





Mission

“To protect equine and livestock animals from all forms of animal cruelty and neglect through investigations, education, and rescue response.”



Mission Statement

The mission of the Texas Livestock Protection Association is to be a fighting force to remove livestock suffering from all forms of animal cruelty and neglect.

Vision Statement

“All animals, under God, deserve
to live a life free of cruelty and
neglect.”



About

The Texas Livestock Protection Association (TLPA) is a Texas-based 501(c)(3) animal protection organization that works with local law enforcement and animal control agencies for the investigation and rescue response of any equine and livestock under cruelty and neglected circumstances.

We acknowledge the extreme need to assist during these difficult and uncertain times. We believe that all animals, despite their circumstances, deserve to live a life free of cruelty and neglect.



What We Do

Slogan: “Get ‘em out!”

We work toward establishing partnerships with local law enforcement and animal control agencies to assist in the investigation and rescue of equine and livestock under cruelty and neglected circumstances.

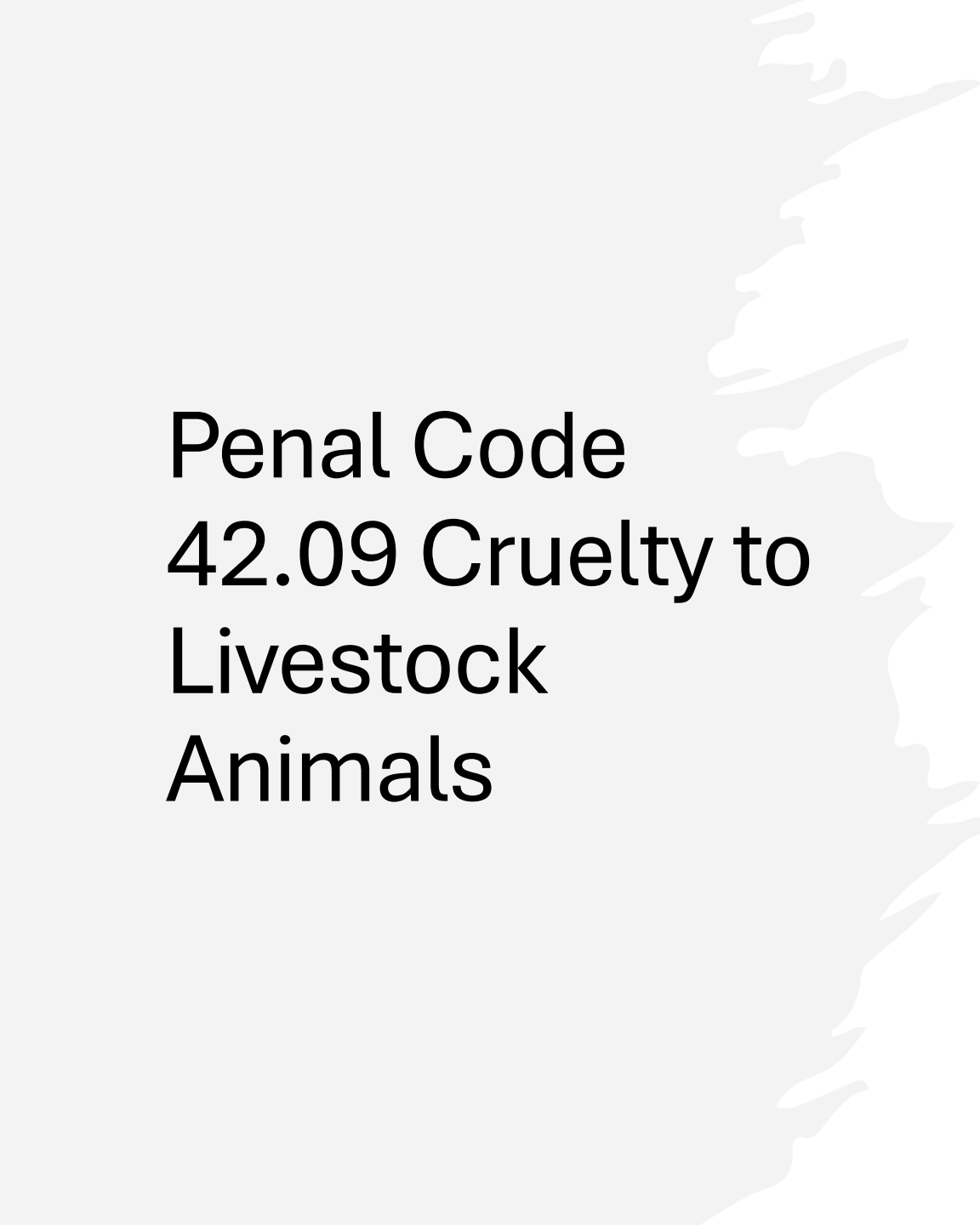
We contribute with:

- investigations
- evidence collection
- public education
- providing holding facilities to assist during legal proceedings; and
- placing equine and livestock with trusted partners and/or animal sanctuaries, when necessary.

What is Cruelty to Livestock Animals?

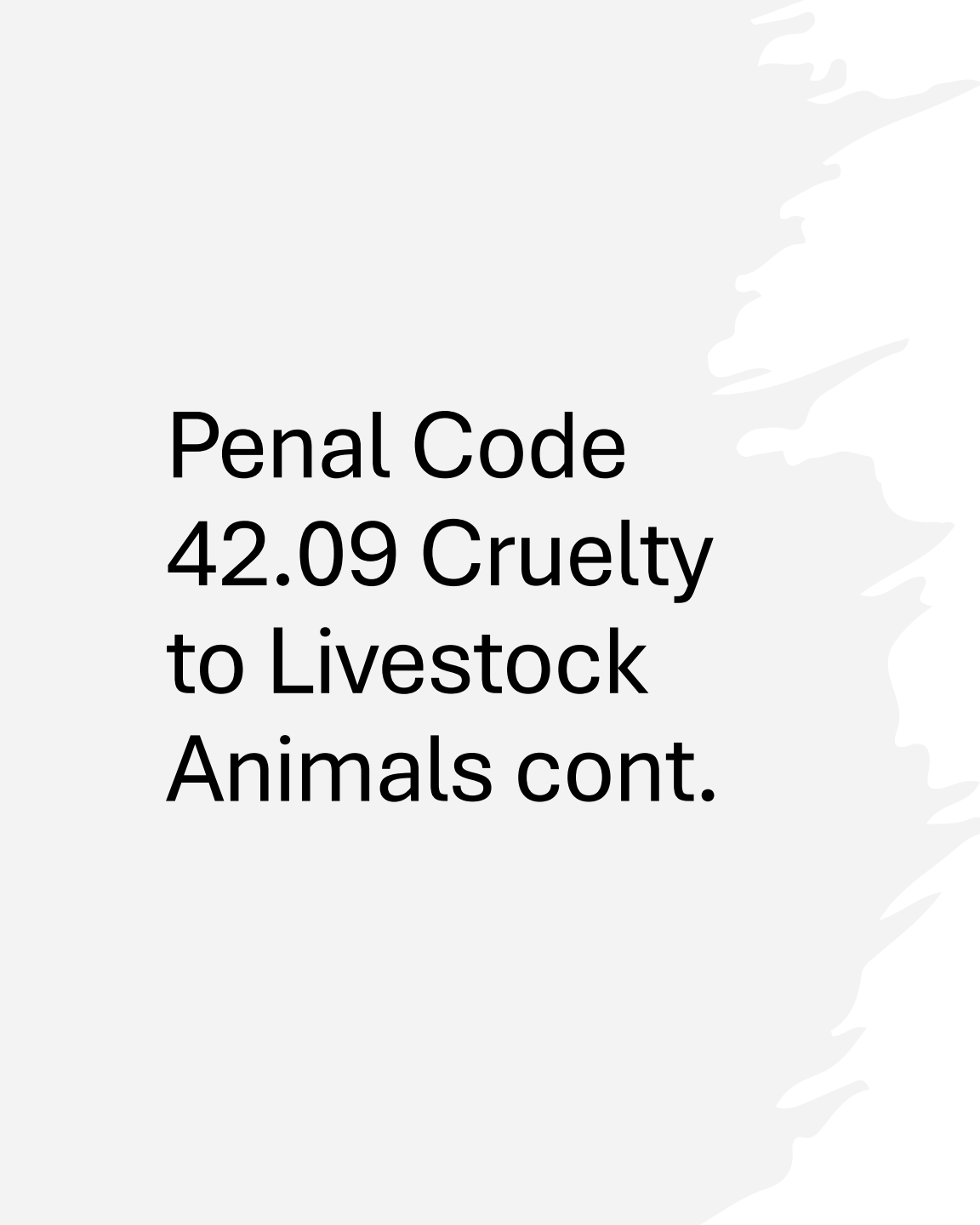


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Penal Code 42.09 Cruelty to Livestock Animals

- a) A person commits an offense if the person **intentionally** or **knowingly**:
- 1) **tortures** a livestock animal;
 - 2) **fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, water, or care** for a livestock animal in the person's custody; *(note that "shelter" is not a requirement)*;
 - 3) **abandons** unreasonably a livestock animal in the person's custody;
 - 4) **transports or confines** a livestock animal in a cruel and unusual manner;
 - 5) **administers poison** to a livestock animal, other than cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or goats, belonging to another without legal authority or the owner's effective consent;



Penal Code 42.09 Cruelty to Livestock Animals cont.

- a) A person commits an offense if the person **intentionally** or **knowingly**:
(continued)
- 6) **causes one livestock animal to fight with another** livestock animal or with an animal as defined by Section 42.092;
- 7) **uses a live livestock animal as a lure** in dog race training or in dog coursing on a racetrack;
- 8) **trips** a horse; or
- 9) **seriously overworks** a livestock animal.

Introductions

David Fuentes

- 10+ years experience in animal cruelty investigations and rescue response in the public and nonprofit sectors
- Master's degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in forensic investigations
- Nationally humane investigator certified
- Equine investigator certified
- Texas state peace officer certification
- Animal control certification
- Boards: Advisory committee for Garland Animal Services
- Veteran officer for the United States Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2008 – 2009

Introductions



Dr. Susan Heath

- Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- Owner of Heath Mobile Veterinary Services providing at-home and on-ranch veterinary care for large and small animals in Ellis and Southern Dallas counties
- Assists multiple county and municipal law enforcement agencies with animal cruelty cases in the field and in the courtroom
- Participated in the Vet Direct Program using grant money provided by ASPCA, Zoetis, and Humane Society of North Texas to help horse owners in need of financial assistance receive veterinary care for their horses
- Presented a four-hour session on Animal Welfare, Abuse and Animal Cruelty Investigations for the TAMU CVM Continuing Education Food Animal Conference Webinar
- Organized and led trainings on cruelty to equine & livestock animals to multiple law enforcement agencies



The Need

- Animal Rescues
 - Overwhelmed & overcrowded
 - Unable to accommodate certain livestock breeds
 - Resources spread thin
- Local Law Enforcement & Animal Service Agencies
 - Many rural county agencies do not have the resources to intake cruelty to livestock cases
- Economy
 - Rising prices for food
 - Job cuts or layoffs
- Climate Change
 - Droughts are becoming more frequent
 - Rising prices for feed and supplemental hay

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Equipment Needs

- Uniform polos & jackets
 - Average polo cost - \$75
 - Field jacket - \$210-357
- Body cameras
 - \$250-700 (per body camera)
- Digital cameras
 - \$500-\$1,400
- Binoculars
 - Average cost - \$65-\$110
- Truck for investigations & hauling capability
 - \$37,000-\$74,000
 - Maintenance - \$2,000 (annual)
- Livestock trailer
 - \$15,000 - \$25,000
- Insurance
 - Property – \$1,800 (annual)
 - Auto - \$2,200 (annual)
- Investigations software
 - Pet point
 - \$1,500 (first year)
 - \$800 (after)
- Contract cowboys
 - \$10,000 (annual)
- Office supplies (annual average - \$3,100)
 - Paper
 - Pens
 - Printer
 - Laptop
 - Business cards
 - Door hangers
- Website/social media assistance
 - Average website cost - \$1,000-\$5,000
- Fuel
 - Approximate annual milage - 30,000
 - Annual total \$3,600 – \$5,000
- Food supplies
 - Average cost per head of livestock - \$4,000 (annual)
 - \$48,000
- Medical supplies
 - Anticipate 200 rescues in the first year
 - Average cost per head of livestock – \$210
 - \$42,00 (annual)
- Legal coverage
 - \$700 (annual per person)

Total initial startup cost – \$219,142



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