



CITY OF EL PASO

# Prosecuting Animal Cases

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Animal Services

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Class C Misdemeanor



# Common Class C Misdemeanors



Breeding



Neglect



Standards of Care



Restraint



Nuisance



Quarantine



Groomer



Paper Violations

# Outcomes

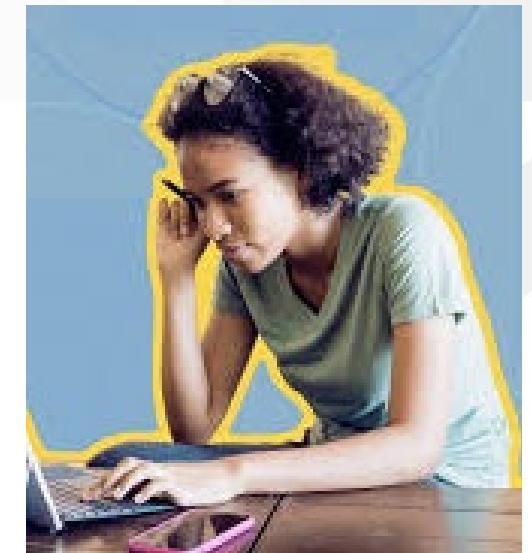
\$500 max fine

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

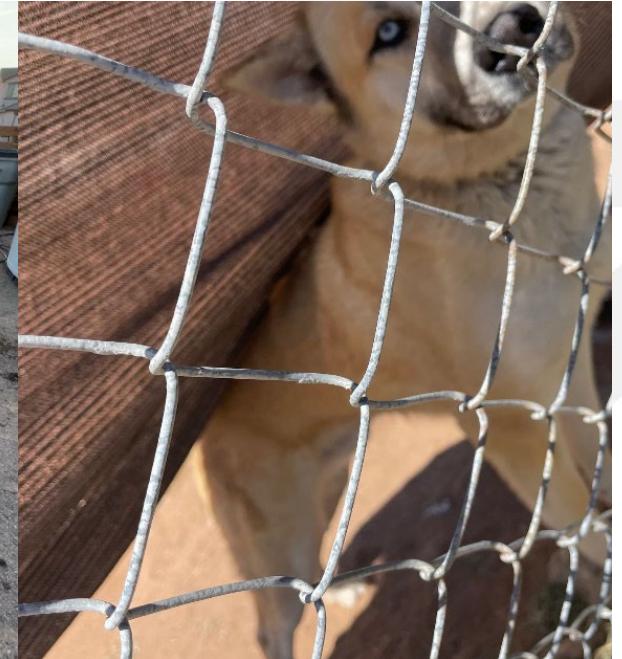
Vicious Dog

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

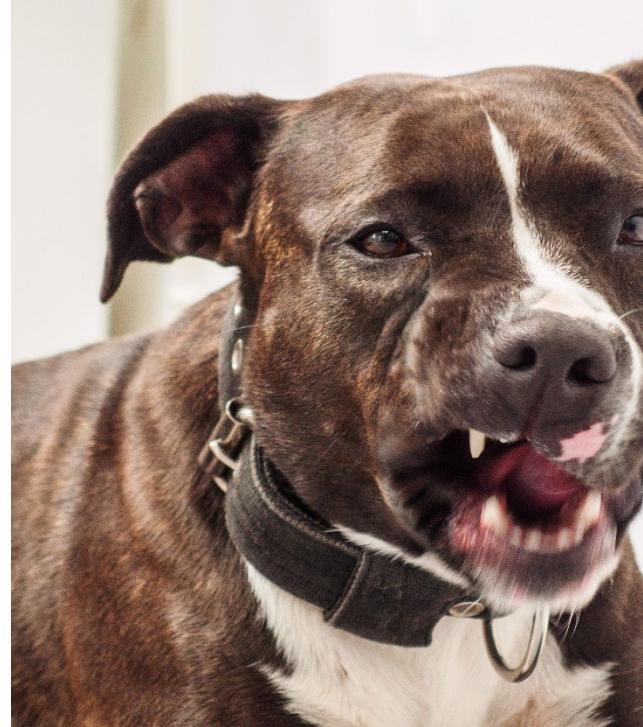
No insurance requirement



# 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

