

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE

TO: All Animal Control Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: Animal Control Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2016

TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department-3140 N St
Enter through east door which is approximately center of the building. We will be meeting in room 1260, which is located in the Animal Control office.

Steve Beal 
Animal Control
Division Manager

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- I. Call to order
 - A. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting, July 28, 2015
- III. Public Session-Any person willing to address the Committee on a matter not on this agenda may do so at this time.
- IV. Division Report
 - A. Animal Control Program Report-Beal
- V. Current Business-Action Items
 - A. Proposed Policy revisions-Policy number 300.67 Bat Infestation
- VI. Current Business-Information Items
 - A. 2016 Legislation (LB908 & LB916) Discussion
 - B. Dog Use Facilities-Beal/Lowry
 - C. System and Software Upgrade-Beal/Bollwitt
- VII. Future Business
 - A. Request for Information/Topics for Future Agendas
- VIII. Adjournment

This agenda will be kept continually current and will be available for public inspection within the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department during normal working hours.

MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 28, 2015

The meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Committee was called to order at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

I. Roll Call:

On Tuesday, July 28, 2015, the second meeting of the year for the Animal Control Advisory Committee was held. Members in attendance were: Sgt Brian Agnew, Annette Bredthauer, Susie Meierdierks, Pat Eiche, Lindsay Wallasky, and Cpt. Jerry Witte.

Members absent: Lynne Knutzen-Young

Staff present were: Steve Beal and Denise Bollwitt, recording.

II. Approval of Agenda- Agenda was approved with the addition of renewing the members terms that expire this year. Most all members renewed, others will be called by Steve Beal.

III. Approval of Minutes-Minutes was approved.

IV. Introduction-All members of ACAC introduced themselves.

V. Animal Control Manager & Division Reports: The monthly reports were discussed. Animal Control has a slight increase in license renewals. We probably won't hit the 3% indicator, but it should be a little higher by the end of fiscal year. Suzie Meierdierks made suggested putting out "positive" things that Animal Control does. Dr. Bredthauer also made suggestions. Steve did say that Animal Control has some new PSAs that are going to be on our website and TV by the end of August.

VI. Current Business- Steve introduced the 2 policies needing to be changed and voted on by ACAC. Policy 300.66 Euthanizing Wildlife is the first policy that needs to be approved by ACAC. Dr. Bredthauer made the motion to change Fatal Plus to Sodium Pentobarbital injectable throughout the policy, seconded by Pat Eiche., motion passed 5-0. Jerry Witte made the motion to add "seriously injured or sick" to the Policy Statement, seconded by Brian Agnew, motion passed 5-0. There were some questions brought up about the disposal of the drugs and how LPD/LSO dispose of their drugs. That will be discussed later on. Policy 300.55 is a deletion of the entire policy. Tranquilizing or Chemical Immobilization has not been used by Animal Control in years. Motion to approve by Pat Eiche and seconded by Jerry Witte. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. Old Business- Public Service Announcements-The new PSAs were shown to the members. 5 City TV developed these and we have a few more coming. Funds came through donations to Animal Control. There is one on spay/neuter and the other is for licensing. The additional ones are on noise and the leash law. "Homer" from the Saltdogs also participated in the spay/neuter PSA.

VII, Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, Submitted by Denise Bollwitt

POLICY NUMBER: 300.67
DIVISION: ANIMAL CONTROL
POLICY TITLE: BAT INFESTATION
AGENCY (ies): LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AUTHORITY: BOARD OF HEALTH
DRAFTED: 8-14-15
BOH:
REVISED:
APPROVED:

Policy Statement:

To insure the public and pets are protected from any public health risks, including rabies exposure, Animal Control Officers will respond to calls within the City of Lincoln regarding bat(s).

Procedure:

Animal Control dispatch staff will log bat calls into the dispatch system and an Officer will be assigned the bat call.

On-call officers will be dispatched by 911 dispatch personnel for bat calls.

The Office Manager will notify the Division Manager and Field Supervisor when Animal Control has had more than 3 calls to the same property in a calendar year. The Office Manager will also notify the Division Manager and Field Supervisor when Animal Control has removed 5 or more bats on a single call from a single address. The occurrence of either scenario shall be deemed to indicate that the property has a bat infestation.

Owners of property deemed to have a bat infestation will be sent a letter from Animal Control requiring them to take appropriate action to eliminate the infestation (See Exhibit 1).

Whenever possible Animal Control Officers will remove the bat(s) that had or potentially have had human contact or contact with a pet as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The bat(s) will be sent to a licensed veterinarian facility or University that can perform rabies virus testing.

Results from the rabies tests will be sent to Animal Control and the victim or owner of a victim pet will be notified by Animal Control. Health Department Communicable Disease staff and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will also be contacted with test results that are positive for rabies.

If human or pet contact with a bat occurs and the bat is not able to be tested for rabies Health Department Communicable Disease Staff will be notified. They will be responsible for contacting the person(s) that had suspected contact with a bat(s).

Date:

Name

Address

City of Lincoln, NE

I'm sending this letter regarding bats and bat related calls at: (address).

Animal Control has had more than three calls to your property at (address) in the past 12 or fewer months. This indicates to Animal Control that the property has a bat infestation or bat colony.

We strongly recommend that you contact a wildlife removal specialist to permanently remove the bat(s) from the property. The presence of this number of bats in the property poses a potential health risk to those individuals that reside at the property and as the property owner, it is your responsibility to remove the bats and complete any repairs necessary to eliminate and prevent future bat infestations. If the property in question is a rental property we will notify the tenant that resides at your property about these concerns. If the bat infestation is not removed in 30 days of receipt of this letter, the Department of Building and Safety will be contacted regarding any violations of Lincoln Municipal Code or the Uniform Housing Code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Animal Control at 402-441-7900.

Sincerely,

Steve Beal
Manager
Animal Control Program

CC Building and Safety
Tenant

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 908

Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

Read first time January 12, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterinary technicians; to amend section
- 2 38-3325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for
- 3 temporary licenses; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 38-3325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 38-3325 (1) To be a licensed veterinary technician in this state,
4 an individual shall (a 1) be a graduate of an approved veterinary
5 technician program and (b 2) receive a passing score on a national
6 examination approved by the board.

7 (2) The department may grant a temporary license to practice as a
8 veterinary technician for up to one year upon application by:

9 (a) A graduate of an approved veterinary technician program pending
10 passage of the national examination approved by the board; or

11 (b) A person lawfully authorized to practice as a veterinary
12 technician in another state pending completion of the application for a
13 license under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.

14 Sec. 2. Original section 38-3325, Reissue Revised Statutes of
15 Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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LEGISLATIVE BILL 916

Introduced by Howard, 9.

Read first time January 12, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to offenses against animals; to provide
- 2 immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal
- 3 from a motor vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed; and to provide
- 4 a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Any person who causes damage to a motor vehicle
2 resulting from forcible entry to remove and rescue an animal locked or
3 trapped inside shall be immune from criminal or civil liability for
4 damage to the motor vehicle if the following conditions exist:

5 (a) The motor vehicle is locked or there is no otherwise reasonable
6 method by which to extricate the animal than by forcible entry;

7 (b) The person has a reasonable belief that forcible entry is
8 necessary because the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm or
9 death if not immediately removed based upon the surrounding
10 circumstances;

11 (c) The person has contacted either local law enforcement, the fire
12 department, an animal control agency, or an emergency 911 service
13 operator prior to forcible entry of the vehicle;

14 (d) The person places a written notice securely on the windshield or
15 driver's side door of the motor vehicle with the person's name, telephone
16 number, or other contact information with an explanation of why forcible
17 entry was made, the location of the animal, and the fact that authorities
18 have been notified;

19 (e) The person remains with the animal in a safe location and
20 protected from the elements but reasonably close to the location of the
21 motor vehicle until such time as law enforcement, animal control, or
22 emergency responders arrive; and

23 (f) No more force than reasonably necessary was used to forcibly
24 enter the vehicle under the circumstances.

25 (2) No person who attempts to administer further aid to an animal
26 rescued in conformance with this section shall be subject to any criminal
27 or civil liability for harm or death to the animal.

28 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the
29 liability of any person for death or injury caused to another person.

30 Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act
31 to Chapter 28, article 10.

Animal Control Stats

	Sep 13- Nov 13	Sep 14- Nov 14	Sep 15- Nov 15
Pet Licenses Sold	15119	14716	15485
Cases Dispatched	6160	6166	5867
Investigation	6592	6680	6396
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	419	389	396
Cats	398	376	351
Court Citations Issued	112	82	113
Warnings/Defects Issued	4493	4202	3869
Bite Cases Reported	112	139	116
Attack Cases Reported	9	16	11
Dogs Declared Pot. Dangerous	20	18	23
Dangerous Dogs	4	7	7
Animal Neglect Investigations	119	146	139
Injured Animal Rescue	193	213	234
Wildlife Removal	91	117	148
Dead Animal Pickup	479	559	540
Lost and Found Reports	557	624	589
Phone Calls	11092	11274	12843
Average Response Time (in mins)	20	14	27

Animal Control Stats

	Sep 13- Dec 13	Sep 14- Dec 14	Sep 15- Dec 15
Pet Licenses Sold	20346	20032	20725
Cases Dispatched	8037	7913	7560
Investigation	8583	8496	8260
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	476	474	492
Cats	454	462	491
Court Citations Issued	140	106	140
Warnings/Defects Issued	6080	5594	5208
Bite Cases Reported	149	162	150
Attack Cases Reported	11	20	16
Dogs Declared Pot. Dangerous	22	20	26
Dangerous Dogs	4	7	10
Animal Neglect Investigations	174	195	188
Injured Animal Rescue	221	261	274
Wildlife Removal	116	155	172
Dead Animal Pickup	564	685	645
Lost and Found Reports	684	787	750
Phone Calls	14223	14354	16426
Average Response Time (in mins)	15	17	16

Animal Control Stats

	Sep 13- Jan 14	Sep 14- Jan 15	Sep 15- Jan 16
Pet Licenses Sold	25937	25578	26413
Cases Dispatched	9655	9651	9745
Investigation	10301	10359	10595
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	612	561	575
Cats	522	557	556
Court Citations Issued	158	133	157
Warnings/Defects Issued	7173	6860	7143
Bite Cases Reported	170	188	179
Attack Cases Reported	13	25	19
Dogs Declared Pot. Dangerous	26	23	29
Dangerous Dogs	5	11	11
Animal Neglect Investigations	249	243	241
Injured Animal Rescue	258	296	306
Wildlife Removal	147	176	194
Dead Animal Pickup	647	777	723
Lost and Found Reports	818	930	873
Phone Calls	17656	17548	19816
Average Response Time (in mins)	33	23	9