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ANIMAL PROCEDURES

201.9 - 1 POLICY

1. It is normally not a police function to treat or convey persons bitten by an animal. However, appropriate action shall be taken when a response unit is dispatched to, or a patrolling unit comes upon, the scene of an animal bite where departmental intervention is necessary. Additionally, it may become necessary for a member to shoot a dangerous and/or rabid animal that is posing an imminent threat of danger to the officer or others, but only when bystanders are not in jeopardy.
2. Further, a member shall take the appropriate action when encountering an animal that is seriously injured or mangled beyond recovery. The member shall contact the Animal Control Center to request pick-up of the animal. If the Animal Control Center is not available for pick-up, and with the authorization of a supervisor, a member may use a firearm to destroy the injured animal.