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## Reports Regarding Vicious and Dangerous Dogs (Supersedes DB 17-169)

All incidents involving vicious and dangerous dogs including all dog bites (non puncture and puncture), dog seizures and attacks shall be documented in an SFPD incident report, assigned and emailed to the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit (V.D.D.U.) at [REDACTED].

In addition, [SFPD Form 573](#) shall be completed and the form alone shall be immediately faxed to Animal Care and Control (fax# [REDACTED]). The incident report shall NOT be faxed to Animal Care and Control. Once the form is faxed, the Form 573 and the fax receipt shall be scanned and uploaded to CDW incident report.

**Animal Care and Control (phone # 415-554-9400) shall be notified at the scene of all dog related incidents. If Animal Care and Control responds to the incident, members shall still complete an SFPD incident report.**

If a dog has been involved in a dog bite incident, the owner is required to quarantine the involved animal in a secure location. Members investigating dog bites where the dog owner has no way to quarantine the dog, shall contact Animal Care and Control to arrange for the dog to be seized for the 10-day quarantine period.

Members shall immediately **notify the V.D.D.U. if the dog bite is severe to the victim person/dog, or the victim person/dog is deceased from the dog attack.** In the event of a death, immediately contact Officer Crockett at the V.D.D.U. [REDACTED] cell or DOC after hours.

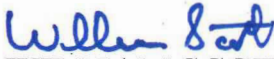
Members who are presented with a dog that displays vicious or terrorizing behavior such as a dog who bites without provocation, approaches with an attitude of attack, or cannot be controlled, shall have Animal Care and Control seize the dog pending a Vicious and Dangerous Dog Hearing.

Members shall complete an SFPD incident report documenting the member's observations and shall immediately email the report or case number to V.D.D.U. In addition, members shall complete a request for a vicious and dangerous dog hearing form and email it to the V.D.D.U. The Request for Hearing [SFPD Form 584](#) can be found under the SFPD Forms folder, in the Dog Related folder.

Upon receipt of the request for a hearing form, a hearing date will be scheduled and the member shall present their observations of the incident to a hearing officer. The hearing officer will then make a determination if the dog is deemed Vicious and Dangerous which could result in the destruction of the dog or restrictions put upon the dog and its owner.

All other dog related reports including reports documenting stray dogs, dog or animal fighting, dog abandonment, dog barking, animal cruelty, animal poisoning, and animal without proper care or attention, shall be emailed but not assigned to the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.

Members with questions/notifications may call Officer Crockett at the V.D.D.U. [REDACTED] cell or DOC after hours. V.D.D.U. is located at Park Station (Co. F), 1899 Waller St. San Francisco, CA 94117.

  
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