



Sheridan Police Department
Policies and Procedures
24.7
Chapter 24 – Animal control
Section 7 – Animal Damage Control

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Animal damage control officers are available to deal with certain types of animals in the City. Animal damage control officers are contracted through the Sheridan County Predator Management District.

Definitions:

- Emergency - A predator, bat or snake that poses immediate danger to public safety (i.e. - a sick or injured predator, bat or snake trapped or captured in an occupied dwelling).
- Predators - Coyotes, badgers, red foxes and raccoons.

24.7.1 Animal Damage Control

- A. The contracted animal damage control officers will deal with certain types of animals in the city. They can be used to handle rabies threats, predators, rattlesnakes and certain other animals (skunks, squirrels, bats, muskrats, beaver, and woodpeckers) causing damage or that are an immediate danger to public safety.
- B. Notification
1. Name and contact information for animal damage control officers shall be kept on file in the police department communications center and at the dog and cat shelter.
 2. Animal damage control officer's business hours are Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700 hours.
 3. After business hours, animal damage control officers may only be called out for emergencies.
 4. When a City of Sheridan animal control officer is working, all animal calls that could be handled by animal damage control officers should first be assigned to the animal control officer. The city officer will make the determination whether or not to notify an animal damage control officer.
 5. When no animal control officer is on duty the dispatcher or a supervisor will determine if the situation needs immediate attention. In the case of emergencies, the dispatcher will call out the animal damage control officer. In other cases, the dispatcher will leave notification of the problem for city animal control officers.
 6. If an emergency exists after hours and the animal damage control officer cannot be reached, a city animal control officer should be called.
- C. Animal damage control officers will help handle and prepare animals for rabies testing.
1. If there is human contact the animal will be tested for rabies.
 2. If a domestic animal is exposed and the owner wants the animal tested, it will be at the owner's expense.

3. If a deceased animal (suspected of having rabies) needs to be tested, the decision to do so will rest with the director of public health and the animal damage control officer.