immune from civil liability, criminal liability, and liability from professional disciplinary action and shall not be in breach of any veterinarian-patient confidentiality, unless the veterinarian acted in bad faith or with a malicious purpose. It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the veterinarian acted in good faith. A failure by a veterinarian to make a report of animal cruelty shall not constitute grounds for disciplinary action under G.S. 90-187.8. (2007-232, s. 1.)

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2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-360		"of animal cruelty in violation of"
G.S. 90-187.8		"constitute grounds for disciplinary action under"

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-360.1 (2026).

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