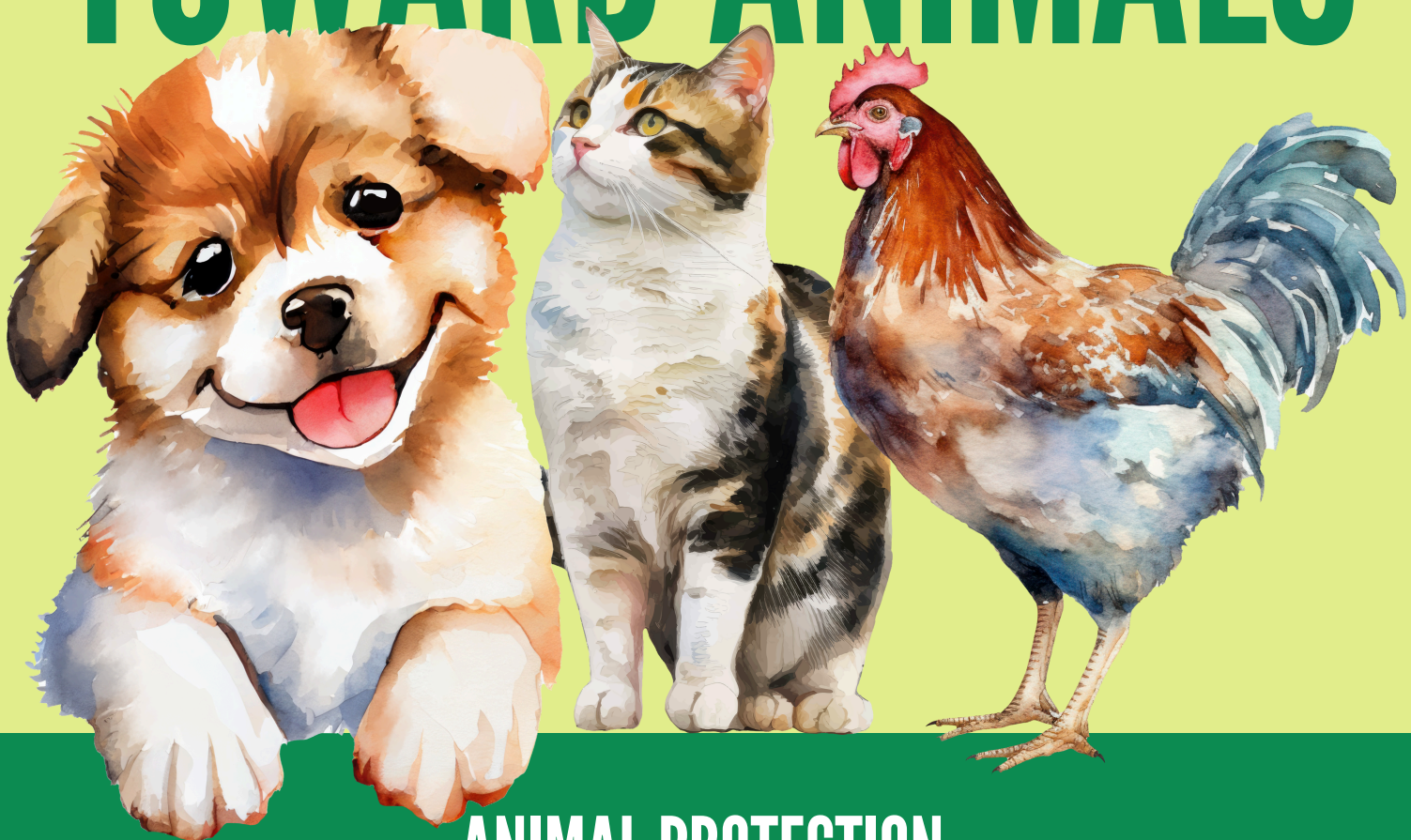




# YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD ANIMALS



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# WELCOME



On behalf of the Animal Protection Organization of Nigeria (APON), I warmly welcome you to our community of compassion and action. At APON, we believe that kindness to animals is a reflection of the best in humanity. Together, we are building a Nigeria where animals are treated with respect, care, and dignity. Thank you for joining us on this important journey.

Amb. Joseph Odika  
+ Founder



Animals are living beings that feel pain, fear, happiness, and love, just like humans. They depend on us for their care and protection. In Nigeria, the law recognizes the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect. Every person has a role to play in ensuring that animals are not abused, neglected, or mistreated. This guidebook will help you understand your rights and responsibilities toward animals, and how you can take simple actions to protect them and promote a compassionate society.

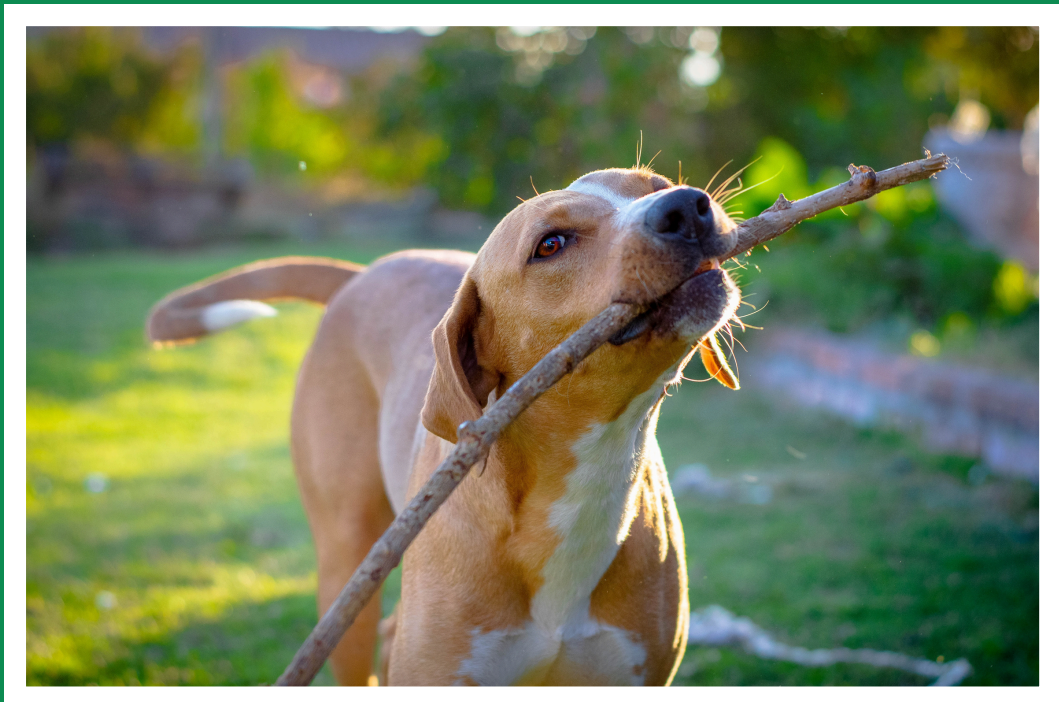
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# YOUR RIGHTS ABOUT ANIMALS

You have the right to:

- ☞ Live in a safe environment without fear of dangerous animals.
- ☞ Speak up if you see an animal being treated badly.
- ☞ Adopt or rescue stray animals legally.
- ☞ Refuse to join or watch cruel animal events.





# YOUR **RESPONSIBILITIES** TOWARDS ANIMALS

## **Provide Food and Water**

- *Feed animals every day.*
- *Give them clean drinking water.*

## **Give Shelter and Comfort**

- *Keep them safe from rain, sun, and cold.*

## **Prevent Pain and Suffering**

- *Never beat, overwork, or cause pain.*
- *Take sick animals to a veterinarian.*

## **Allow Natural Behaviors**

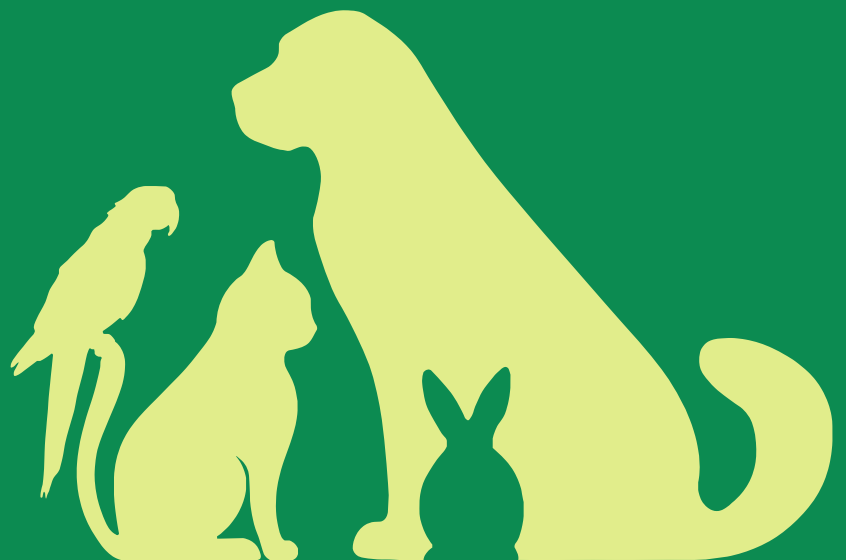
- *Let animals move, play, and rest freely.*

## **Train Animals Kindly**

- *Use gentle training methods. No violence.*

## **Stop Animal Cruelty When You Can**

- *Help if safe. Report abuse immediately.*



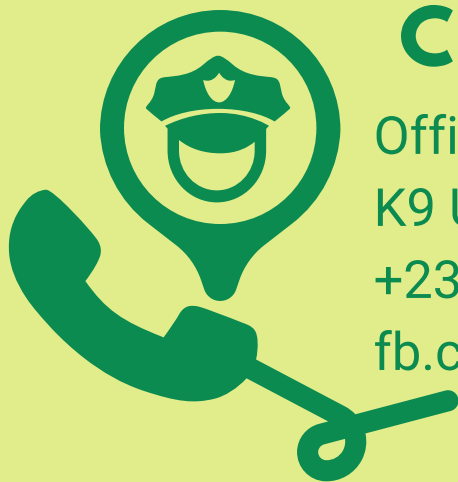
# EXAMPLES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY (WHICH ARE ILLEGAL)

- Starving animals
- Beating or burning animals
- Forcing animals to fight
- Overworking sick animals
- Slow, painful killing
- Tying up animals all day



APON is proud to partner with the Office of K-9 Master, K-9 Unit, Nigeria Police, Sango, Ibadan, to strengthen animal protection efforts across Nigeria. Through this collaboration, APON and the K-9 Unit work together to promote responsible care, proper training, and humane treatment of working dogs and other animals.

# HOW TO REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY



## Call the police

Office of the K9 Master,  
K9 Unit, Nigerian Police Force.  
+2348037598383  
[fb.com/K9FOR](https://www.facebook.com/K9FOR)

## Contact APON

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## Visit your local government environmental health office

### Give details:

- What happened
- When it happened
- Where it happened
- Who was involved

# **SIMPLE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT ANIMALS**



**Feed stray animals  
when you can.**

**Teach children to  
be gentle.**



**Support animal-  
friendly businesses.**

**Join or support  
APON activities.**







# LOVE YOUR ANIMALS

Animals cannot speak for themselves  
— but you can speak for them.

A better Nigeria for animals is a better Nigeria for  
everyone. Kindness makes us stronger.

Together, we can build a Compassionate Nigeria.

Animal Protection Organization of Nigeria (APON)



# CONTACT US

The Animal Protection Organization of Nigeria (APON) founded by Amb. Joseph Odika, is dedicated to promoting the welfare, protection, and rights of animals across Nigeria.

We work to create a compassionate society through education, advocacy, rescue efforts, and partnerships. Our mission is to ensure that all animals are treated with kindness, respect, and dignity.

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