

Sometimes helping turns into hurting



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If you suspect hoarding, please contact your local animal control.

In loving memory of Nate

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Those who hoard are not necessarily horrible people, but started out helping and got overwhelmed.

Hoarding in the United States has more than doubled in the last four years.

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If you see something concerning, please report it to your local animal control.

Here are some signs to help if you think someone is in trouble with hoarding:

- 1) Keeps an abnormally large number of animals and may not know total number of animals in their care.
 - 2) Fails to provide minimal nutrition, vet care, shelter or sanitation
 - 3) Fails to recognize the devastating impact of this neglect
 - 4) Animals are not well socialized, are emaciated or lethargic
 - 5) Fleas and vermin are present
 - 6) Can't stop from repeating this behavior, even if they become aware of the damage.
- Insists all animals are healthy and happy - even when there are clear signs of distress and illness.

If you are interested in adopting one of the over 15 cats still available for adoption from a recent hoarding case,

please visit the special needs section of our website.

www.sfhumanesociety.com/animals

We dedicate this post to one of the many animals who recently lost their life due to unsafe conditions, Nate, pictured above.

