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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	
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Cruelty to animals (597 PC) is defined as: any person who tortures; torments; deprives of necessary sustenance, drink, or shelter; cruelly beats, mutilates, or kills any mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish.

Dispatchers will refer all cruelty to animal calls to the appropriate Animal Control authority.

Under the following circumstances, and if the abuse is in progress, dispatchers will dispatch the appropriate law enforcement officer in addition to the Animal Control authority.

- ◆ When the appropriate Animal Control authority has an extended estimated time of arrival (ETA)
- ◆ If the public is at risk of being injured or traumatized by the incident
- ◆ When requested by the appropriate Animal Control authority
- ◆ When a law enforcement officer is in the immediate area
- ◆ If the suspect is using any type of weapons