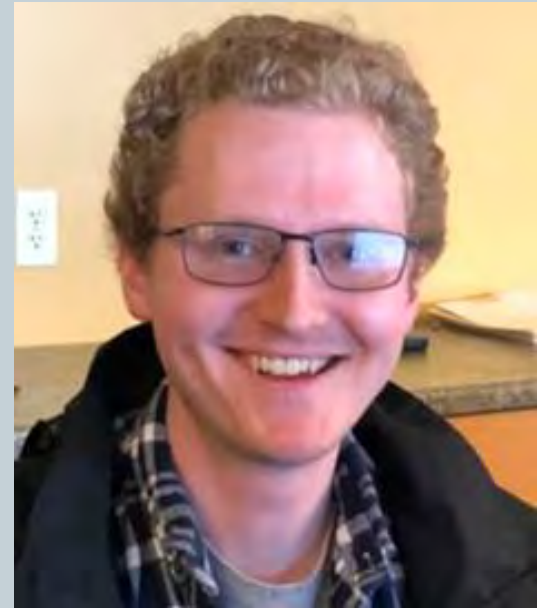


Welcome to a virtual Animal Control Update



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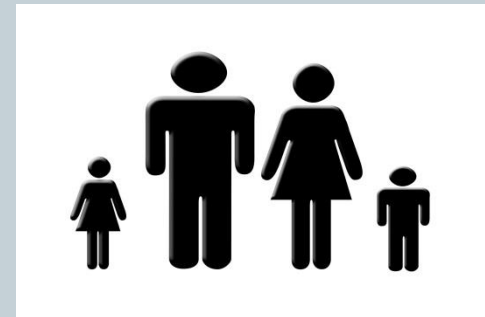
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Purpose and Duties



- 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



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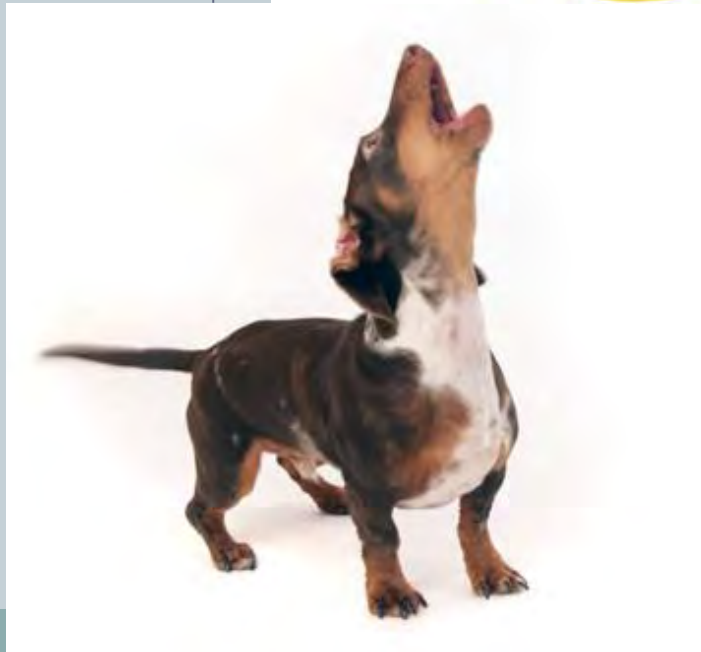


- Bites
 - Prevention through education
 - Quarantine of animal per WIS 95.21
- Disease control
 - Vaccinations and licensing
 - Rabies
- Property damage
 - Abatement process
 - Withholding of animal if warranted



Animal Nuisances

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



Animal Welfare Investigations



- WIS 951

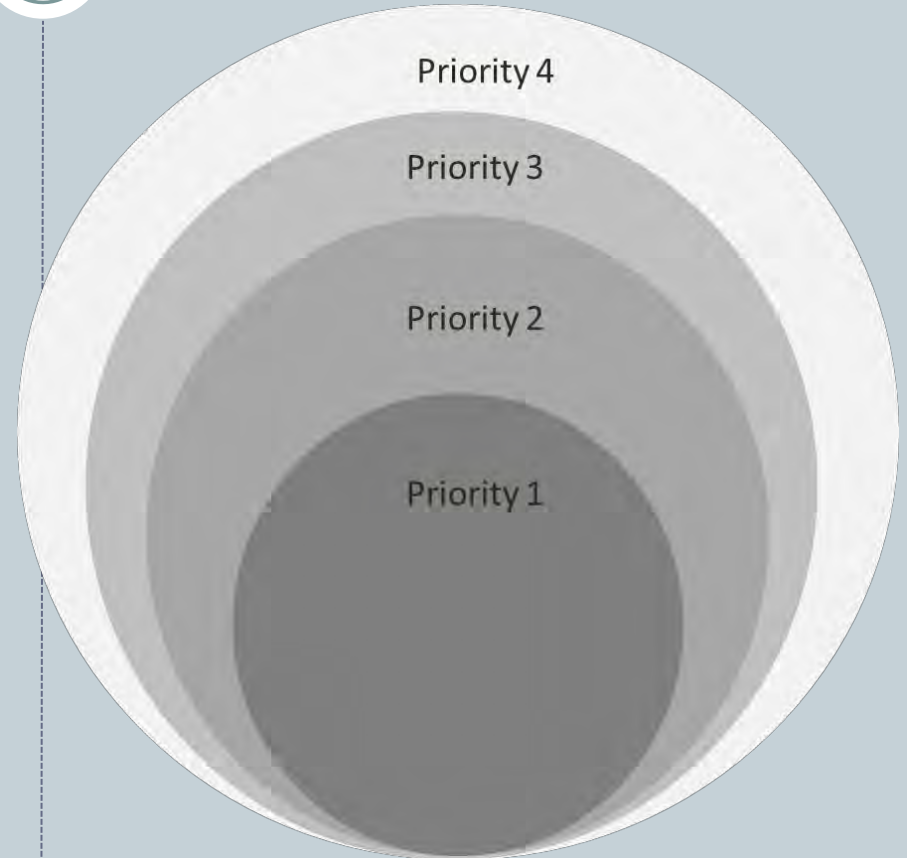
- Guiding legislation for animal abuse and neglect laws in Wisconsin
- Animals are property in Wisconsin and most states
- Prosecution requires intentional or criminally negligent actions resulting in serious or permanent injury

- 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**

Thank You!

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