



ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS

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POLICE RESPONSE

- PRP Historical response
- Animal Complaints and Municipal Animal Services
 - Primary involvement related to Dog Owners Liability Act
 - Assisting Animal services – dealing with dog bite complaints
 - Reporting incident through Peel Health Services
 - Minimal enforcement - Support with city By-Law Enforcement



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- PRP Criminal investigation Unit
- New Cases – Unknown expectations
- Warrants / Search / Criminal Investigation Process
- Calls anticipated / Resources required



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

- Resources
- Collection of evidence
- Compare
 - General investigations vs Animal cruelty / abuse investigations
 - Expert Witness / Criminal process – Proof Beyond a reasonable doubt



GOING FORWARD

- Calls received by front line officer – Initial assessment of facts
- Divisional CIB units notified to determine investigative needs
- Allocation of resources of CIB personal to investigate or oversee
- Requests for medical records – Development of expert witness
- The unknown?