

Chapter 55.040 Animal Control Officer Powers and Duties and Chapter 55.020-55.023 Creation of the Department of Animal Services

Background

As part of the standup of the department, it is necessary to make additions and revisions to Chapter 55 in order to create the Department of Regional Animal Services and to outline the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the Director.

In further review, it was identified by the District Attorney's office that the current definition of an Animal Control Officer and their implied duties is vague as currently outlined in Chapter 55. Due to recommendations from the DA's office, the proposed revisions will clarify and outline the specific powers and duties of an Animal Control Officer.

Summary of Changes

- The outline of the creation of the Department of Regional Animal Services along with the responsibilities.
 - Functions and operations of county animal shelter
 - Field services
 - Enforcement of laws and ordinances pertaining to animals within Washoe County
 - Emergency Response
- Powers/duties of Director of Regional Animal Services
 - Direct/supervise all administrative and technical activities of the department
- Clarification of statutes and duties authorized to an Animal Control Officer per NRS 171 and NRS 453.
 - Prepare, sign and serve written citations to violators of Chapter 55 or NRS
 - Administer controlled substances

Community Concerns

None known