



2020 Municipality Report

# HUMANE OFFICER



**PORTAGE COUNTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL  
AND PROTECTION**

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This document highlights activities and successes that have been achieved thanks to our staff, donors, volunteers, and board members.

President Board of Directors – Sheila Kessler

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# Portage County Animal Control Program

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## **Portage County Municipalities Animal Control Contract Benefits**

### **Overview**

In 2005, Portage County cooperated with municipalities to design a county-wide program to assist participating municipalities with the challenging aspects of animal control. The program went into effect in January of 2006, and continues to help the participating municipalities address pet licensing, running at large, barking, rabies control, and handling of stray animals as required by state statutes and county ordinances. The program aims to make Portage County a safer place to live by increasing the number of dogs licensed and vaccinated, and by creating a standard handling procedure county-wide. Wisconsin municipalities are required to provide animal control and animal housing services for their citizens. Portage County has established a contract with the Humane Society of Portage County to provide animal services. Municipalities that participate in the county contract receive cost savings, administrative efficiencies and reduced liabilities. The contract is reviewed every three years

### **Municipality Benefits**

HSPC is a one stop service center for the municipalities contracted with Portage County.

HSPC has investigated and resolved cases involving hoarding, puppy mills, animal abuse and dog bites. While each municipality may not have experienced each type of case, the effects of these issues affect all of the municipalities in Portage County.

### **HSPC Value Added Services and Activities**

- Public education to schools and organizations
- Annual inspections of all licensed animal grooming and boarding facilities
- Answering calls from the Portage County Dispatch 24/7
- Collaborating with a variety of governmental, social, and animal organizations
- Maintain state-of-the-art facility to house and care for the animals in need

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- Community advocate for the enforcement of animal welfare laws and public education about the importance of spaying and neutering
- Medical services provided by three full-time staff including a Veterinarian, Certified Veterinarian Technician, and a Vet Tech Assistant
- Animal enrichments are used to help transition pets into forever homes

## **Animal Control and How it Works**

Chief Deputy Dan Kontos was asked to explain the consequences of the lack of a municipality being represented by the Portage County Animal Control Contract.

“Regarding enforcement, the Sheriff’s Office would be responding to animal complaints as it would for the rest of the County. However, criminal activities remain our focus. We would not be enforcing any of the individual municipalities animal control ordinances. It would be up to the municipality to issue citations, appear in court as their own court officer, and to prosecute any violations.”

“Each municipality would be responsible for their own investigations, subpoenas, inspection warrants, animal intake, quarantine, and abatement orders for all civil violations. For example, if South Wood County were to be the contracted agency, they would not be able to issue Portage County citations for any violations. The municipality would have to appoint their own humane officers, and the Humane Society of Portage County Humane Officers would no longer have jurisdiction within the out-of-service municipality. All animal control complaints would be redirected to the out-of-service municipality for their action.”

Additionally, any action taken by the Sheriff’s Office in direct response to an animal control complaint would be charged back to the municipality for any work that the County sub-contracts out to the Humane Society. For example, if a criminal animal cruelty case was to take place, the cost for animal housing would fall back to the municipality. If the Sheriff’s Office were forced to take action without the assistance of the municipality, any costs incurred by that action would be charged back to the municipality, including deputy cost recovery.

Below is a chart showing the Animal Control Breakdown of contracted areas vs. non-contracted areas as explained above by Chief Deputy Kontos.

\*See Animal Control Breakdown chart on following page

<b>Animal Control Breakdown, Contracted Areas vs. Non-contracted Areas</b>						
<b>Animal Control Duties</b>	<b>County Animal Control</b>			<b>Municipal Animal Control</b>		
	Humane Society	Municipal Officials	Sheriff's Office	Humane Society	Municipal Officials	Sheriff's Office
General Animal Control Complaints	X				X	
Animal Bite Investigations	X		*		X	*
Animals Running at Large, Strays, Complaints/Pick-up	X				X	
Animal Impound/Sheltering Strays	X			\$	X	
Barking Dog Complaints	X		*		X	*
Issuance of Citations for County Ordinance Violations	X		*			Limited
Issuance of Citations for Municipal Ordinance Violations		X			X	
Animal Neglect Complaints	X		*	\$	X	*
Animal Criminal Abuse Complaints	*		X	\$	*	X
Animal Licensing	*	X			X	
Adoption	X				X	
Education	X				X	
Quarantine, Individual Animals	X			\$	X	
Quarantine, District Wide	X	*	*	\$	X	*

X = Primary Responsibility  
 \* = Assist Where Necessary  
 \$ = Charge Back to Municipality

# **Humane Officer Department**

## **Humane Officer Process and Implementation**

- Provide 24 hour, 7 days a week animal control service to Portage County
- Engage community members in areas of education that directly relate to animal care and ownership responsibilities.
- Use of Abatement Order Protocol when needed.
- A voluntary witness form is being used for investigations.
- A “Notice to Owner” letter is used to inform owner(s) of offense(s) that have occurred and what the appropriate steps are to reclaim their pet(s).
- The mileage/activity log is used to document municipality activity by recording the number of calls we receive and miles traveled.
- All Humane Officers have received state level Humane Officer training and certification in Madison.
- The Humane Officer office is located in the front lobby. They answer and address calls that are related to animal control issues. Approximately 90 % of the calls that come here are animal control related.
- Inspections of commercial animal establishments are completed as needed.
- Letters, informational FAQ sheets and logs are used for animals running at large, barking dogs, and animal bites (which includes quarantine guidelines).
- We work closely with local lawyers to ensure that legal concerns related to animal cases follow the letter of the law.
- A three week rotating schedule for Humane Officers has been developed and is being used. This provides consistency for our officers and a higher level of service to the community.
- Our live trap protocol includes tracking the issuance of traps. Calls regarding animal control or any animal related issues are being entered into our computer program. This is consistent way to keep track of our repeat callers and streamline a response.

## **Dog Licensing**

- A computer program called Shelter Track is used to consistently match licensing and municipalities with the proper name, address.

## **Dog Barking Issues**

- Humane Officers share a Dog Barking FAQ sheet with community members suspected of violations.

# **Adoption & Enrichment Department**

## **Dog Walkers Classification**

- We match dogs with dog walkers to ensure the safety of our animals, volunteers and the public. Dogs are labeled red, yellow or green to let volunteers know the level of difficulty to walk our dogs. Volunteers are asked to complete a set number of hours and a course on dog handling before handling dogs. An informative presentation is given about how to handle fearful, jumping or mouthing behaviors in the shelter dogs. Dogs that are “red” dogs have been identified with red tags on their kennel and volunteers that have completed the “Red Dog Training” have red name tags. This is to help staff and other volunteers identify which dogs are red dogs and what volunteers are able to walk red dogs. All dogs have a card on their sign out sheet to help identify what color the dog is.

## **Behavior Assessment**

- A behavior assessment protocol and training guideline is in use to help guide staff on what to do with dogs and cats that may have behavior issues. This protocol helps to determine what animals are safe for adoption. Our goal with this assessment is to protect not just our pets, staff and volunteers, but the general public.
- A Behavior Modification Request form along with a Canine Behavior Log is used. The purpose of the request is to notify our dog enrichment coordinator about which behaviors a particular dog needs work on. The behavior logs are then filled out by the dog enrichment coordinator on every dog that is worked with to help place the dog in the best fit home, alert staff to any behavioral issues, and overall protect the animal and staff from possible bites or acts of aggression. Having logs on the dogs will also help us prepare potential adopters and individuals that adopt adjusting to their new pet.

## **Dog Licensing**

- People adopting dogs that live in Portage County must purchase a dog license at the time of adoption. The adoption team is making the dog license certificate and adding the cost to the adoption.

## **Foster Care**

- Foster orientation is for people interested in fostering kittens. Several plastic totes are available as starter kits for new fosters. These kits are given to foster caregivers when they pick up kittens. They include forms related to vaccination schedules, feeding schedules, and weight monitoring.

## **Meet Your Match**

- A “Meet Your Match” (MYM) program has been developed for cats and dogs that help adopters select a pet that will fit their life style. This program helps to narrow down adopters’ choices so that they are not overwhelmed by the number of cats or dogs to make their decision. Questions relating to the MYM have been added to the adoption application so the adopters know what behavior patterns the animal has and which ones would be a good match for them. Adopters filling out the survey in advance and find the program very useful. Information about the MYM program has been included on our website.

## **Additional Initiatives**

- A surrender FAQ sheet is in use to provide customers with important information about the pluses and minuses involved with their surrendering process.
- Bulletin boards are used to pass along information to prospective adopters. One is dedicated to communication with volunteers. Another bulletin board displays pictures of the animals we serve showing how the animals looked at intake and how they looked after medical and shelter care was given. A bulletin board provides pictures of “overlooked animals” to promote cats and dogs that have been with us for a while and are patiently waiting for a loving home.

## **Medical Department**

### **Services and Unit Management**

- Animal Intake provided to better control of contagions and reduce animal stress.
- Testing for FELV/FIV and heartworm done at time of intake to protect the incoming animal and our in-house animals.
- Deworming
- Preventative health care
- Vaccinations
- Provided vaccinations include rabies, bordetella, distemper. These protect all animals, staff and the community at large. These help protect and improve the health of the animal and help to defray potential adopters future costs of animal maintenance.
- Partner with area Veterinarians to provide spays, neuters and needed surgeries.
- Provide a separate quiet area for animals to recover which speeds the healing process.
- Isolation unit provided. Keeping infected animals isolated helps to protect the general population from infection.
- Disease Monitoring and Control. Constant vigilance in animal observation helps to catch potential threats to population health.
- Microchipping; This service provides a means by which pets can be quickly reunited with their owners.
- Superior animal comfort and care.
- We pride ourselves on the level and quality of care we provide. Our goal is to provide a healthy, comfortable and safe environment for all animals.



# Operations Department

## Shelter Track Computer Program

- Dog License on Shelter Track is up and running from start to beginning. Reports from Shelter Track were created and submitted to the County.
- All stray animals are automatically posted to the Lost and Found Animals page on the HSPC web site. ([www.hspcwi.org](http://www.hspcwi.org)) Stray animals are also posted on FaceBook. ([www.facebook.com/hspcwi](http://www.facebook.com/hspcwi))
- Live Trap Portal has been established and is being used.
- Phone call portal has been established and is being used to record received calls.
- Animal Tracking is established and input of information is being done.
- All adoption processes are active including online applications for adoption
- Medical record information is structured for input.

## Animal Care

- The Animal Care Manual is continually being reviewed to keep our protocols properly updated.
- Established a training system for the Animal Care Staff to ensure our team is informed of their responsibilities and follow the necessary protocols.
- Cross training has been implemented with the Animal Care Staff to expand their involvement and knowledge of the shelter operations and provide backup when needed.
- A checklist is used to ensure animal care work is completed.
- A monthly meeting is held with all shelter employees to communicate any issues that need to be addressed and to build on their successes.
- Qualified employees have been hired which has provided dedicated service to our animals and the shelter as a whole.
- Safety is a top priority. All employees are required to participate in safety training related to safe handling of chemicals and physical plant maintenance.

## Office Management

- All financial information is reviewed monthly to analyze and monitor income and expenses.
- Financial information is kept up-to-date on a real time basis.
- Inventory controls are in place to avoid shortages and ensure the necessary supplies are at a proper level without unnecessary excesses.
- An animal population graph is used as a quick reference to analyze the highs and lows of our animal population.

**Additional detailed information is located on our website in the published board reports which can be accessed at <http://hspcwi.org/board-reports.html>. Here you will find additional animal population charts, departmental reports, board discussions/actions, financial reports and vision planning information.**

## 2020 Dog & Cat Report

HSPC is an Adoption Guarantee facility. This means that all healthy animals are kept for adoption until a home is found or until circumstances would change. Some animals adopt quickly while others are with us for many months but we keep looking for a great home for each and every one of our "adoptables."

We take our commitment to our animals and community very seriously and try to do the best for the animals first while considering what is also best for the community. It happens periodically that an animal is no longer adoptable if there are serious health or behavioral concerns. In these situations euthanasia may be our only recourse if an animal has dangerous behavior or temperament that can't be corrected, a fatal or chronic disease, or is seriously injured.

<u>September</u>	Canines	Felines	Other
Medical & Health:	1	0	0
Behavioral Concerns:	1	0	0

CATS	INCOMING									End of month Population
	Surrendered	Stray	Born	Impounded	Quarantined	Transfers	Abandoned	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Total	
January	1	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	79
February	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	64
March	5	19	4	0	1	0	0	0	29	57
April	28	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	53	67
May	8	35	0	1	0	5	0	0	49	63
June	19	51	15	1	0	0	0	0	86	86
July	9	66	9	0	0	0	0	0	84	109
August	7	62	17	0	0	0	0	0	86	142
September	6	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	112
October										
November										
December										
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>499</b>	

DOGS	INCOMING									End of month Population
	Surrendered	Stray	Born	Impounded	Quarantined	Transferred	Abandoned	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Total	
January	11	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	19	21
February	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	15
March	2	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	12	11
April	6	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	20	10
May	4	17	0	3	0	0	0	0	24	7
June	3	15	0	5	1	0	0	0	24	8
July	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	4
August	5	18	1	4	3	12	0	0	43	21
September	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	17
October										
November										
December										
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>191</b>	

CATS	OUTGOING										
	Adopted	Breed Rescue	Working Cat Adoption	Reclaimed	Released	Transferred	Euthanized	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Escaped	Died	Total
January	42		0	2	0	30	2	0	0	1	77
February	41		0	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	48
March	21		0	5	0	10	0	0	0	0	36
April	32		0	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	43
May	34		1	14	0	0	0	0	0	4	53
June	35		2	17	0	1	0	0	0	8	63
July	41		4	7	0	2	5	0	0	2	61
August	36		1	5	0	0	1	0	0	10	53
September	63		2	11	0	6	0	0	0	4	86
October											
November											
December											
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>520</b>

DOGS	OUTGOING										
	Adopted	Breed Rescue	Working Cat Adoption	Reclaimed	Released	Transferred	Euthanized	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Escaped	Died	Total
January	9	0		8	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
February	11	0		11	0	1	3	0	0	0	26
March	9	0		7	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
April	8	0		9	0	3	1	0	0	0	21
May	7	0		20	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
June	2	0		20	0	1	0	0	0	0	23
July	3	0		9	0	1	1	0	0	0	14
August	3	0		21	0	2	0	0	0	0	26
September	8	0		13	0	0	2	0	0	0	23
October											
November											
December											
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>193</b>

**Animal Control Income and Expense Model**

	Based on 2020 Estimates	Based on 2019 Financial Statements	Based on 2018 Financial Statements	Based on 2017 Financial Statements	Based on 2016 Financial Statements
<b>Income</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Redemptions	\$ 6,654	\$ 7,585	\$ 6,322	\$ 3,805	\$ 3,460
Quarantine	\$ 465	\$ 415	\$ 1,279	\$ 2,121	\$ 825
Boarding Fees				\$ 223	\$ 1,260
Animal Control Contracts	\$ 273,342	\$ 268,144	\$ 259,549	\$ 255,896	\$ 253,539
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 280,461</b>	<b>\$ 276,144</b>	<b>\$ 267,150</b>	<b>\$ 262,045</b>	<b>\$ 259,084</b>
<b>Humane Officer Expenses</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Payroll	\$ 97,000	\$ 110,240	\$ 87,153	\$ 82,554	\$ 80,687
Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,394	\$ 8,403	\$ 6,667	\$ 6,242	\$ 6,101
Training	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,590	\$ 630	\$ -	\$ 2,523
Uniforms	\$ 3,965	\$ 1,612	\$ 1,315	\$ 379	\$ 2,020
Animal Control Equipment	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,379	\$ 884	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,235
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 299	\$ 340	\$ 166	\$ 190	\$ 186
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 3,258	\$ 3,702	\$ 1,802	\$ 2,014	\$ 1,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 115,756</b>	<b>\$ 128,266</b>	<b>\$ 98,617</b>	<b>\$ 92,380</b>	<b>\$ 95,721</b>
<b>Vehicle Expenses</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Gas	\$ 3,123	\$ 4,930	\$ 4,152	\$ 3,222	\$ 2,573
Maintenance/Repair	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,457	\$ 11,147	\$ 779	\$ 1,363
Insurance/Registration	\$ 2,221	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,277	\$ 1,028	\$ 3,783
Cell Phone	\$ 2,529	\$ 2,461	\$ 2,372	\$ 2,642	\$ 2,021
Vehicle Depreciation	\$ 2,255	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,896	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,129</b>	<b>\$ 16,814</b>	<b>\$ 20,844</b>	<b>\$ 11,672</b>	<b>\$ 12,939</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>
Kennel/Office Payroll	\$ 151,960	\$ 150,546	\$ 107,336	\$ 125,813	\$ 115,670
Kennel/Office Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,258	\$ 8,181	\$ 8,182	\$ 9,514	\$ 8,747
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 334	\$ 331	\$ 331	\$ 290	\$ 267
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 3,639	\$ 3,605	\$ 3,605	\$ 3,070	\$ 2,822
Supplies/Food	\$ 6,526	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,131	\$ 6,487	\$ 6,697
Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,181	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,800	\$ 652
Medical Supplies	\$ 16,046	\$ 25,551	\$ 12,769	\$ 17,234	\$ 16,124
Postage/Telephone	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,761	\$ 4,019	\$ 3,784	\$ 1,856
Accounting/Payroll	\$ 3,200	\$ 5,526	\$ 2,482	\$ 860	\$ 1,693
Miscellaneous	\$ 220	\$ 1,185	\$ 398	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Depreciation	\$ 765	\$ 701	\$ 1,038	\$ 2,117	\$ 2,117
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 195,033</b>	<b>\$ 212,167</b>	<b>\$ 147,440</b>	<b>\$ 171,969</b>	<b>\$ 156,645</b>
<b>Housing Expenses</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Heat/Electricity	\$ 11,694	\$ 14,199	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,152	\$ 12,874
Water/Sewer	\$ 2,491	\$ 3,495	\$ 2,178	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,688
Security	\$ 403	\$ 292	\$ 284	\$ 275	\$ 379
Trash/Snow Removal	\$ 3,005	\$ 4,741	\$ 4,649	\$ 2,386	\$ 2,250
Repairs	\$ 13,630	\$ 6,452	\$ 4,326	\$ 6,085	\$ 8,157
Building Depreciation	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,526	\$ 16,526
Insurance	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,383	\$ 2,248	\$ 2,355	\$ 2,042
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,275</b>	<b>\$ 48,025</b>	<b>\$ 44,147</b>	<b>\$ 42,377</b>	<b>\$ 44,916</b>

Total Income	\$ 280,461	\$ 276,144	\$ 267,150	\$ 262,045	\$ 259,084
Total Expenses	\$ 380,192	\$ 405,272	\$ 311,049	\$ 318,397	\$ 310,221
Difference	\$ (99,731)	\$ (129,128)	\$ (43,899)	\$ (56,353)	\$ (51,137)

## **Filing a Complaint with Animal Control**

In accordance with the contract established with Portage County, HSPC's Animal Control team responds to calls regarding lost and found pets, nuisance animals, animal mistreatment and neglect, and other domestic animal-related calls as requested or needed. Complaints or concerns regarding wildlife are referred to a wildlife rehabilitator or local pest control service. Calls from out of the county or in non-service areas are referred to the appropriate agency or representative.

Every complainant is asked to provide their full name and phone number at the beginning of the call, pursuant with basic law enforcement practices. Callers may remain anonymous, but are informed that remaining anonymous can limit the extent to which Animal Control is able to investigate a situation. Animal Control personnel do not share personal information with callers or suspects, but suspect and reporting party information is logged in Animal Control reports, which are subject to open records laws. Again, this is a normal practice in law enforcement.

After the caller's information has been obtained, the responding officer or dispatcher collects information to determine the priority of the call. In the case of an emergency, the officer will respond immediately, and collect additional information as the situation progresses. Incidents in which public safety may be at immediate risk are given highest priority. In non-emergency situations, the officer or dispatcher will ask the caller fact-based questions to determine if there is reason to believe that a violation is occurring. Generally, the caller is required to provide the specific location of where an alleged violation is occurring, preferably the exact address of the animal owner. The officer will use this information to check complaint history. In general, calls that are made while the reported violation is occurring are given higher priority. Many Animal Control calls are handled in a span of hours or less, with minimal conflict. Other cases take weeks or months to reach resolution, depending on many factors.

Callers are encouraged to speak and behave patiently and cooperatively with Animal Control personnel and any other involved law enforcement. Our officers are trained and required to make fact and evidence-based decisions throughout the course of duty. This means that in the case of a dispute or allegation, both parties will be interviewed and given a chance to explain their perspective, and any available and relevant evidence will be evaluated. Our team operates within constraints as determined primarily by state and local law. Thus, one caller's opinion or standard of belief may differ from another, and may differ from what action we are authorized to take. We understand that animal-related concerns can be sensitive and our team is trained and held to high standards of conduct in the field to respect a wide range of beliefs among the public.

We embrace educational techniques as an invaluable tool, both for mitigating conflict with callers and for resolving potential violations. We perform consistent and thorough research on best practices in the industry, and align these findings with their applicability within the scope of legislation, the contractual agreement, and organizational policy.



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Animal Control  
3200 Iber Lane  
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ENTER ADDRESS

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Current Resident(s),

Portage County Animal Control has received complaints of an animal(s) running at large off of your property. This notice serves as an initial warning; evidence of further violations may result in citation under county ordinance. Refer to the reverse page for Portage County's Nuisance Animal Ordinance.

In addition to the above complaint, our records indicate that you have not purchased a dog license for 2019. If you have already licensed your dog this year please contact the Humane Society using the above phone number. Dog licenses must be renewed **each calendar year** per WIS 174.05 and Portage County Ordinance 9.4.4.

**You have 10 days from the above date to obtain a Portage County Dog License or provide proof of an existing license to the Humane Society. Failure to do so may result in citation.** Licenses can be purchased from your municipal office or at the Humane Society of Portage County. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to purchase a license. Refer the ordinance on the opposite page for further information.

Thank you in advance for the resolution of this situation and for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Portage County Animal Control and Protection  
3200 Iber Lane  
Plover, WI 54467



#### **4.9.12 Nuisance Animals:**

(1) No person owning any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the County.

(2) The owner or keeper shall be liable for all damages done by such animal while so at large, although he escapes without the fault of such owner or keeper; and the construction of any fence shall not relieve such owner or keeper from liability.

#### **4.9.4 Dog Licenses**

(1) Requirement. The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the dog license tax and obtain a license.

(2) Tax. The dog license tax shall be \$6.00 for a neutered male dog or spayed female dog, upon presentation of evidence that the dog is neutered or spayed, and \$16.00 for an un-neutered male dog or un-spayed female dog. The county board may, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, raise the minimum dog license tax to cover the cost of animal control in the County. The presentation of a rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian is necessary to receive a license. (3) License Year. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December 31.

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**Humane Society of Portage County**  
**Animal Control**  
3200 Iber Lane, Plover, WI 54467 ~ 715-344-6012

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

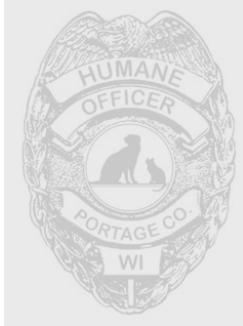
**A complaint has been registered against you for the following animal control ordinance violation(s):**

- Animal(s) running at large
- Failure to license animal(s)
- Inadequate food/shelter/water
- Inadequate sanitation
- Barking/howling animal(s)
- Mistreatment of animal(s)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Your animal(s) have been taken into protective custody for the following animal control ordinance violation(s):**

- Animal(s) running at large
- Animal(s) injured or in physical pain/distress
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**You must contact an animal control officer within 24 hours to discuss remedy of the situation. We can be reached at 715-344-6012 during Humane Society business hours; please call the Portage County Sheriff's Department at 715-346-1400 before or after hours and a sheriff's dispatcher will patch you through to the animal control officer on call.**



# Humane Society of Portage County

## Dog Running at Large (RAL) Incident Log

Form Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	TIME	OWNERS HOME (Y/N)	LOCATION OF DOG(S)	DESCRIPTION OF DOG(S) (A, B, C or D from Incident Report)

PLEASE ATTACH AND SEND COMPLETED DOG LOG WITH INCIDENT REPORT





**Portage County  
Animal Control  
and Protection**

www.hspcwi.org  
715-344-6012 Ext.305  
[humane.officer@hspcwi.org](mailto:humane.officer@hspcwi.org)

Animal Control  
3200 Iber Lane  
Plover, WI 54467

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January 28, 2019

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Our records indicate that you own a dog/s that is not licensed for 2019. Wisconsin state legislature and Portage County ordinance requires that all dogs be licensed every year. Current proof of rabies vaccination is required for the licensing of your dog(s). Failure to license your dog(s) carries a fine of \$169.00.

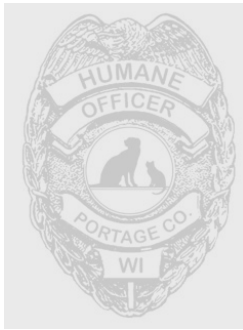
Licenses can be purchased at the Humane Society of Portage County, or through your City, Village, or Township. **If you purchase a license from anywhere except the Humane Society, you are required to notify Animal Control through the contact information above.**

This letter serves as an official warning in violation of Wisconsin State Statute/Portage County ordinance. You have seven (7) days to correct this issue or a citation may be issued.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Portage County Animal Control and Protection

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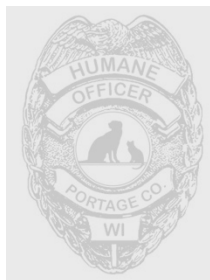
# Humane Society of Portage County

## Barking Dog Incident Log

Form Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	TIME STARTED	TIME ENDED	OWNERS HOME (Y/N)	LOCATION OF DOG (YARD, KENNEL, HOUSE, ETC)

PLEASE ATTACH / SEND COMPLETED BARKING DOG LOG WITH INCIDENT REPORT



## Humane Society of Portage County – Barking Dog Incident Report

Complete this form along with the attached Barking Dog Log

### Victim Information

Form Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Suspect Information

Dog's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's name (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Dog(s)

Breed	Color	Size
A) _____		
B) _____		
C) _____		

### Additional Witnesses

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Signature of Person Making the Report

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Every notation must be factual and truthful.

**PLEASE MAIL TO:** Portage County Humane Officer  
3200 Iber Lane  
Plover, WI 54467

**FAX #:** (715) 344-5954



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and Protection**

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humane.officer@hspcwi.org

Animal Control  
3200 Iber Lane  
Plover, WI 54467

ENTER ADDRESS

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Current Resident(s),

Portage County Animal Control has received complaints of an animal causing excessive noise on your property. This notice serves as an initial warning; evidence of further violations may result in citation under county ordinance. Refer to the reverse page for Portage County's Nuisance Animal Ordinance.

In addition to the above complaint, our records indicate that you have not purchased a dog license for 2019. If you have already licensed your dog this year please contact the Humane Society using the above phone number. Dog licenses must be renewed **each calendar year** per WIS 174.05 and Portage County Ordinance 9.4.4.

**You have 10 days from the above date to obtain a Portage County Dog License or provide proof of an existing license to the Humane Society. Failure to do so may result in citation.** Licenses can be purchased from your municipal office or at the Humane Society of Portage County. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to purchase a license. Refer the ordinance on the opposite page for further information.

Thank you in advance for the resolution of this situation and for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Portage County Animal Control and Protection  
3200 Iber Lane  
Plover, WI 54467



### **2.12.3 Prohibition against Unreasonable Noise**

- (A) No person or persons shall engage in any noisy activity on public or private property that tends to annoy, disturb or otherwise irritate any neighboring tenant or person legally entitled to possession thereof, except for the reasonable noise which occurs in the normal course of reasonable human activity.
- (B) No owner, operator or occupant of a building, building unit or premise shall suffer, permit or allow the barking, yelping or howling of a dog or dogs which barking shall result in an excessive or unusual noise that disturbs the comfort, quiet or repose of persons therein or in the vicinity. The provisions of this section shall not apply to licensed animal hospitals, veterinary facilities or to the premises used by municipalities for impounding animals.

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## How to Treat Excessive Barking

Getting your dog to bark less will take time, work, practice, and consistency. It won't happen overnight, but with proper techniques and time, you can see progress.

Here are a few tips to remember as you start your efforts to control your dog's barking.

- Shouting stimulates your dog to bark more because he thinks you're joining in. So the first rule is to speak calmly and firmly, but don't yell.
- Most dogs don't know what you want when you're yelling at them to "shut up." So train your dog to understand the word "Quiet!"

Once you know why your dog is barking, you can start working on ways to decrease his annoying habit. Here are some specific reasons why dogs bark, and how you can help lessen the noise:

**Territorial/Protective/Alarm/Fear:** Because this type of barking is often motivated by fear or a perceived threat to their territory or people, it can be lessened by limiting what your dog sees. If he's in a fenced yard, use solid wood instead of chain fencing. Indoors, limit access to windows and doors or cover them with an opaque film.

**Boredom/Loneliness:** If your dog barks excessively while you're gone, you need to provide more activities or companionship to keep him from being lonely or bored.

Bringing an outdoors dog inside will lessen the noise impact on neighbors, and provide extra security for your home. It's also safer because dogs left alone outside can face theft, escapes, poisoning, harassment, and other dangers.

Providing something for your dog to do during the day also can help. Try leaving out a couple of food-dispensing toys, which come in different shapes and sizes. These can keep him busy for several hours, then he'll probably take a nap.

Dogs that bark all night should be brought indoors. Dogs quickly learn to sleep quietly inside, and are added protection for your family.

**Attention seeking:** Never reward barking. If your dog barks when he wants water, and you fill the dish, you've taught him to bark to get what he wants. If he barks to go outside, it's the same.

If he barks and you see his dish is empty, wait a few minutes, go do something else, then fill it, so he won't know his barking was effective.

Remember not to scold your pet. For a dog, that's still considered attention. The key is to ignore your dog and what he wants, until he stops barking.

**Separation Anxiety/Compulsive Barking:** Separation anxiety and compulsive barking are both difficult to treat and should be handled with the help of a veterinary behaviorist or a certified applied animal behaviorist. Dogs with these problems often need drug therapy to help them cope while learning new, more acceptable behaviors.

- Don't encourage your dog to bark at some noises (a door slamming, people walking by) and discourage him from barking at others. Be consistent.
- Never use a muzzle or other means of constraint to keep a dog quiet for long periods or when they aren't supervised. It can be dangerous to your pet.

*<http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/guide/understanding-why-dogs-bark?>*

## Bite Reporting

Bite cases generally come to us through either a hospital or the Sheriff's Department. Name, address, & phone number of both victim and pet owner are taken at that time. Contact is made with both parties. Quarantine orders are issued as soon as possible. If the dog is current with its rabies vaccine, the quarantine can be done at home. At this time we find out if the dog is also licensed. If it is not, a seven day notice is given so the owner can purchase a Portage County dog license. If after the seven days no license is purchased, a citation will be issued.

If the pet is not current with the rabies vaccine, the pet needs to be taken to an approved quarantine facility. That can be done at HSPC, or a vet of their choosing. During that time the pet is seen three times by DVM to exclude any health issues. At the end of the ten days the pet is given a rabies vaccine. It is at that time we can issue a Portage County dog license. A license cannot be issued with out a current rabies certificate, and the rabies vaccine is not allowed to be given during the ten day quarantine.



# Animal Control

## Humane Society of Portage County

3200 Iber Lane • Plover, Wisconsin 54467 • 715-344-6012

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January 17, 2017

Re: Quarantine Letter to Victim

You or someone in your household has recently been involved in an animal bite case.

We understand that it can be a very overwhelming and confusing situation. We have enclosed some information from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, and the Trade and Consumer Protection to help you understand the quarantine process.

The animal will be quarantined for rabies.

If you have any questions at all please call the Humane Society at 715-344-6012.

Sincerely,

Choose an item.  
Humane Officer  
Portage County Humane Officer





# What You Need To Know If Your Cat Or Dog Bites Someone

## Wisconsin Quarantine Requirements for Dogs and Cats that have Bitten a Person

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## **Rabies** (Hydrophobia)

### **What is rabies?**

Rabies is a viral disease affecting the central nervous system. It is transmitted from infected mammals to man and is virtually always fatal once symptoms appear. Human rabies is rare in the United States, but still frequently occurs in many developing nations. The most recent case of human rabies in Wisconsin occurred in 2010; prior Wisconsin cases occurred in 2004, 2000, and 1959.

### **Who gets rabies?**

All mammals, including humans, are susceptible to rabies. In Wisconsin, skunks and bats are by far the most likely animals to carry the rabies virus, although rabies also has occurred sporadically in dogs, cats, foxes, raccoons and livestock.

### **How is rabies spread to humans?**

Rabies is contracted by exposure to a rabid animal. The exposure is nearly always through a bite, but rabies can also be transmitted if a rabid animal scratches a person or if its saliva comes into contact with broken skin. Because bites and scratches from bats may go unnoticed if a person is sleeping, is very young, or is mentally incapacitated, a physician should be contacted if a bat is found in the same room with a young child, or with a sleeping or mentally incapacitated adult. Similarly, if a person has had any physical contact with a bat and the possibility of a bite or scratch cannot be ruled out, rabies preventive treatment might be indicated.

### **What are the symptoms of rabies?**

Early symptoms may include irritability, headache, fever, double vision, and itching or pain at the exposure site. The disease eventually progresses to spasms of the throat and the muscles used for breathing, convulsions, delirium, paralysis and death. It is important to note that by the time any symptoms appear, rabies cannot be successfully treated.

### **How soon after exposure do symptoms appear?**

The time between exposure and the onset of symptoms is variable but averages one to three months in humans. Incubation periods of several years have been reported.

### **Is a human able to spread rabies?**

Person to person transmission has never been documented, but is likely possible, so precautions should be taken to prevent exposure to the saliva of the diseased person. Tissues from individuals with rabies must not be used in transplant procedures.

### **What is the treatment for exposure to rabies?**

The most effective rabies prevention is immediate thorough cleansing of animal bite or scratch wounds with liberal amounts of soap and water. If circumstances of the exposure warrant it, a physician may give the bite victim an injection of rabies immune globulin and four to five injections of a rabies vaccine administered in the arm as a preventive measure.

In most instances, however, observation or testing of the biting animal will rule out the possibility of rabies and will therefore eliminate any need for the bite victim to undergo the series of injections. Because of this, it is important for bite victims to notify their local health department (or local law enforcement when public health staff are unavailable) whenever a bite occurs to ensure that the biting animal is appropriately and legally observed or tested for rabies. The victim's physician should also be notified promptly. DO NOT destroy or release the biting animal until public health authorities can be consulted.

### **What happens if rabies exposure goes untreated?**

Exposure of a human to a rabid animal does not always result in rabies. If preventive treatment is obtained promptly following a rabies exposure, virtually all cases of rabies will be prevented. However, if preventive treatment is not administered and signs of rabies develop, the disease is virtually always fatal. All animal bites, regardless of whether the animal is available for rabies observation or testing, should be evaluated by a health professional to determine if treatment is necessary.

### **What can be done to prevent the spread of rabies?**

Exposure to rabies may be minimized by eliminating stray dogs and cats; having pet dogs, cats, ferrets, and livestock vaccinated against rabies; and staying away from all wild animals, especially those acting abnormally. Do not keep exotic or wild animals as pets, regardless of how young or cute they are. Exclude bats from living quarters by keeping screens in good repair and by closing up any small openings that could allow them to enter.

Persons traveling to developing countries in which rabies is prevalent, or persons who are at ongoing risk of possible rabies exposure (e.g., veterinarians, animal control officers) should ask their doctor about receiving the PRE-exposure rabies vaccination.

Persons who are bitten by any mammal should promptly cleanse the bite wound with liberal amounts of soap and water, and contact their physician and their local health department. Persons who have been in close physical proximity to bats and who cannot rule out the possibility of physical contact should likewise contact their physician. If the offending animal can be safely captured without incurring further injury, it is advisable to do so, and then hold the animal until the local health department can be consulted.

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# Rabies Quarantine Veterinarian Visit Sheet

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**Bite Report Number:** N/A

**Owner's Information:**

Owner: Elyssa Kluball Kingstad

\*Cell: (414) 630-6324

\*No current e-mail addresses

\*Home: 116 Meadow Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481-1737

**Animal Information:**

Name: Jaeger

Species: Dog

Breed: Australian Cattle Dog (mix)

Age: Unknown

Sex: Male

Vet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary records have been received from Jaeger's vet? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No

Rabies Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUARANTINE DATES**

Bite Date: 10/20/2020 at 11:13 PM      Release Date: 10/30/2020

\_\_\_ I have observed no sign(s) of abnormal behavior.

\_\_\_\_\_ First Day: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Random Day: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tenth Day: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES/COMMENTS:**

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Please fax or mail completed form and a copy of rabies certificate to:

Humane Officer of Portage County, 3200 Iber Lane, Plover WI 54467    Phone: (715) 344-6012    Fax: (715) 344-5954



# Out of Shelter Quarantine Protocol

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Purpose: To review the Humane Society of Portage County (HSPC) rabies and quarantine information that an animal owner needs to be aware of to ensure the animal and bite victim are cared for appropriately.

HSPC Humane Officer or designated agent

## **Owner of the animal**

### **The animal's rabies must be verified with their vet before quarantine at home is permitted**

Documents needed:

- Quarantine Letter Owner
  - Wisconsin Quarantine Requirements for Dogs and Cats
  - Rabies Disease FAQ Sheet
  - Rabies Quarantine Veterinarian Visit Sheet
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- Call the owner of the animal to inform them they need to have the animal quarantined at home for 10 days from the date of the bite.
  - Complete the animal's information, owner's information, as well as the history section on the Rabies Quarantine Vet Visit Sheet while speaking with the owner on the phone.
  - Mail the documents needed to the owner of the animal.
  - During that time they will need to visit a veterinarian of their choice 3 times. As soon as they can after the bite took place, a random day, and on the final day of the quarantine.
  - They will need to have their veterinarian complete the Rabies Quarantine Vet Visit Sheet. The Rabies Quarantine Vet Visit Sheet along with a copy of the rabies sticker can be fax to the Humane Society of Portage County. (715) 344-5954

## **Victim**

Documents needed:

- Quarantine Letter Victim
  - Wisconsin Quarantine Requirements for Dogs and Cats
  - Rabies Disease FAQ Sheet
- 
- Mail the documents needed to the victim of the bite.
  - Call the victim of the animal bite to inform them the animal will need to be quarantined at home for 10 days from the date of the bite.
  - Once the Rabies Quarantine Vet Visit Sheet is completed and faxed to the Humane Society of Portage County, contact the victim that the animal was cleared of rabies.

# Quarantine Admission Form

Today's Date: 10/23/2020

Owner's Information:	Animal Information:
Elyssa Kluball Kingstad *Cell: (414) 630-6324 *No current e-mail addresses *Home: 116 Meadow Street Stevens Point, WI 54481-1737	Name: Jaeger> Species: Dog Breed: Australian Cattle Dog (mix) Age: Unknown Sex: Male Color: Unknown or N/A N/A Spay/Neutered Date: [N/A or unknown]

**Please read information below carefully and initial that you understand each statement**

\_\_\_\_\_ S.95.21(5a) Within 24 hours after the quarantine order is issued, the unvaccinated animal must be delivered to an isolation facility (e.g. veterinary clinic or humane society shelter) for a 10 day observation period.

\_\_\_\_\_ S.95.21(5b) If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal bit a person, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal under strict isolation under the supervision of a veterinarian for at least 10 days after the incident occurred. In this paragraph, "supervision of a veterinarian" includes, at a minimum, examination of the animal on the first day of isolation, on the last day of isolation and on one intervening day. If the observation period is not extended and if the veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat has not exhibited any signs of rabies, the animal may be released from quarantine at the end of the observation period.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Visitations with the animal are NOT allowed.**

\_\_\_\_\_ The animal may be released after the veterinarian certifies that the animal has exhibited no signs of rabies during the 10 day observation period and has been given the rabies vaccination.

\_\_\_\_\_ The veterinarian may extend the quarantine if clinical signs warrant the extension.

\_\_\_\_\_ S.92.21(5d) In the event that an animal under quarantine does exhibit signs of rabies, state statute requires that the animal be humanely euthanized and submitted for rabies testing.

\_\_\_\_\_ S.173.19 In the event that the owner does not return after the animals holding period, the animal will be considered abandoned, the owner will have given up all rights to this animal and will be issued a citation for abandonment. The holding period is defined as 7 days starting on the day in which the HSPC contacts the owners informing them that they can come and pick the said animal up.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepay the cost of Veterinarian Exams and the Standard Boarding and you will receive 1 day of boarding free.

\_\_\_\_\_ If a veterinarian determines an animal is showing symptoms consistent with the rabies virus, it may be recommended that samples be submitted to the state laboratory of hygiene for testing which includes euthanasia and the disposal of remains. (\$ 330.00) Having your dog euthanized at HSPC is not an option! Please consult with your veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I am assuming the risks and sole responsibility for any exposure and subsequent medical treatment necessary if my canine is not current on DHPP vaccine (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainflueza) and/or Bordetella vaccine (kennel cough) ~or~ my feline is not current with the FVRCP vaccine (Rhinotracheitis, Calici-Panleukopenia).

**Quarantine Costs**

Veterinarian Exams (3 exams) \$ 30.00  
Boarding Fee \$ 45.00  
Rabies Vaccination \$ 25.00  
Total Fees: \$100.00 (\$75.00 if paid in advance)

Additional Boarding\$ 15.00 per day

You may claim you animal anytime after:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

	City of Stevens Point	Town of Alban	Town of Almond	Town of Amherst	Town of Belmont	Town of Buena Vista	Town of Carson	Town of Dewey	Town of Eau Claire	Town of Grant	Town of Hull	Town of Lanark	Town of Linwood	Town of New Hope	Town of Pine Grove	Town of Plover	Town of Sharon	Town of Stockton	Village of Almond	Village of Amherst	Village of Amherst Junction	Village of Park Ridge	Village of Plover	Village of Rosholt	Village of Whiting			
<b>Report Totals</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>59</b>		
<b>Actions by type</b>																												
01. Animal transported from field	119	7	9	7		2	2	5	6	5	17	5	3	5	17	7	19	25	2	21				2	60	4	4	
02. Animal received at shelter	40	12	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	10	7	3	2		7	3	8		1					41	1	1	
03. Animal returned to owner-field	21		2			1	1	1			4	1		1	3	2		1		3					15			
04. Animal returned to owner-shelter	17		3	2		2	2		1		1		1		2	2	1	5		3			2	15		1		
05. Field investigation/inspection	146	5	7	5		1	4	6	2	5	19	2	1	3	24	8	4	8	1	8					88	1	4	
06. Office investigation	78	3	2	4	1		4	1	1	7	12	6	2		6	3	3	8		6		2			46	1	3	
07. Written warning issued	56	2	1	2		1	4	3	6	11	12	7	2	2	10	4	4	5	2	1					36		4	
08. Citation Issued	16		2				2	1			4	1		1	1	2	1	1		2					9			
09. Order of abatement issued	1										2				1		1			1					3			
10. Quarantine of animal issued	9	2		1			3			1	3	1	3	1	5	2	1	2	1						7			
11. Verbal contact / phone call	422	27	15	22	1	11	19	13	12	30	56	20	9	11	34	22	30	39	7	31		1			254	7	18	
12. Live trap set/checked	60	1				2		1			7				2	2	3	4		4					15		1	
<b>Cases by type</b>																												
01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	7	1	1							1				1	1		1	1		1					5			
02. Intake of Animal-Stray	3						1								1		1								5			
03. Intake of Animal-Other	4		1							1						2									2			
04. Nuisance Animal	16	1	3				1		2	4	2	2			3	3	2	1		1					15			
05. Bite/Quarantine	26	1	1	1		1	2			3	7	1	3	1	6	2	2	4	1	1					13	1		
06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	10						1	2			3	1			2		1	1							10			
07. Injured/Deceased Animal	2			1						1	2														2			
<b>Dispatch by type</b>																												
01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	186	5	5	6	1	4	9	5	4	11	26	5	3	4	15	12	10	17	2	10	1		1		87	3	7	
02. Intake of Animal-Stray	99	12	10	6	3	4	6	4	6	7	24	7	5	5	9	9	15	20	2	18			1		68	3	3	
03. Intake of Animal-Other	40		1	1						2	1			1	1	4	1			1					16			
04. Nuisance Animal	129	5	6	7		2	6	6	9	15	31	10	4	4	11	12	13	11	3	17		1	3		88	2	7	
05. Bite/Quarantine	39	2	2	2		1	6			7	7	2	4	2	11	3	1	5	1	2		1			22	2		
06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	85	4	1	2		2	2	6		3	13	1			10	3	2	3		1		1			67		6	
07. Injured or Deceased Animal	14	1	1	2				1		2	1				1		1	3		2					9	1		
<b>Violations by type</b>																												
Abandonment																										1		
Failure to provide food and water																										1		
Failure to provide proper shelter																										1		
Running at large	1																											
Unlicensed																										2		
Unvaccinated - Rabies																										1		

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# ShelterTrack Benefits

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## **Our Organization by the Numbers**

The Shelter Calendar gives us one-click access to statistics and counts for any day of any month of any year, and throughout the system we can find statistics, counts, and comparisons for important areas like adoptions and other outcomes, and cases and calls (including average response times). Tracking of revenue and donations are also available however we use separate programs for these areas of our operations.

## **Calendaring and scheduling**

Using the Shelter Calendar, we can view and edit all due and overdue items (vet appointments, scheduled vaccinations, kennel clean-up...many more) for our use and our employees; see shelter statistics for any day of any month of any year; and set holidays and closed days for our organization.

## **Cases, Enforcements, and Calls**

Shelter Track has everything we need to effectively handle calls, violations, enforcements and cases on a day-to-day basis: assign officers, track time and mileage, view prior legal history for any person/company or address, and e-mail call summaries to the Humane Officer in the field.

## **Flexible "Super Search"**

Each main area of the system (Animals, People and Companies, and Licensing) has a "Super Search" screen that lets us locate records using hundreds of different criteria. Within the search results, we can select some or all records and perform operations on them (for example, schedule vaccinations for selected animals in an Animals search). And we can download an entire results set (up to 65,500 records) to our local computer in an Excel file anytime.

## **A Complete Licensing Solution**

When we issue and renew licenses for each municipality ShelterTrack is very advantageous. We can create simple or complex fee structures using myriad criteria (species, breeds, geographical area, senior/disabled, service animals, many more), use proration, and establish late fees. Renewal correspondence can be created and sent anytime, on an ad hoc basis or in a batch. And real-time payment status tracking ensures that licensing revenue is collected and processed accurately.

## **Fast and Easy Lost and Found Listings**


Lost and Found animals practically post themselves! We can let the public enter their own lost or found animals, and we can specify how long those listings stay posted. Members of the public can also mark their own lost animals as found, which automatically removes them from the list. We can add strays to the public Found listings on intake, and we can add any animal anytime to lost/found listings with one click. ShelterTrack also locates matches in our current animal inventory so we can quickly reunite pets with their people.

Main website [www.hspcwi.org](http://www.hspcwi.org)

Lost & Found [www.hspcwi.org/lost-found.html](http://www.hspcwi.org/lost-found.html)


FaceBook [www.FaceBook.com/HSPCWI](http://www.FaceBook.com/HSPCWI)

# ShelterTrack Benefits



**HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY**

**DONATE TO THE HSPC**



*Events*

**OCT 28** PetFest  
Holiday Inn - Point

**NOV 11** Fill the Vans  
Cops in Flower

**DEC 2** Santa Paws  
Open House 11-2

[All Events](#)

*Follow/Available Pets*

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*Shopping Online?*  
**fundInco.org**  
Official Pet Adoption Partner  
**amazon.com**  
Official Pet Adoption Partner

*Protecting Animals & Serving People Since 1909*

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## Lost & Found

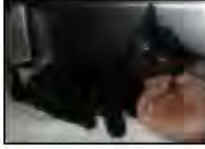
[Click here for info on how to post a found pet](#)  
[Click here for info on claiming your pet](#)  
[Click here for info if you have lost your pet](#)

**\*For adoption inquiries, please click on the [Adoptable Pets](#) tab for current available pets. Pets listed on Lost and Found are not available for adoption.\***

• [Click here to place a lost or found animal report](#)

Show:  Lost animals only  Found animals only  Both


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**Found 10/16/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Grisabelle (shelter ID 18794)  
 Color: Black Gender: Female  
 Collar: None, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: County Road J N - Town of Sharon  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information


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**Found 10/16/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Yeller (shelter ID 18793)  
 Color: Gray (Tabby) Gender: Male  
 Collar: None, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: County Road J N - Town of Sharon  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information


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**Found 10/16/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Clifton (shelter ID 18792)  
 Color: Orange - White Gender: Male  
 Collar: N/A, Unknown or N/A  
 Solid orange down his back  
 Location found: Edgewater Drive - Town of Amherst  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information


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**Found 10/16/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Gergentus (shelter ID 18791)  
 Color: Orange - White Gender: Female  
 Collar: None, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: Edgewater Drive - T. Amherst  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information


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**Found 10/14/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Lemer (shelter ID 18790)  
 Color: Brown (Tabby) Gender: Male  
 Collar: N/A, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: Church Street-City of Stevens Point  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information


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**Found 10/14/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Boston (shelter ID 18789)  
 Color: Black - White (Tuxedo) Gender: Male  
 Collar: N/A, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: Church Street-City of Stevens Point  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information


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**Found 10/14/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Ferris (shelter ID 18788)  
 Color: Brown - White (Tabby) Gender: Male  
 Collar: N/A, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: County Road K-Town of Stockton  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information

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**Found 10/14/2017** **Cat (Domestic Short Hair)**

Name: Jamina (shelter ID 18786)  
 Color: White - Orange (Calico) Gender: Female  
 Collar: N/A, Unknown or N/A  
 Location found: Pine Road-Town of Eau Claire  
 Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information



# ShelterTrack Benefits

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**Humane Society of Portage County**  
@HSPCWI

- Home
- Posts
- About
- Events
- Photos
- Videos
- Donate
- All adoptable pets
- Notes
- Reviews
- Community

Create a Page


**Goecks's post**  
18 hrs · 🌐

**LOST DOG! HELP HIS OWNER FIND HIM!**  
Ryker was lost on 10/15/17 from County Road TT in Amherst WI. Linda Pearce Goecks created the Visitor Post we are sharing here. We have encouraged Linda to create an entry in our Lost & Found List.

**Linda Pearce Goecks** · Humane Society of Portage County  
20 hrs · 🌐

**LOST DOG Ryker 10-15-2017! #Portage Co., #Amherst** (7425 County Road TT), WI 54406. Ryker/ Male \*\*\* Labrador Retriever \*\*\* Black/ Young/ Large (46~100 lbs)/ Hair...

See More




**Lost Dog - Male - Amherst, WI, USA 54406**  
Closest Intersection: 7425 County Road TT. Please LIKE this, share this, tweet on twitter and email to your friends so we can get this pet home.  
[HELPINGLOSTPETS.COM](http://HELPINGLOSTPETS.COM)

**Animal Shelter in Plover, Wisconsin**  
4.6 ★★★★★ · Open Now

Community See All

- 👤 Invite your friends to like this Page
- 👍 9,806 people like this
- 👤 9,282 people follow this
- 👤 Gail Colrud and 23 other friends like this or have checked in

About See All



- 📍 3200 Iber Ln  
Plover, Wisconsin 54487
- ☎ (715) 344-6012
- 📧 Typically replies within an hour  
[Send Message](#)
- 🌐 [www.hspcwi.org/site](http://www.hspcwi.org/site)
- 🏠 Animal Shelter · Nonprofit Organization · Adoption Service
- 🕒 Hours 11:00AM - 5:00PM  
Open Now

Like Comment Share

f Humane Society of Portage County
October 12 at 3:18pm · 🌐

**FOUND CATS LOCATED AT HSPC! HELP US FIND THEIR OWNER!**  
The shelter-assigned names are Nettik and Ragmop, ID#'s 18773 and 18775

**FOUND 10/12/17 on Reserve St, City of Stevens Point WI.** Here is a link to the Lost & Found list <http://www.hspcwi.org/lost-found.html>.  
Contact: Humane Society Of Portage County. Call 715-344-6012 during business hours. If this is your animal please see the reclaim protocol on our website at <http://hspcwi.org/claim-pet.html>  
We will not be able to answer... See More



**Humane Society of Portage County**  
October 14 at 1:53pm · 🌐

**THIS CAT HAS BEEN RECLAIMED! Thanks for your help.**  
The shelter-assigned name is Fuddles, ID# 18787  
FOUND 10/14/17 on Forest Dr, Plover WI



Like Comment Share

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October 12 at 3:18pm · 🌐

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 **Humane Society of Portage County**  
October 13 at 3:08pm · 🌐

**THIS DOG HAS BEEN FOUND!** Thanks for your help.  
Lulu was lost 10/13/17 from the corner of 4th and Union and was seen running toward Bukolt Park in Stevens Point WI.



 **Humane Society of Portage County**  
October 9 at 2:26pm · 🌐

**FOUND DOG LOCATED AT HSPC! HELP US FIND HER OWNER!**  
The shelter-assigned name is Riley, ID# 18755  
FOUND 10/09/17 on Lepak Dr, Plover WI.  
Here is a link to the Lost & Found list <http://www.hspcwi.org/lost-found.html>.  
Contact: Humane Society Of Portage County. Call 715-344-6012 during business hours. If this is your animal please see the reclaim protocol on our website at <http://hspcwi.org/claim-pet.html>... See More



# Animal Control Description







## **HSPC Mission statement:**

***Our mission is to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and overpopulation of companion animals while seeking adoption of these animals into compatible homes, and teaching humane awareness and respect for all life, thus helping to build a better community.***

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Protect-Prevent-Provide



Protect	Citizens, property
Prevent	Abuse, neglect,
Provide	Education, assistance, enforcement

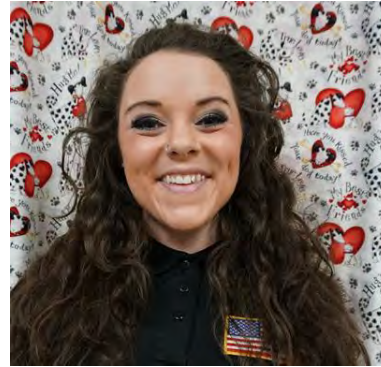
# HUMANE OFFICERS



Chris  
Animal Control  
Manager



Hannah  
Humane  
Officer



KAILEY  
Humane  
Officer



Heather  
Humane  
Officer

# Animal Control Function

## PROGRAMMING AND ENFORCEMENT



# Powers and Duties of Humane Officers

## Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 173.07

- (1) Enforcement
- (2) Investigation
- (3) Seek Subpoenas
- (4) Issue Citations
- (5) Request Prosecutions of state law violations

# RESTRICTIONS What Humane officers can not do

- Execute a search warrant
- Carry firearms
- Stop or arrest persons
- Enter any place or vehicle by force or without consent of the owner unless it is necessary to save an animal from imminent death, or person from imminent death or injury.

# Humane Officer Training Certification

## COURSE CONTENT

Role of the animal investigator

Rules of evidence

Rules of search and seizure

Civil liability  
law

Facility standards

Evaluation of cruelty

Nutrition

Body conditioning and scoring

Pet Shop Investigation

Photography and sketching

Crime scene procedure & Wisconsin  
evidence collection

Interview and interrogation

Report writing

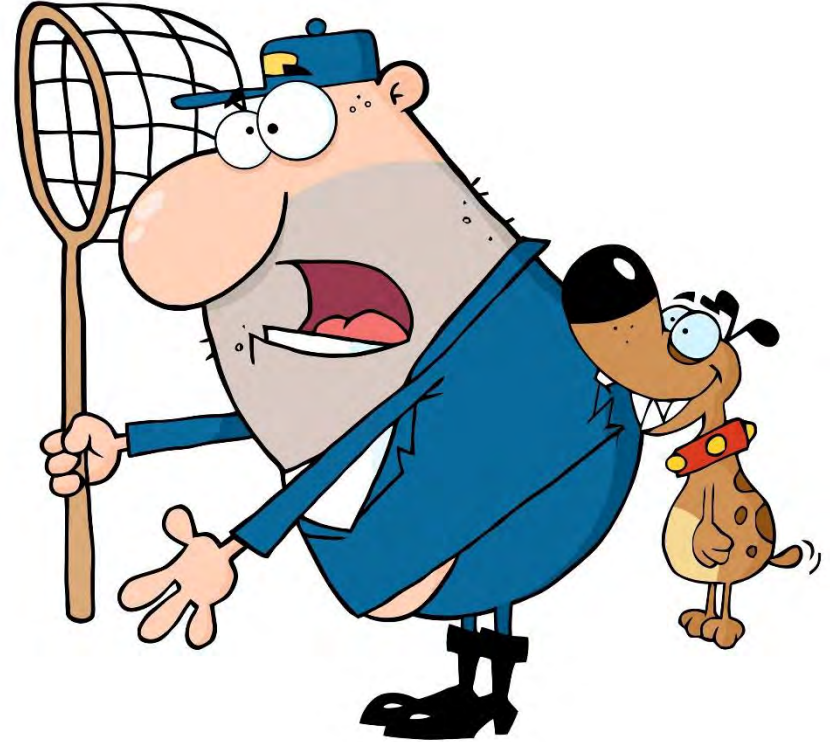
Courtroom testimony

Crisis intervention/officer safety



# Enforcement

- Complaints and compliance
  - Dog Bites
  - Nuisance
  - Running at large
  - Neglect or Abuse
  - Other state law or local ordinance





819 animals came into the shelter as strays, impounded or quarantined

Resulted in 3,380 days in shelter

# Inspections and Investigations




# Animal Establishment Inspections

- Take Place Annually
- Establishment Located in Portage County
- Requiring a Portage County Commercial Animal Establishment permit

**Animal Establishment Inspection Form**

3300 Iger Lane, Plover, WI 54467 • (715) 344-6012 • (715) 344-6864 Fax • www/hspcvw.org



**Name of Commercial Animal Establishment** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Inspection** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone/Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

Cleaning and Disinfecting				Officer Notes
1. Available hot and cold water?	Yes	No	N/A	_____
2. Disinfectant used?	Yes	No	N/A	_____
3. How often?	_____			_____
4. What kind?	_____			_____
5. Cages disinfected when animal leaves?	Yes	No	N/A	_____
<b>Sanitation</b>				_____
1. Removal of waste adequate?	Yes	No	N/A	_____
2. Equipment clean and in good repair?	Yes	No	N/A	_____



**We Do What We Do...**

**For the Pets and the People**



BEFORE



Mrs. Norris

AFTER



Marcus


# IN-HOUSE TRAINING

**ANIMAL RESTRAINT & HANDLING**

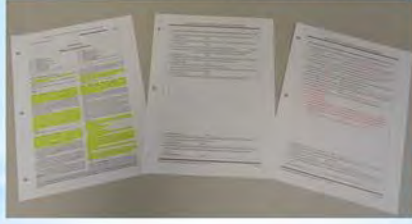
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Megan Nelson, CVT  
Khryse Flugaur, CVT

October 8, 2013 rev. 3

**Haz Com / PPE Education**



**STATE STATUTE TESTS**



**HSPC Foster Caregiver Program**

Fostering Queens with Litters and Orphaned Kittens

**Advanced Dog Training**

Humane Society of Portage County



## Positive Communication

**SAFETY MEASURES**



**HUMANE SOCIETY of Portage County**

**Humane Officer Manual**

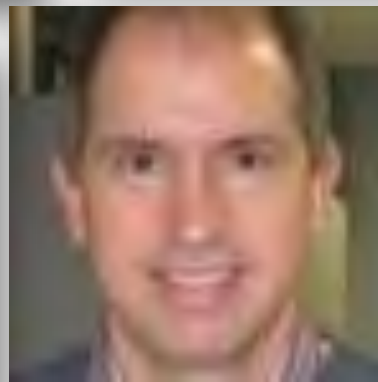
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**HUMANE SOCIETY of Portage County**

**Animal Care Manual**

Date: 06/2013



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



# PORTAGE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

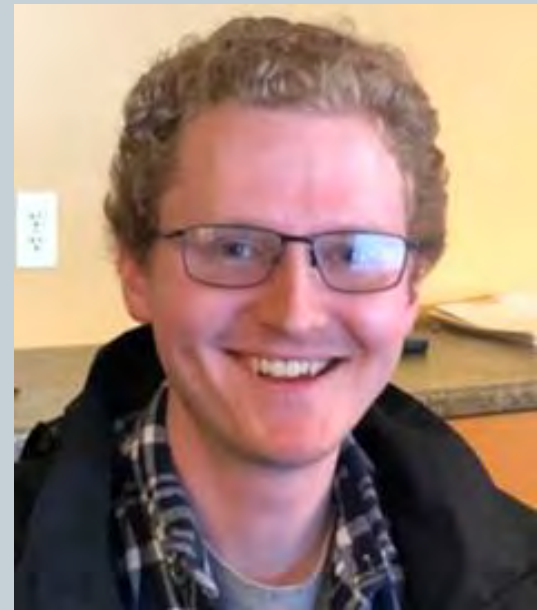
THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR COMMUNITY  
SERVICE



# Welcome to a virtual Animal Control Update



**SHERRI GALLE-TESKÉ  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**CHRIS LEIGHTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL  
MANAGER**

# Animal Control and Protection

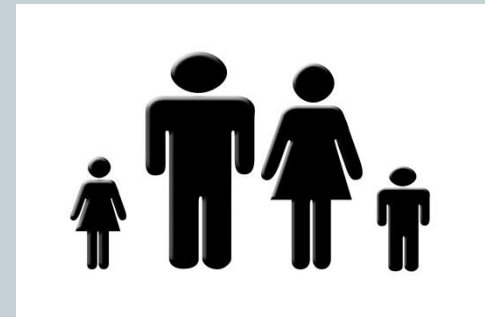
PUBLIC SAFETY AND ANIMAL WELFARE



# Purpose and Duties



- The primary focus of Animal Control is **public safety**
- Following closely are animal welfare, responsible pet ownership, and nuisance mitigation
- Serve the community efficiently, effectively, and impartially
- Assist law enforcement



# Public Safety Risks

- Animals at large
  - Dogs
  - Livestock
  - Cats
  - Any domestic animal has the potential to pose a public safety hazard
  - Animals are inherently unpredictable



# Public Safety Risks



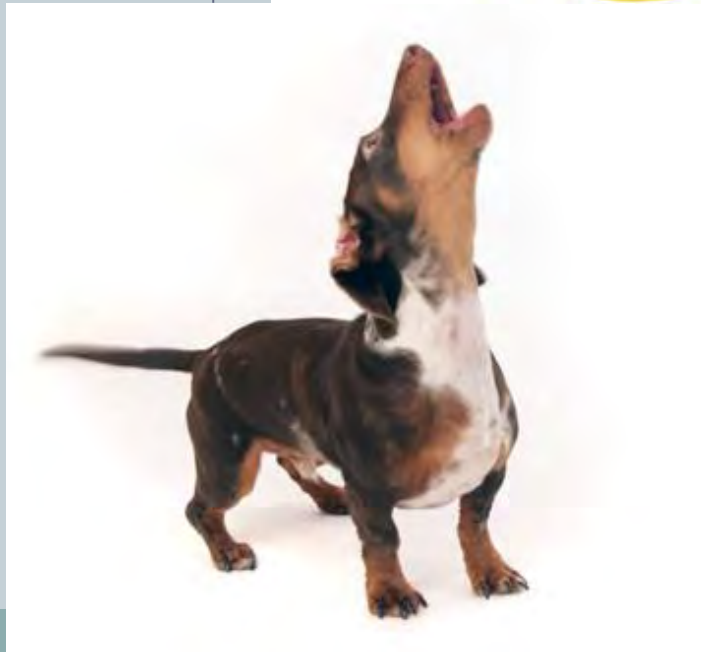
- Bites
  - Prevention through education
  - Quarantine of animal per WIS 95.21
- Disease control
  - Vaccinations and licensing
  - Rabies
- Property damage
  - Abatement process
  - Withholding of animal if warranted





# Animal Nuisances

- Running at large
- Feces
- Property damage
- Barking dogs



# Animal Welfare Investigations

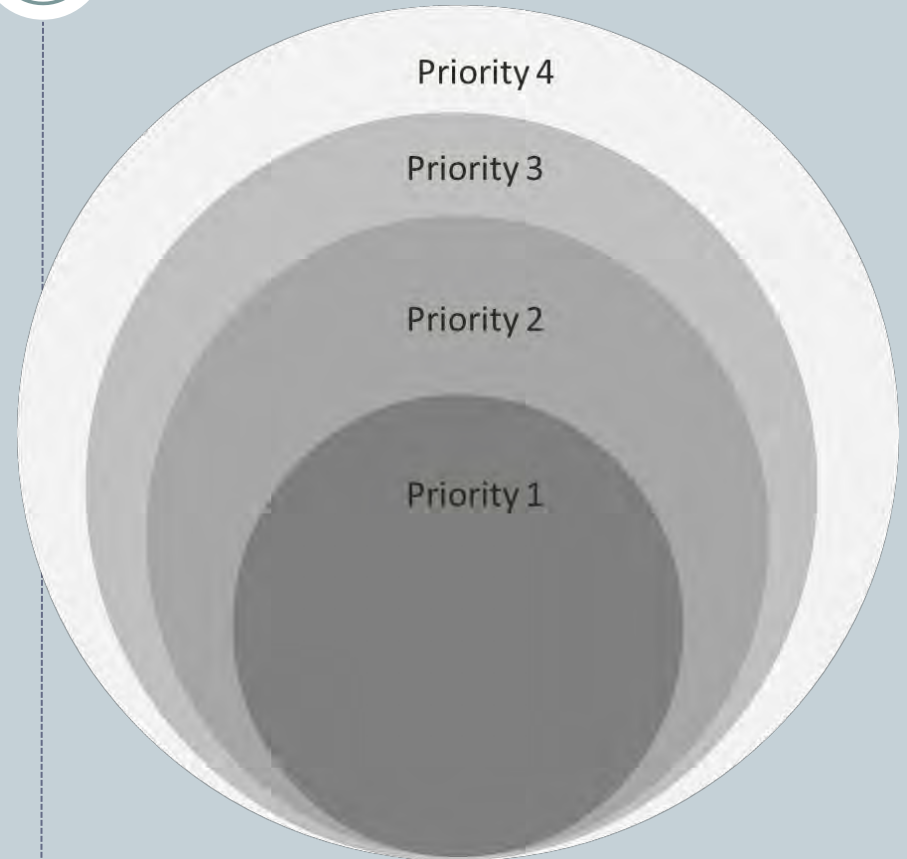


- WIS 951
  - Guiding legislation for animal abuse and neglect laws in Wisconsin
  - Animals are property in Wisconsin and most states
  - Prosecution requires intentional or criminally negligent actions resulting in serious or permanent injury
- Investigations
  - Collect factual evidence
  - Interview witnesses and pet owners
  - Review evidence
  - Educate both parties
  - Orders of abatement and/or citations
  - Criminal cases are investigated in conjunction with the **Sheriff's Office**



# Our Team and Approach

- Priority system for response
- Scheduling and shifts
- Reports and open records
- Filing a complaint
  - Pass along to your constituents



# Our Team and Approach

- Educational techniques and voluntary compliance is the first choice
- Officer conduct and decision is dictated by policy
  - Legislation, contract, HSPC policy
  - Historical cases
  - Industry best practices
  - Continuous evaluation and feedback

**Immediate  
Public  
Safety/Officer  
Safety**

**Obligation to the law,  
contractual  
agreement, or  
organizational policy**

**Customer  
Service/Outreach**