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SUBJECT

Animal Bite Incidents

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REFERENCE

Procedural Instruction entitled, "Firearms Procedure"

RESCINDS

Procedural Instruction 05-06

***I. INTRODUCTION**

This Procedural Instruction provides guidelines for handling animal bite calls and emergency euthanasia of injured or distressed animals.

II. TERMINOLOGY

- A. Animal Bite – Any puncture wound caused by the teeth of an animal exposing an individual to rabies or other diseases contracted from animals.
- *B. Emergency Euthanasia – For the purpose of this directive is the act of putting to death, with the least amount of pain and distress, an animal suffering from a disease, condition or severe injury.
- *C. Kansas City Pet Project – The managing agency for the Kansas City Missouri Animal Shelter.

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. All citizens should be referred to the 3-1-1 Action Center at 816-513-1313 or 311 when they wish to report any animal concern, including lost or stray dogs.
- B. Communications Unit personnel shall dispatch all calls received from the Action Center as directed by Animal Health and Public Safety Division policies.
- *C. Animal Health and Public Safety Division of the City of Kansas City, Missouri will be notified by the Communications Unit anytime an officer is dispatched to the scene of an animal bite.
- D. A Kansas City Missouri Police Officer will be dispatched on an animal bite incident when it is reported that a bite has occurred in conjunction with, or results in an assault.
- E. A report is required only when a bite has occurred in conjunction with or results in an offense. A casualty report will not be taken.
- F. Animal Health and Public Safety Division officers are available 24 hours a day, however the Watch I officer only responds to emergencies.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. An officer dispatched on an animal bite call will:
 - 1. Arrange for necessary medical assistance for the victim.
 - *2. If an Animal Health and Public Safety Division Officer is responding, attempt to contain the animal or maintain visual contact with the animal until the Animal Health and Public Safety Division Officer arrives.
 - 3. Officers will refer to the emergency euthanasia and disposal guidelines that are set forth in the written directive entitled, "Firearms Procedures"

when destroying a distressed and/or injured animal that presents a danger to the public when the following circumstances are present:

- a. The owner of the animal is not present, is unknown, can not or will not take control of the animal and
 - *b. An Animal Health and Public Safety Division Officer is unable to respond within a reasonable amount of time.
4. Complete the necessary report(s).
 - *5. Leave the animal with the owner when possible.

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Adopted by the Board of Police Commissioners this ___ day of _____ 2012.

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