



2021 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

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
- 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

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Animal Control and How it Works

A few years ago 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

Animal Control Breakdown, Contracted Areas vs. Non-contracted Areas

Animal Control Duties	County Animal Control			Municipal Animal Control		
	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

Facts about the Humane Officer Department

- Provide 24/7/365 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 and citations 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).
- All calls received and communications with the public are documented in a comprehensive software package. Animal Control records are subject to open records laws. Records can be requested through the Sheriff’s Office records division.
- All Humane Officers have received state level Humane Officer training and certification in Madison.
- Inspections of commercial animal establishments are performed shortly after a request is received.
- 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.
- 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 streamlines a response.
- A computer program called Shelter Track is used to consistently match licensing and municipalities with the proper name, address.
- Any dog admitted to HSPC is required to be licensed before being reclaimed by the owner

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>December</u>	Canines	Felines	Other
Medical & Health:	0	0	0
Behavioral Concerns:	0	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	4	98	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	159
November	7	50	5	0	0	0	0	0	62	131
December	13	32	0	4	0	0	0	0	49	93
Total	115	532	52	9	2	5	0	0	715	

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	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	6
November	5	10	0	1	2	0	0	0	18	5
December	5	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	7
Total	54	144	1	17	10	13	0	0	239	

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	44		1	6	0	0	2	0	0	5	58
November	67		0	13	0	2	0	0	0	8	90
December	60		0	12	0	14	0	0	0	1	87
Total	516	0	11	101	0	69	11	0	0	47	755

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	13	0		7	0	3	0	0	0	0	23
November	7	0		11	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
December	1	0		14	0	1	0	0	0	0	16
Total	81	0	0	150	0	13	7	0	0	0	251

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Medical & Health:	0	0	0
Behavioral Concerns:	0	0	0

CATS	INCOMING									End of month Population
	Surrendered	Stray	Born	Impounded	Quarantined	Transfers	Abandoned	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Total	
January	17	31	0	1	0	0	0	0	49	79
February	27	21	0	1	0	0	0	0	49	92
March	12	21	0	1	1	0	0	0	35	73
April	10	22	8	0	0	0	0	0	40	50
May	10	64	8	2	0	2	0	0	86	116
June	9	71	18	2	0	0	0	0	100	171
July	7	46	5	0	0	1	0	0	59	147
August	25	65	5	1	4	0	1	0	101	158
September	17	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	171
October									0	
November									0	
December									0	
Total	134	376	44	9	5	3	1	0	572	

DOGS	INCOMING									End of month Population
	Surrendered	Stray	Born	Impounded	Quarantined	Transferred	Abandoned	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Total	
January	1	9	0	4	1	0	0	0	15	10
February	6	12	0	4	0	0	0	0	22	13
March	9	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	13
April	2	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	8
May	7	15	0	1	1	0	0	0	24	11
June	2	15	0	4	2	1	0	0	24	13
July	5	24	0	0	2	0	0	0	31	9
August	6	36	0	2	1	0	0	0	45	11
September	7	17	0	0	3	0	0	0	27	11
October									0	
November									0	
December									0	
Total	45	148	0	16	11	1	0	0	221	

CATS	OUTGOING										
	Adopted	Breed Rescue	Working Cat Adoption	Reclaimed	Released	Transferred	Euthanized	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Escaped	Died	Total
January	56		0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
February	32		0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
March	46		0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	54
April	35		1	9	0	17	0	0	0	1	63
May	9		0	7	0	0	2	0	0	2	20
June	22		2	7	0	3	1	0	0	10	45
July	62		0	10	0	1	3	0	0	7	83
August	60		0	17	0	8	1	0	0	4	90
September	36		0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
October											0
November											0
December											0
Total	358	0	3	68	0	33	7	0	0	25	494

DOGS	OUTGOING										
	Adopted	Breed Rescue	Working Cat Adoption	Reclaimed	Released	Transferred	Euthanized	Owner Requested Euthanasia	Escaped	Died	Total
January	1	0		10	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
February	4	0		14	0	0	1	0	0	0	19
March	6	0		7	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
April	6	0		16	0	2	0	0	0	0	24
May	6	1		13	0	1	0	0	0	0	21
June	5	0		17	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
July	5	0		27	0	2	1	0	0	0	35
August	10	0		33	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
September	10	0	0	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	27
October											0
November											0
December											0
Total	53	1	0	153	0	8	2	0	0	0	217

Portage County Animal Control Activity Counts by Municipality

	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 Junction City	Village of Nelsonville	Village of Park Ridge	Village of Plover	Village of Rosholt	Village of Whiting	Total all Municipalities
2019 Actions by type																												
2019 01. Animal transported from field	177	2	8	3	3	2	16	11	8	17	23	18	10	32	9	12	31	33	12	33	0	1	0	1	46	4	9	521
2019 02. Animal received at shelter	48	3	1	10	1	4	5	0	4	4	28	3	2	9	10	10	16	18	0	1	0	2	4	1	62	5	4	255
2019 03. Animal returned to owner field	37	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	0	7	1	2	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	12	0	4	87
2019 04. Animal returned to owner shelter	37	0	1	2	1	5	1	1	2	0	7	4	0	0	3	0	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	24	1	3	102
2019 05. Field investigation/inspection	173	4	8	16	3	2	7	3	5	6	21	16	6	6	17	10	13	23	8	10	2	0	0	2	95	5	12	473
2019 06. Office investigation	69	5	7	7	2	7	4	2	3	5	13	12	3	1	3	3	9	11	5	6	0	1	0	1	33	6	6	224
2019 07. Written warning issued	39	0	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	4	6	3	1	0	5	4	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	22	1	4	107
2019 08. Citation Issued	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	25
2019 09. Order of abatement issued	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	11
2019 10. Quarantine of animal issued	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	0	1	46
2019 11. Verbal contact / phone call	241	6	11	23	5	8	19	4	7	13	32	25	9	11	16	15	37	32	20	18	0	5	1	2	132	11	14	717
2019 12. Live trap set/checked	30	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	1	2	7	3	2	41	1	1	10	2	7	14	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	153
2019 Officer inspecting property	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
2019 Officer issuing verbal warning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2019 Officer performing office investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
2019 Officer receiving animal at shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2019 Officer sending out warning letter	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
2019 Cases by type																												
2019 01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	22
2019 02. Intake of Animal Stray	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	20
2019 03. Intake of Animal Other	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	18
2019 04. Nuisance Animal	13	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	45
2019 05. Bite/Quarantine	38	1	0	3	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	34	2	2	104
2019 06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	10	0	1	32
2019 07. Injured/Deceased Animal	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
2019 Mistreat / Welfare Check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2019 Dispatch by type																												
2019 01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	270	3	10	8	3	8	16	8	5	14	35	19	4	5	8	16	19	20	5	7	1	1	0	5	129	7	17	643
2019 02. Intake of Animal Stray	185	6	7	9	4	7	9	6	6	16	29	20	7	7	13	12	33	41	13	28	0	2	0	1	96	3	9	569
2019 03. Intake of Animal Other	17	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	3	4	1	4	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	19	2	3	78
2019 04. Nuisance Animal	114	1	5	13	2	3	4	1	1	4	34	16	6	2	10	6	16	25	4	15	0	0	0	2	66	5	6	361
2019 05. Bite/Quarantine	52	4	1	3	0	4	3	0	2	1	5	6	1	1	3	2	5	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	35	1	3	137
2019 06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	77	3	7	5	3	2	5	3	6	3	8	5	3	0	8	2	5	8	2	3	1	1	0	2	48	5	2	217
2019 07. Injured or Deceased Animal	22	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	48
2019 General Complaint	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2019 Run at Large / Lost Animal	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
2019 Enforcements by type																												
2019 Citation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2019 Violations by type																												
2019 Running at large	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2019 TOTAL	1716	40	74	113	31	57	107	49	56	98	270	177	57	129	121	104	218	249	83	154	4	17	6	24	932	65	101	5052

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2020 Actions by type																													
2020 01. Animal transported from field	125	5	6	8	0	3	6	9	12	13	25	7	6	5	13	5	25	25	13	20	0	0	0	8	66	2	3	410	
2020 02. Animal received at shelter	68	12	2	2	2	5	4	2	4	4	20	11	3	2	4	8	3	13	0	1	0	0	0	5	50	1	3	229	
2020 03. Animal returned to owner field	16	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	2	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	54	
2020 04. Animal returned to owner shelter	29	0	0	3	2	2	2	2	5	0	4	0	2	0	4	3	2	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	25	1	2	99	
2020 05. Field investigation/inspection	138	4	6	8	0	2	3	8	3	11	14	4	2	2	17	7	4	6	5	5	0	0	0	6	84	1	1	341	
2020 06. Office investigation	96	2	2	5	2	1	0	1	3	8	7	4	2	0	5	2	4	12	2	5	0	2	0	5	34	3	1	208	
2020 07. Written warning issued	69	3	1	2	1	1	2	4	5	16	14	6	5	2	12	7	6	8	2	2	0	0	0	1	45	0	6	220	
2020 08. Citation Issued	11	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	38	
2020 09. Order of abatement issued	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	9		
2020 10. Quarantine of animal issued	14	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	1	3	1	3	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	53	
2020 11. Verbal contact / phone call	679	31	24	33	11	26	19	24	30	53	110	29	18	25	52	48	48	68	34	32	0	2	0	15	349	14	25	1799	
2020 12. Live trap set/checked	24	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	3	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	63		
2020 13. Notice of Custody Issued	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
2020 Cases by type																													
2020 01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	18	
2020 02. Intake of Animal Stray	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	18	
2020 03. Intake of Animal Other	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	14		
2020 04. Nuisance Animal	30	2	3	0	0	0	1	4	2	6	6	2	1	0	5	3	1	2	8	5	0	0	0	4	11	1	1	98	
2020 05. Bite/Quarantine	29	2	2	4	0	3	0	0	3	3	4	1	3	1	4	3	3	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	17	1	0	94	
2020 06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	14	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	38	
2020 07. Injured/Deceased Animal	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	13	
2020 Dispatch by type																													
2020 01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	195	5	5	8	5	5	7	8	7	18	35	7	4	3	16	15	10	22	1	8	0	2	0	9	113	3	8	519	
2020 02. Intake of Animal Stray	137	10	7	9	4	8	10	10	13	13	42	13	7	7	10	10	19	29	11	19	0	0	0	10	84	2	4	488	
2020 03. Intake of Animal Other	31	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	1	59	
2020 04. Nuisance Animal	174	6	7	3	3	2	5	8	11	24	47	12	7	3	16	15	13	18	15	12	0	0	1	7	91	2	12	514	
2020 05. Bite/Quarantine	40	4	6	7	0	7	1	0	1	6	5	1	4	2	4	9	2	7	6	3	0	1	0	3	34	4	1	158	
2020 06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	105	6	2	8	0	2	3	4	1	4	8	3	0	0	18	5	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	85	0	6	272	
2020 07. Injured or Deceased Animal	20	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	6	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	5	5	1	0	53	
2020 Enforcements by type																													
2020 Citation	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
2020 Verbal Warning	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	
2020 Warning Letter	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
2020 Violations by type																													
2020 Abandonment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
2020 Failure to provide food and water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
2020 Failure to provide proper shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
2020 Mistreatment of animal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	
2020 Running at large	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2020 Unlicensed	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	10		
2020 Unvaccinated Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3		
2020 TOTAL	2089	102	81	107	33	78	68	91	106	197	372	107	70	56	201	150	154	240	108	132	0	8	1	84	1182	37	76	5930	

Portage County Animal Control Activity Counts by Municipality

	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 Junction City	Village of Nelsonville	Village of Park Ridge	Village of Plover	Village of Rosholt	Village of Whiting	Total all Municipalities
2021 Actions by type																												
2021 01. Animal transported from field	87	0	0	2	4	4	8	4	5	7	16	4	9	1	4	6	6	11	16	6	0	0	0	0	62	0	5	267
2021 02. Animal received at shelter	60	3	9	2	3	9	4	2	3	8	28	6	6	3	3	6	4	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	48	0	4	242
2021 03. Animal returned to owner field	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	2	40
2021 04. Animal returned to owner shelter	43	0	0	0	3	4	2	3	4	4	9	1	0	0	2	3	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	6	118
2021 05. Field investigation/inspection	109	1	1	4	2	1	2	4	1	5	17	11	3	3	7	6	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	64	2	3	255
2021 06. Office investigation	69	1	4	2	3	2	1	3	5	8	18	1	3	0	5	4	5	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	32	2	6	186
2021 07. Written warning issued	57	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	5	4	11	5	1	0	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	33	1	5	141
2021 08. Citation Issued	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15
2021 09. Order of abatement issued	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	14
2021 10. Quarantine of animal issued	16	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	45
2021 11. Verbal contact / phone call	1048	16	28	30	24	45	32	45	48	105	208	48	49	39	51	61	43	72	36	33	2	3	0	8	485	17	52	2628
2021 12. Live trap set/checked	14	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	41
2021 13. Notice of Custody Issued	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	28
2021 Cases by type																												
2021 01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8
2021 02. Intake of Animal Stray	10	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	22
2021 03. Intake of Animal Other	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	14
2021 04. Nuisance Animal	36	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	3	2	9	3	2	0	3	1	2	0	8	4	0	0	0	2	12	1	3	99
2021 05. Bite/Quarantine	33	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	4	2	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	13	1	0	77
2021 06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	31
2021 07. Injured/Deceased Animal	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8
2021 Dispatch by type																												
2021 01. Lost Pet Report/Recovery	206	3	1	5	5	15	7	8	8	29	36	13	7	3	8	14	5	18	6	5	1	0	0	2	91	1	7	504
2021 02. Intake of Animal Stray	124	3	4	3	5	9	11	6	7	11	40	10	11	5	5	13	10	18	14	5	0	0	0	0	77	0	7	398
2021 03. Intake of Animal Other	26	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	2	66
2021 04. Nuisance Animal	201	1	2	12	5	1	3	7	15	29	59	14	7	2	12	10	7	4	17	8	0	1	0	2	80	4	18	521
2021 05. Bite/Quarantine	67	0	1	5	2	4	0	3	1	2	18	0	1	0	0	8	4	10	5	7	1	1	0	1	35	4	5	185
2021 06. Animal Mistreatment/Neglect	92	3	3	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	5	6	5	12	13	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	68	0	2	226
2021 07. Injured or Deceased Animal	27	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	4	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	57
2021 Request Field Investigation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2021 Run at Large / Lost Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2021 Enforcements by type																												
2021 Abatement Order	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2021 Citation	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
2021 Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
2021 Verbal Warning	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	16
2021 Warning Letter	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	17
2021 Violations by type																												
2021 Failure to follow Rabies Quarantine Protocol	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2021 Mistreatment of animal	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
2021 Nuisance: barking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2021 Running at large	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	28
2021 Unlicensed	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
2021 Unvaccinated Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2021 TOTAL	2446	38	62	76	69	110	77	101	116	225	509	132	113	69	127	152	100	198	118	80	5	5	0	18	1224	36	130	6336

Animal Control Income and Expense Model

	Based on 2021 Estimates	Based on 2020 Financial Statements	Based on 2019 Financial Statements	Based on 2018 Financial Statements	Based on 2017 Financial Statements
Income	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Redemptions	\$ 6,888	\$ 7,247	\$ 7,585	\$ 6,322	\$ 3,805
Quarantine	\$ 599	\$ 574	\$ 415	\$ 1,279	\$ 2,121
Boarding Fees					\$ 223
Animal Control Contracts	\$ 279,739	\$ 273,342	\$ 268,144	\$ 259,549	\$ 255,896
Total	\$ 287,226	\$ 281,163	\$ 276,144	\$ 267,150	\$ 262,045
Humane Officer Expenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Payroll	\$ 104,792	\$ 107,238	\$ 110,240	\$ 87,153	\$ 82,554
Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,988	\$ 8,174	\$ 8,403	\$ 6,667	\$ 6,242
Training	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,007	\$ 2,590	\$ 630	\$ -
Uniforms	\$ 2,237	\$ 3,483	\$ 1,612	\$ 1,315	\$ 379
Animal Control Equipment	\$ 1,250	\$ 680	\$ 1,379	\$ 884	\$ 1,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 323	\$ 331	\$ 340	\$ 166	\$ 190
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 3,519	\$ 3,601	\$ 3,702	\$ 1,802	\$ 2,014
Total	\$ 127,108	\$ 127,515	\$ 128,266	\$ 98,617	\$ 92,380
Vehicle Expenses	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Gas	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,791	\$ 4,930	\$ 4,152	\$ 3,222
Maintenance/Repair	\$ 711	\$ 9,316	\$ 6,457	\$ 11,147	\$ 779
Insurance/Registration	\$ 3,129	\$ 2,355	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,277	\$ 1,028
Cell Phone	\$ 1,172	\$ 2,394	\$ 2,461	\$ 2,372	\$ 2,642
Vehicle Depreciation	\$ 10,094	\$ 1,851	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,896	\$ 4,000
Total	\$ 17,850	\$ 18,707	\$ 16,814	\$ 20,844	\$ 11,672
Operating Expenses	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%
Kennel/Office Payroll	\$ 122,177	\$ 147,644	\$ 150,546	\$ 107,336	\$ 125,813
Kennel/Office Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,640	\$ 8,024	\$ 8,181	\$ 8,182	\$ 9,514
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 269	\$ 325	\$ 331	\$ 331	\$ 290
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 2,926	\$ 3,535	\$ 3,605	\$ 3,605	\$ 3,070
Supplies/Food	\$ 10,292	\$ 7,800	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,131	\$ 6,487
Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,440	\$ 7,181	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,800
Medical Supplies	\$ 12,657	\$ 16,069	\$ 25,551	\$ 12,769	\$ 17,234
Postage/Telephone	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,552	\$ 2,761	\$ 4,019	\$ 3,784
Accounting/Payroll	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,120	\$ 5,526	\$ 2,482	\$ 860
Miscellaneous	\$ 220	\$ 173	\$ 1,185	\$ 398	\$ -
Equipment Depreciation	\$ 2,905	\$ 765	\$ 701	\$ 1,038	\$ 2,117
Total	\$ 166,106	\$ 193,447	\$ 212,167	\$ 147,440	\$ 171,969
Housing Expenses	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Heat/Electricity	\$ 12,972	\$ 11,776	\$ 14,199	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,152
Water/Sewer	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,480	\$ 3,495	\$ 2,178	\$ 1,600
Security	\$ 625	\$ 302	\$ 292	\$ 284	\$ 275
Trash/Snow Removal	\$ 2,414	\$ 3,223	\$ 4,741	\$ 4,649	\$ 2,386
Repairs	\$ 3,220	\$ 12,203	\$ 6,452	\$ 4,326	\$ 6,085
Building Depreciation	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,526
Insurance	\$ 2,649	\$ 2,598	\$ 2,383	\$ 2,248	\$ 2,355
Total	\$ 40,594	\$ 49,045	\$ 48,025	\$ 44,147	\$ 42,377

Total Income	\$ 287,226	\$ 281,163	\$ 276,144	\$ 267,150	\$ 262,045
Total Expenses	\$ 351,658	\$ 388,714	\$ 405,272	\$ 311,049	\$ 318,397
Difference	\$ (64,432)	\$ (107,551)	\$ (129,128)	\$ (43,899)	\$ (56,353)



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.

Updated 10/2019

**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.



**Portage County
Animal Control
and Protection**

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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(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.

(4) Late Fees. The collecting official shall assess and collect a late fee of \$5.00 from every owner of a dog five months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age. All late fees received or collected shall be paid into the local treasury as revenue of the town, village or city in which the license was issued.

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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) _____		

Additional Witnesses

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

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



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715-344-6012 Ext. 305
humane.officer@hspcwi.org

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

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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.
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4.9.4 Dog Licenses

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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

[Click here to enter text.](#)

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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The quarantine may be released after the veterinarian certifies that the animal has exhibited no signs of rabies during the 10 day quarantine period.

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2/01/2012

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

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

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
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- 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.

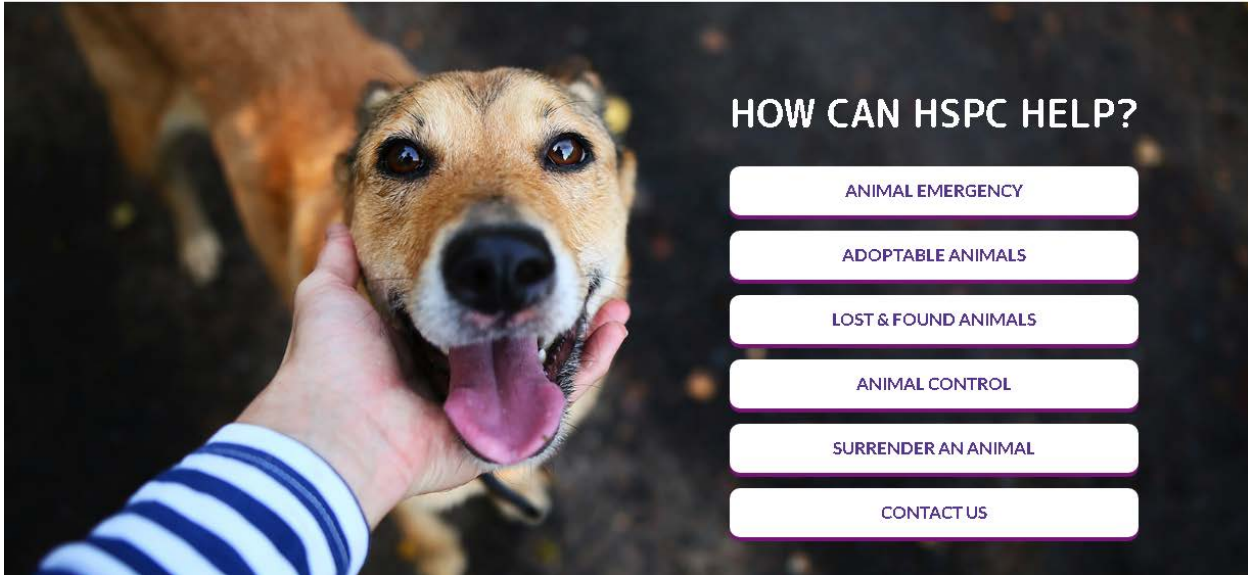
Lost and Found Information on HSPC website

WWW.HSPCWI.ORG



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LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS

For more information on reporting a lost or found pet, or claiming a pet, visit our [Animal Control](#) page.

This list includes found animals reported by the Humane Society of Portage County plus found or lost animals reported by the public.

To add a lost or found animal, you [must file a report here](#) (registration required).

We are always attempting to reunite the pets we find with their owners. The laws controlling when an animal becomes available for adoption vary based on how the animal came to us and if we know the owner. For adoption inquiries, please visit the [Adoptable Animals](#) page for current available pets.

SPECIES

All Species ▼

SEARCH

Lost and Found Information on HSPC website

[LOST A PET](#) [RECLAIM A PET](#) [FOUND A PET](#) [ANIMAL ORDINANCES](#) [TRAP LOAN PROGRAM](#)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOST A PET

It is your responsibility to search for your missing pet

Uncontrolled and stray animals may:

- attack people and other animals,
- spread or acquire diseases such as rabies and distemper,
- become injured,
- damage or destroy property, and
- Contribute to motor vehicle collisions

[Lost and found reports](#) may be placed anytime by anyone on our website. All lost & found animals are viewable on our [Lost & Found page](#).

[Click here to file a lost or found animal report!](#)

Once you have searched the [Lost & Found](#) animals on the website and added your [Lost Pet Report](#) you can also:

- Add your lost dog to [Lost Dogs of Wisconsin](#) or add your lost cat to [Lost Cats of Wisconsin](#).
- Create Lost Posters and post them with permission in area stores, vet clinics and schools
- Check the local newspapers, on social media and online classifieds for lost or found animal ads
- Post a lost animal ad in the local newspapers, on social media and online classifieds

Resources

[Wisconsin Laws related to keeping a found animal](#)

[2020 Animal Control Report](#)

[2020 Animal Control Presentation](#)

[2017 Portage County Sheriff's presentation on Animal Control](#)

[Barking Dog Incident Report](#)

Lost and Found Information on HSPC website



Found

Found 10/06/2021

Sy (shelter ID 23143)
Cat (Domestic Short Hair)

Color: Gray
Gender: Male
Age: Baby
Location Found: N Elm Road in the Town of Carson

Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information



Lost

Lost 10/05/2021

Luna
Cat (Maine Coon)

Color: Gray
Gender: Female
Age: Young
Location Lost: By P.J. Jacobs junior high school
Gray and white with a pink nose

Contact: 715-347-4349



Found

Found 10/05/2021

Amelia Egghart (shelter ID 23142)
Chicken (Chicken)

Color: Black
Gender: Female
Age: Adult
Location Found: Canterbury Drive in the Village of Plover

Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information



Found

Found 10/04/2021

Aaron (shelter ID 23141)
Cat (Domestic Short Hair)

Color: Orange
Gender: Male
Age: Baby
Location Found: Highway 51 North in the City of Stevens Point

Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information



Found

Found 10/02/2021

Bagheera (shelter ID 23134)
Cat (Domestic Short Hair)

Color: Black
Gender: Male
Age: Adult
Location Found: Oriole Lane in the Town of Dewey

Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information



Found

Found 09/29/2021


Strawberry (shelter ID 23126)
Cat (Domestic Short Hair)

Color: Brown
Gender: Female
Age: Baby
Location Found: Brilowski Road in the Town of Hull


Contact: Contact Humane Society Of Portage County for more information

Lost and Found Information on HSPC website

Shortly after lost or found animals appear on lost and found page they are posted to the HSPC Facebook Page. The post below shows it reached more than 10,000 viewers

**Humane Society of Portage County**
September 2 · 🌐

FOUND DOG LOCATED AT HSPC! HELP US FIND HER OWNER!
The shelter-assigned name is Kelsey, ID# 23050
FOUND 09/02/21 near Feltz Dairy Farm on Porter Drive in the Town of Plover WI. Here is a link to the Lost & Found list www.hspcwi.org/lost-found. Lost & Found list entries are in "date lost/found" sequence.
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. Here is the link www.hspcwi.org/animal-control. When you take the link, select "RECLAIM A PET".
We will not be able to answer inquiries or questions about a found animal on Facebook. Please call 715-344-6012 for answers to your questions.
We are deliberately not posting identifying information other than a picture and general location. We want to give the owners the opportunity to correctly identify their animal to ensure the animal goes to the right home. We will try to update the listing if/when the animal has been reclaimed. There is a state mandatory 4-day hold for every stray. After that the animal will be assessed and may be available for adoption. We cannot "hold" any animal for possible adoption. Please check our web site www.hspcwi.org/adoptable-animals for all our animals currently available for adoption.



Performance for Your Post

10,294 People Reached

351 Reactions, Comments & Shares

66 Like	17 On Post	49 On Shares
3 Love	1 On Post	2 On Shares
33 Sad	1 On Post	32 On Shares
7 Comments	1 On Post	6 On Shares
242 Shares	242 On Post	0 On Shares

183 Post Clicks

12 Photo Views	2 Link Clicks	169 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

10 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts

Lost and Found Information on HSPC website

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

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 13 at 3:06pm · 🌐

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 2:28pm · 🌐

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





Portage County Animal Control and Protection

www.hspcwi.org
715-344-6012 Ext 305
humane.officer@hspcwi.org

Animal Control
3200 Iber Ln
Plover WI 54467

Dog License Investigation

Suspected Offender:

You are receiving this letter because you have asked us to perform an investigation into a suspected failure to license a dog in your village.

A current rabies vaccination is required to renew or acquire a dog license. Wisconsin State Statute 174.05 and Portage County Ordinance 4.9.4. require all dogs over five months of age to be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination.

There is not a Wisconsin State Statute or a Portage County Ordinance that requires a person who previously purchased a dog license to report the sale, transfer or demise of the animal that they had previously licensed.

We have sent a letter to the suspected offender listed above. To proceed with our investigation we need a signed complaint providing any information you may have that supports the charge of failing to license a dog.

Please complete the second page of this letter and return it to us in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Portage County Animal Control and Protection

Please return this form by to:

**Portage County Animal Control
3200 Iber Ln
Plover WI 54467**

Unlicensed Dog Complaint

Complainant name and address is: (Please make corrections as appropriate)

You can contact me at these phone numbers _____

Suspected Offender Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____

Suspected Animal Dog Description: _____

Please initial items you have performed and complete any blank spaces for items you initialed.

_____ I mailed information about dog licenses in the tax bills to the suspected offender.
(Please provide a copy of the information mailed)

_____ I mailed information about dog licenses in a village newsletter to the suspected offender.
Date newsletter was mailed _____ (please provide a copy of the newsletter)

_____ I mailed a letter to the suspected offender that specifically related to their failure to license.
Date letter was mailed _____ (please provide a copy of the letter)

_____ I telephoned the suspected offender inquiring about dog licenses. Date call was made _____
Phone number called _____ . The results of the call were:
_____ No answer – no message left
_____ I left a message for the suspected offender
_____ I talked to the suspected offender and their response was _____

_____ I have seen the suspected offender with a dog on this date _____, at this location

_____ the dog's description is _____

_____ I have received a complaint from (name) _____

at address _____ dated _____ about the
suspected offender and a dog. (Please provide a copy of the complaint)

_____ I have other reasons to believe the suspected offender has an unlicensed dog. Provide details

about the other reasons _____

_____ If the suspected offender is issued a citation for failure to license and the citation is contested in
a trial, I will testify that the above attempts were made to contact the suspected offender and
offer evidence that the information provided in this complaint is valid.

Additional information you would like to share with us.

I certify the above information is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

Title _____

Frequently asked questions about Humane Society of Portage County (HSPC) Trap Loan Program

Who does HSPC loan traps to?

We loan traps to any resident of Portage County Wisconsin that provides a government issued ID card and provides a \$40 refundable deposit for each trap that is loaned.

What methods can be used to fund the deposit?

We prefer deposits to be made by a checks that have a Portage County address printed on the check. We also accept credit or debit cards. We will photo copy these cards. Our last method is cash.

What do you do with the deposit?

The deposit along with a copy of the trap loan agreement are held in a safe. They are NOT deposited or processed until you have not returned the trap and we have exhausted our efforts to contact you and get the trap returned.

How soon will I get my deposit refunded?

When you return the trap to the Humane Society Shelter in good condition your deposit will be immediately returned. Checks will not have been deposited or when using a card – it will not have been processed.

Why do you need a photo id?

We use the photo id to ensure we know how to contact you and to ensure traps are being loaned to Portage County Wisconsin residents.

What are the rules for using live traps?

The rules are printed on the back of this page.

Humane Society of Portage County (HSPC) Trap Loan Rules

1. Setting and closing traps is the responsibility of the patron.
2. All traps must be closed by 6 p.m. This is to prevent trapping wild animals such as raccoons, opossums, and skunks.
3. Traps may be set as early as 6 a.m.
4. HSPC is able to provide food for the traps.
5. The trap must be covered with a towel or blanket at all times. This provides a safe place for the animal to hide as well as increasing your chances in catching the animal.
6. It is the patron's responsibility to check the traps frequently throughout the day. An animal should never be in a trap over night. If the patron will be gone during the day the trap should be checked before the patron leaves and again when the patron comes home.
7. When an animal is caught, DO NOT attempt to remove the animal from the trap
8. The live trap may either be returned by the patron or picked up by a Humane Officer. To reclaim your deposit the patron must come to the Humane Society of Portage County.
9. Any damage to the trap is the responsibility of the patron.
10. There is a 7 day limit on the use of all HSPC traps. If you need to keep the trap for more than 7 days please call the shelter and ask for a humane officer so we can extend the loan period.
11. If you need any assistance please contact a HSPC Humane Officer at 715-344-6012.
12. If the trap is not returned to the Humane Society within 7 days of the date of rental, the \$40.00 deposit will be forfeited.
13. If the trap is returned with damage that exceeds what is considered normal wear and tear, the deposit will also be forfeited.