

Characteristics of Animal Hoarding

- Failure to provide standards of sanitation, space, nutrition, and veterinary care
- Inability to recognize the effects of this neglect on the welfare of the animals and the environment
- Obsessive attempts to accumulate or maintain a collection of animals in deterioration conditions
- Denial of the hazardous living conditions for both the people and animals



For assistance in finding more help, please call:

Adult Protective Services

24 hour hotline 1-800-664-9774

Treatment for OCD –

Tim Quinn – (530) 538-7705

Butte County Department of Behavioral Health

1-800-334-6622 or 538-7705

Oroville City Code Enforcement – (530) 538-2435

Compulsive Hoarding Foundation

<http://www.ocfoundation.org/>

Butte County Animal Control

From Chico Call: (530) 891-2907
From Oroville Call: (530) 538-7409

Butte County Humane Society

(530) 343-7917

<http://www.buttehumane.org/>

Butte County SPCA

(530) 538-7636

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What is Animal Hoarding?

The Humane Society of United States defines an animal hoarder as a person who has more animals than he or she can properly care for.



Another defining characteristic is the hoarder's denial of their inability to care for the animals and their failure to grasp the impact their neglect has on the animals, the household, and the human occupants of the dwelling.

Consequences of Animal Hoarding

- Many hoarder dwellings have been condemned as unfit for human habitation
- High levels of ammonia can lead to polluted air in many homes
- Health concerns for both pets and owners



The first and most important step is asking for help

Treatment requires:

- Seek assistance from professionals
- Limit the acquisition of additional animals
- Find a maximum number of animals to care for
- Take gradual steps toward finding safe homes for at-risk animals
- Work with friends and relatives for support or adoption options
- Gather information regarding the possibility of endangering the animals
- Hard work and a willingness to change