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ANIMALS

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POLICY

1. The Chief Constable shall provide Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, for responding to reports involving domestic and wild animals that:
 - a) pose a danger or disturbance to the public;
 - b) are injured; or
 - c) are kept in violation of legislation or a by-law.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide direction to employees when responding to matters concerning animals.

RELATED POLICIES

- IC10 – Use of Force
- IM51 – Noise Complaints



PROCEDURES

Animals in Distress

3. In the case of a reported distressed animal, members shall investigate to determine whether or not the animal is in distress to such an extent that the owner or person in charge of the animal may be in violation of legislation or a by-law.
4. Members are to consider directing the owner to contact the Delta Community Animal Shelter for assistance, or the member shall do so if the owner is unknown.

Noise Disturbances

5. Upon receipt of a complaint of an animal noise disturbance (e.g., barking dog), the complainant is to be directed to City By-Law Enforcement; however, members may attend, subject to operational priorities, to assess the complaint.
6. An attending member may advise the owner or person in charge of the animal of Delta's Noise Control By-Law No. 1906 and issue a warning.
7. In the event that a second complaint is received, full details should be recorded, and a report forwarded to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for follow-up investigation and possible charges under the By-Law.

Dangerous Animals

8. Upon receiving a complaint of a dangerous animal, the responding member shall attend the area and attempt to locate it, preferably with the assistance of a City of Delta Animal Control Officer.
9. If located, the animal may be seized by a member or Animal Control Officer and dealt with in accordance with Delta Animal Control Bylaw No. 6893.
10. When reported to a member that a person has been bitten by an animal, the member shall inform City By-Law Enforcement.
11. Members are authorized to shoot and kill dangerous animals if the animal poses a threat of death or grievous bodily harm to the member or other person and no other reasonable alternative exists.
12. Incidents involving animal attacks on humans or other animals are to be



reported to City By-Law Enforcement or the Conservation Officer Service.

Killing Any Animal

13. Where an animal is injured such that it will likely die, the member is authorized to kill the animal, at the member's discretion if the animal's owner is unknown, or otherwise only if approved by the owner.
14. Members shall use extreme care in killing an animal so as to not put at risk any other persons in the vicinity, and if practicable, clear the area of any bystanders.
15. Where a member kills an animal using a firearm, the member shall document the discharge of their firearm in accordance with Policy IC10 – *Use of Force*.

Wild Animals

16. For reported incidents involving wild animals, the complainant is to be referred to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation Officer Service, and if a member attends to investigate, appropriate action shall be determined in consultation with their supervisor.

Inhumane Transportation of Animals

17. Upon receipt of a complaint regarding the inhumane commercial transportation of animals, the complainant shall be referred to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Carcass Removal

18. In cases involving dead animals on municipal lands or roadways, the City of Delta Engineering Department is to be notified, and if on provincial highways, the Ministry of Transportation is to be notified.

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