



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Reports Regarding Vicious and Dangerous Dogs

All incidents involving vicious and dangerous dogs, **all** dog bites (puncture and non-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 SFPD_dangerousdogs@sfgov.org

In addition, **SFPD Form 573 shall be completed for all dog bite incidents and immediately faxed alone, to Animal Care and Control (fax# 415 [REDACTED])**. The incident report shall not be included. Once the form is faxed, the Form 573 and the fax receipt shall be scanned and uploaded to the Crime Data Warehouse (CDW) incident report.

Notification to Animal Care and Control dispatch (phone # 415-554-9400) shall occur at the scene of all dog related incidents. Members shall complete an SFPD incident report, whether or not Animal Care and Control respond.

When a dog has been involved in a dog bite incident, the owner is required to quarantine the involved animal in a secure location. If the dog owner has no way to quarantine the dog, the investigating officer shall contact Animal Care and Control dispatch 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 involves a child, is severe or the victim person/dog is deceased from the dog attack**. In the event of a death, immediately contact the V.D.D.U. (415) 734-3109 or (415) [REDACTED] Monday-Thursday 0800-1800 hours or call DOC after hours.

Members who are presented with a dog that displays vicious or terrorizing behavior i.e., 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 of the dog's behavior and the owner's handling of the dog and shall immediately email the report or case number to V.D.D.U. In addition, when a dog bites, displays vicious or terrorizing behavior, members shall request a Hearing by completing the Request for Hearing form, SFPD Form 584 and emailing it to the V.D.D.U. SFPD Form 584 is located in the SFPD Forms folder, subfolder "Dog Issues" 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 such as 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 the V.D.D.U. (415) 734-3109 / (415) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or DOC after hours. V.D.D.U. is located at Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St. Rm 128 San Francisco, CA 94103.


WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

Per DB 20-081, both sworn and non-sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge receipt and review of this Department Notice in HRMS. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org who will provide additional guidance about the directive.



San Francisco Police Department



ANIMAL BITE REPORT

TO: San Francisco Animal Care and Control
1200 15th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103-4207
Phone: (415) 554-9433
Fax: (415) 864-2866

REPORTING INSTITUTION: **San Francisco Police Department** Officer Name/Star #:

DATE OF BITE: TIME: AM PM

LOCATION WHERE BITE OCCURRED:

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL:

LEASHED: YES NO

OWNER OF ANIMAL: PHONE:

ADDRESS:

PERSON/ANIMAL BITTEN: AGE:

ADDRESS: PHONE:

PART OF BODY BITTEN:

DETAILS OF TREATMENT:

DESCRIPTION OF BITE:

NAME & ADDRESS OF TREATING PHYSICIAN:

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY: VICTIM POLICE PARENT OTHER

CIRCUMSTANCES OF BITE:

NOTE; PLEASE FAX THIS ANIMAL BITE FORM
ON THE DAY THAT THE PATIENT
IS TREATED,
OR REPORT BY TELEPHONE
FAX #: (415) 864-2866

****DO NOT FAX OR SEND A COPY OF THE POLICE REPORT TO Animal Control****



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VICIOUS & DANGEROUS DOG UNIT**
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THIS FORM IS TO REQUEST A HEARING ONLY - IT IS NOT A POLICE REPORT

COMPLAINT OF VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS DOG (San Francisco Health Code Section 42.3)

This form is to be signed by a person who believes that a dog is vicious and dangerous.

Pursuant to San Francisco Health Code Section 42.3, once a signed complaint that a dog is vicious and dangerous is received by the Animal Control Officer or a representative of the Department of Public Health or the San Francisco Police Department, a designated employee of those departments may find a dog presents a danger and is subject to seizure and impoundment if the dog is in the possession of its owner, keeper or harborer's property.

If the designated employee finds that a dog presents a danger, the owner or keeper of the dog will be entitled to a hearing to determine whether the dog is vicious and dangerous. The hearing may be held either before or after the dog is seized, depending on the circumstances of the case.

"Vicious and dangerous dog" is defined as follows: (1) Any dog that when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or domestic animal either on public or private property, or in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places; or (2) Any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or (3) Any dog which engages in, or is found to have been trained to engage in, exhibitions of dog fighting; or (4) Any dog at large found to attack, menace, chase, display threatening or aggressive behavior or otherwise threaten or endanger the safety of any domestic animal or person. (S.F. Health Code Section 42 (a))

NOTE: A copy of this complaint may be given to the owner or keeper of the dog.

DATE OF INCIDENT: _____ **POLICE REPORT #** _____ - _____ - _____

NAME OF COMPLAINANT(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

DOG in question:

Color/Description: _____ Breed: _____

Name: _____ Size/Weight: _____ Male/Female: _____

OWNER of dog:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU BELIEVE THE DOG IS VICIOUS & DANGEROUS -
On back of this page. You may attach a separate statement which must also be signed and dated.

Date: _____ Signature: _____



**SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT
DOG ENFORCEMENT REFERENCE GUIDE**



This reference contains statutes relating to the care and control of canines contained in the San Francisco Health Code (SFHC).

NUISANCE

Dog defecation (not picked up)	40(a) SFHC	\$319.90
Required to have container or instrument to remove feces (Pooper Scooper)	40(b) SFHC	\$319.90
Dog not leashed	41.12(a) SFHC	\$31.99

LICENSE AND REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS

All dogs over the age of 4 months must be licensed (this includes service animals)

Failure to have a required license	41.15(a) SFHC	\$159.00
Failure to muzzle and leash a vicious and violent dog in public	42.2 SFHC	\$470.00

BITE

Every biting dog is required to be quarantined for 10 days. If the owner/guardian does not have the means to quarantine the dog, ACC should notified to impound

Cite as information, make report	41.5.1(a)(i) SFHC	\$90.97
Failure to exchange ID information after bite	39(a) SFHC	MISD

VEHICLE

Animal unsecured in vehicle (crate/cross tied)	23117(a) CVC	\$136.00
Dog enclosed in vehicle without adequate ventilation	40.6 SFHC	\$31.99

MISCELANEOUS VIOLATIONS

Failure to spay/neuter a pit bull residing in San Francisco for more than 30 days	43.2(a) SFHC	\$236.00
Any dog exhibiting menacing and/or aggressive behavior whose owner/guardian cannot safely control may be impounded	42.3(b) SFHC	N/A

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- All complaints of dog fighting or animal cruelty are investigated by ACC.
- ACC **shall** be notified at the scene of all dog related incidents at (415) 554-9400
- All dog bites (non-puncture and puncture), dog seizures and attacks **shall** be documented in an incident report, assigned to the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit (VDDU) and a copy of the report SFPDdangerous@sfgov.org.
- SFPD Form 573 **shall** be completed and faxed to ACC at (415) 864-2866, the incident report **shall not** be faxed to ACC.

For further information/notification: Contact VDDU at (415) 734-3109, or via Ops Center 24/7 for serious cases. ACC is available to assist and/or respond, 0600-2200 hours, via Emergency Dispatch at 554-9400.