 <p>Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre Guideline</p>	<p>Effective Date: March, 2010</p>
<p>Subject Matter: Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse – Course of Action</p>	<p>Revision Date: February, 2016</p> <p>Page 1 of 5</p>

Statement: This guideline outlines the process for reporting suspected abuse of client owned animals at the Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre, “OVC HSC” or of teaching/research animals maintained at the Ontario Veterinary College, “OVC”.

1. Applicability

- i. This guideline applies to client owned animals that are patients of the OVC HSC or to OVC teaching/research animals who are suspected of having been abused by the client or by University of Guelph personnel, (faculty, graduate students, staff, and/or students).

2. Suspected Animal Abuse Reporting Committee Membership and Contact Information

- i. “SAARC” is comprised of representatives from various areas within the Ontario Veterinary College as follows:
 - o Animal Welfare Faculty
 - o Companion Animal Hospital Faculty/Veterinarian
 - o Large Animal Hospital Faculty/Veterinarian
 - o OVC HSC Administration
 - o Pathobiology Faculty/Veterinarian
 - o Ruminant Field Service Faculty/Veterinarian
 - o Smith Lane Animal Hospital Faculty/Veterinarian

SAARC membership and contact information continued....

Position	Name	Contact Information
Animal Welfare Faculty	Dr. Derek Haley	Extension 53677 Cell 519-994-0875
Companion Animal Hospital Faculty/Veterinarian	Dr. Shane Bateman	Extension 56902 Cell 226-924-5848
Large Animal Hospital Faculty/Veterinarian	Dr. Don Trout	Extension 54002 Cell 226-924-5878
OVC HSC Administration & SAARC Chairperson	Tanis Comrie	Extension 54137 Cell 519-835-7806
Pathobiology	Dr. Brandon Plattner	Extension 54766 Cell 519-546-7378
Ruminant Field Service Faculty/Veterinarian	Dr. Todd Duffield	Extension 54057 Cell 519-835-2381
Smith Lane Animal Hospital	Dr. Peter Conlon	Extension 54413/54583 Cell 519-835-1755

3. Course of Action

- i. If an OVC HSC client owned animal or an OVC research/teaching animal is suspected of being abused, the flowchart on page 4 of this guideline describes the applicable course of action based on a variety of possible scenarios.
- ii. An OVC person wishing to report a case of suspect abuse must complete the OVC HSC *Suspected Client Animal Neglect or Abuse Reporting Form*, form number 45100, and submit it to the SAARC Chairperson.
Note: The form is available from the SAARC Chairperson or in various clinical areas within the OVC HSC ie., ICU, Treatment Rooms
- iii. SAARC will review the case and determine the applicable course of action based on the review findings.

4. Reporting Suspect Cases to Guelph Humane Society or Ontario Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

- i. If an OVC HSC client owned animal or an OVC research/teaching animal is suspected, by SAARC, of being abused, the case must be reported to the Guelph Humane Society, “GHS”, if the owner of the animal resides in Guelph.
- ii. If the owner resides outside of Guelph, the case must be reported to the Ontario Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, “OSPCA”.

5. Contact Numbers

- i. Guelph Humane Society
 - o **519-824-3091**
- ii. Ontario Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, OSPCA (hotline for reporting suspected abuse or cruelty)
 - o **310-7722**
 - when dialing the number from a University of Guelph phone prefix the number with a “9”
 - when dialing the number from an OVC HSC cell phone dial it as 310-7722
- iii. Guelph Distress Centre
 - o **519-821-3760**

6. Reference Material

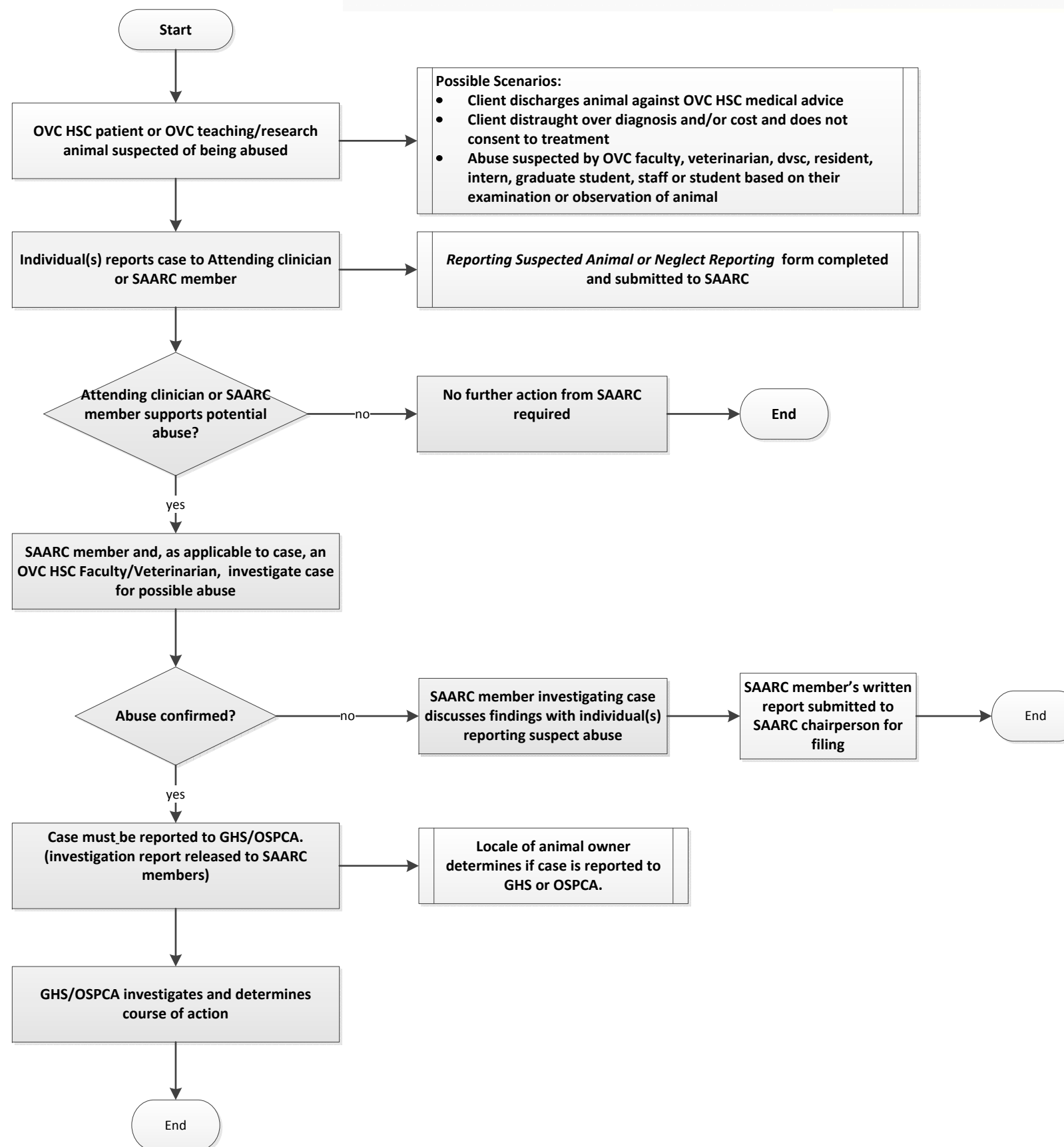
- i. College of Veterinarians of Ontario, Position Statement, *Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse or Neglect*
<http://cvo.org/CVO/media/College-of-Veterinarians-of-Ontario/Resources%20and%20Publications/Position%20Statements%20and%20Guidelines/ReportingAnimalAbuseorNeglect.pdf>
- ii. OSPCA, Reporting animal cruelty
<http://www.ontariospca.ca/what-we-do/investigations/report-animal-cruelty.html>

Assistance

- Violent client? Contact UoG Police x52000
- Client need for compassionate care? Contact SAARC member, Clinic Head or OVC HSC Administration

Contact Numbers

- UoG Campus Police x52000
- Guelph Humane Society 519-824-3091
- Ontario Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 9-310-7722
- Guelph Distress Centre 519-821-3760



Suspected Client Animal Neglect or Abuse Reporting Form

AHL, OVC or OVC HSC case number of animal: _____

Owner, species, age: _____

Attending Clinician or Diagnostician: _____

1. What did you observe to suspect that this animal was neglected or abused?

2. What is/was your involvement with this case?

3. What activity were you engaged in when you observed this situation?

4. Has this situation already been addressed in any way regarding potential animal neglect or abuse?

5. Agencies contacted (detail who contacted the agencies and when):

Person Making Report: _____
(name/position) (signature) (date)

Attending Clinician/Diagnostician: _____
(name) (signature) (date)

Clinic Head/Lab Manager: _____
(name/position) (signature) (date)

SAARC Assessment: _____
