



CITY OF EL PASO

Prosecuting Animal Cases

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Animal Services

City Attorney's Office

Class C Misdemeanor



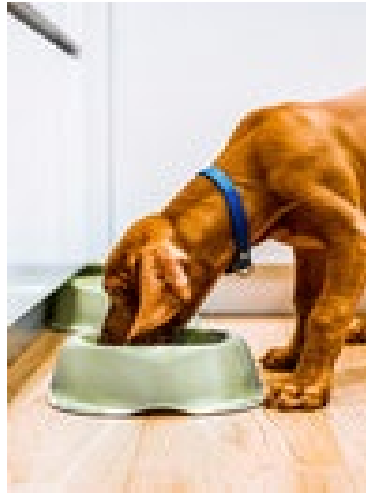
Common Class C Misdemeanors



Breeding



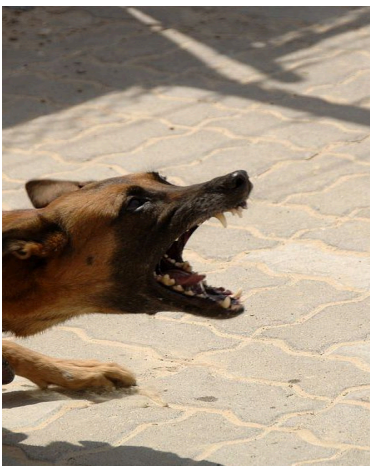
Neglect



Standards of Care



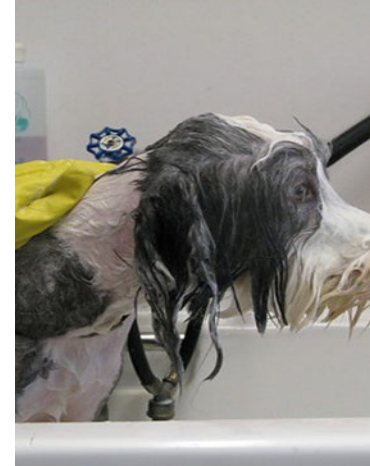
Restraint



Nuisance



Quarantine



Groomer



Paper Violations

Outcomes

\$500 max fine

Compliance

Online Pet Ownership Courses

Community Service

Deferrals



Penal Code Violations

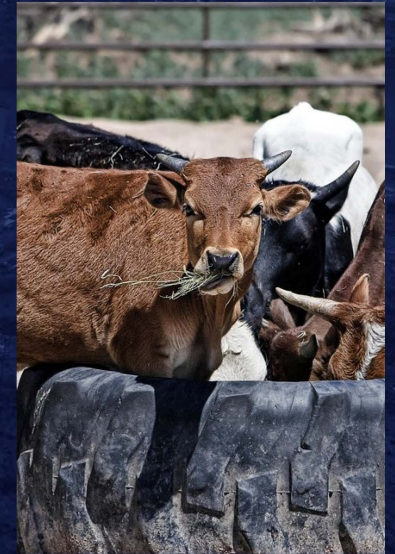
- Class B Misdemeanors and up
- Fine
- Possible jail time
- EPPD Police Investigation
- District Attorney



Animal Fighting



Cruelty



Livestock Regulatory

Administrative Cases

Cruelly Treated Animals

Serious Bodily Injury

Dangerous Dog

Vicious Dog

Aggressive Dog



Cruelty Treated Animal Cases

- Animal Services
- City Attorney's Office
- "Cruelly treated"
- Tortured, overworked, abandoned, deprived of necessary food, care, or shelter, cruelly confined, used to fight, subjected to other unlawful abuse
- Remove animal from danger
- Goal of finding a forever home



Dunlap Dr. Cruelty Treated Case

30 dogs and cats rescued

Animal Services

City Attorney's Office

EPPD Animal Cruelty Unit

District Attorney



Dog Attacks

Seriously Bodily Injury

- Severe bite wounds or severe ripping or tearing of muscle
- Death of victim

Animal humanely put down



Grouse Rd. Serious Bodily Injury

Dogs had a history of roaming

3 victims

Elderly victim unable to attend

Witnesses can be reluctant



Dog Attacks- Dangerous Dog

Dangerous Dog

Bodily injury off premises

Requirements

Registration

Secured or Restrained

Insurance Policy

Sign



Animal humanely put down

Proposed Ordinance

Vicious Dog Determination

- ♦ Causes SBI or kills animal
- ♦ At large

Prevent animal to animal bites



Vicious Dogs (cont'd)

Ownership requirements

Pet Ownership Responsibility Course

Wearing vicious dog tag

Notification of address change

New owner must comply

No insurance requirement



Proposed Ordinance

Aggressive Dog Determination

- ◆ Menaces, interferes with public movement
- ◆ Displays threatening behavior toward a person or animal while at large

Prevent negative outcomes



Aggressive Dogs (cont'd)

Ownership requirements

Enclosed or restrained at all times

Warning sign

Pet Ownership Responsibility Course

