


**LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
REGULATIONS AND GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL**

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Title: AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL RESPONSE		
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- I. It is the policy of this department to handle aggressive animal complaints in a professional and humane manner. However, our first and foremost responsibility is to ensure the public's safety.

- II. Whenever a call is received by LPD Communications or officers on patrol concerning an aggressive animal complaint such as dogs charging individuals, attacking people or other pets the following steps will be taken:
 - A. Communications Staff
 1. Obtain complete call information
 2. Immediate notification to and request for immediate response from Loudoun County Humane Law Enforcement
 - a. Through Animal Services Office or Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
 - b. Obtain a response time from Humane Law Enforcement Officer
 3. Concurrently dispatch patrol unit(s) in accordance with standard call response protocols
 4. Provide patrol units with a response time for Humane Law Enforcement
 5. Advise Humane Law Enforcement of any changes in the situation

 - B. Patrol
 1. The patrol unit(s) will attempt to locate and contain the animal(s) in question
 2. The patrol unit(s) will not engage or attempt to approach the animal(s) in question unless the animals present an immediate threat to citizens.
 - a. Should the animal(s) present an immediate threat then the officer will take the necessary steps to ensure the public's safety.
 3. Absent the immediate threat to public safety, the officer will remain on the scene and keep animal(s) under observation until Humane Law Enforcement arrives to assume control of the scene.
 4. Should Humane Law Enforcement refuse to respond or has an ETA longer than 30 minutes then a patrol supervisor will respond to assess the situation and make a determination as to the proper course of action to pursue.