

Vicious Incident Flow Chart

Animal Bites/Threatens

This expands this category to include incidents such as chasing bikers, attacking other animals, etc.



Incident is reported

ACO issues citation for vicious incident if warranted, along with literature on how to reduce potential fines. Investigator reviews citation to determine if Dangerous Dog investigation is needed.



Fine reduced

If owner provides proof of obedience training, health certificate, spay/neuter, microchip, and viewing of responsible ownership video, fine is reduced from \$450 to \$25



Owner pays fine

This is an admission of guilt, and a 'Dangerous Propensities' letter is sent detailing penalties for subsequent incidents and educational issues that should be addressed by the owner.



Owner contests charges

Owner goes to court. If appeal is lost, 'Dangerous Propensities' letter is sent detailing penalties for subsequent incidents and educational issues that should be addressed by the owner.



Second Vicious Incident

Owner is charged with a misdemeanor under state statute 767.13, to be handled by criminal courts. Because of the second incident, a Dangerous Dog investigation is begun by HCAS.

