

# CITY OF BARSTOW

CALIFORNIA

POLICIES and PROCEDURES MANUAL:

POLICE

Subject: DOG BITES

## INTRODUCTION

It is the policy of the Barstow Police Department to answer all inquiries regarding dog bites promptly and accurately and to refer citizens of the community to the proper agencies for the necessary assistance.

## RESPONSE

The following procedure shall be followed by dispatchers and other personnel when a citizen reports a dog bite to the Police Department.

1. During normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, the citizen should be advised to report the bite directly to the United Humane Society of Barstow, 252-4800.
2. If the bite occurs after business hours and the responsible dog is confined to the owner's property, the citizen should be advised to call the Humane Society during the next business day.
3. If the bite occurs after business hours and the responsible dog is running at large, the citizen should be advised that the Police Dispatcher will contact the United Humane Society of Barstow (252-4800) and that a Humane Officer will be dispatched and may make contact with the reporting citizen.
4. If the dog responsible for the bite is owned by a transient-type of person even though it is confined, the citizen should be advised that the Police Dispatcher will contact the Humane Society (252-4800) and that a Humane Officer will be dispatched and will make contact with the reporting citizen.
5. Reports shall not be required in any of the aforementioned circumstances unless the bite victim is an employee of the Police Department. In such cases, an incident or an injury report and appropriate Worker's Compensation Forms shall be completed.

Reference:

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