



# CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Department Policy Manual

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### PROCEDURE

#### DEAD ANIMALS IN A PUBLIC PLACE

A police officer shall generate a call for any dead animal found in a public place. Police officers shall endeavor to conceal dead animals which are exposed to public view by removing them or by covering those which cannot be moved conveniently. The proper authority should be notified to remove animals and the exact location shall be stated. If the animal is not removed within twenty-four (24) hours, a second report shall be made.

#### ANIMAL BITES

Upon report of an animal bite, the police officer will immediately impound the animal and make the necessary reports. Community Service Officers may make reports and impound animals following the report of a bite.

In cases where a person is bitten by an unknown dog or other animal at large, or in cases of serious bleeding or injury as a result of an animal bite, a police officer shall be sent.

Reports shall be filed by the police officer or CSO on the initial complaint. The Animal Warden will follow-up on all animal bite reports.

Police officers may issue citations to the owner of an animal which has bitten another person if the animal was not on a leash and was off the owner's property.

#### INJURED DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Injured domestic animals are the responsibility of the owner. Domestic animal owners may be encouraged to seek care from their veterinarian. As an alternative, direction to the Emergency Veterinary Clinic may be provided.

If the owner of a domestic animal is not present and their whereabouts are unknown, a police officer or CSO will transport the injured domestic animal to the city contracted veterinarian or the Emergency Veterinary Clinic if after hours.

#### INJURED OR ORPHANED WILD ANIMALS

There are several Twin Cities based facilities that provide service for injured or orphaned wild animals. Police officers or CSO's will make arrangements to transport injured or orphaned wild animals to one of these facilities or to an independent licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

#### INTAKE FACILITIES FOR INJURED OR ORPHANED WILDLIFE

- Hennepin County Animal Humane Society  
845 Meadow Lane N, Golden Valley, MN
- Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic - U of M, St. Paul Campus  
1946 Fitch Ave, Falcon Heights, MN

Independent licensed wildlife rehabilitators can be located through the following organizations:

- Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release  
612-822-7058
- Minnesota Wildlife Haven  
612-522-3644