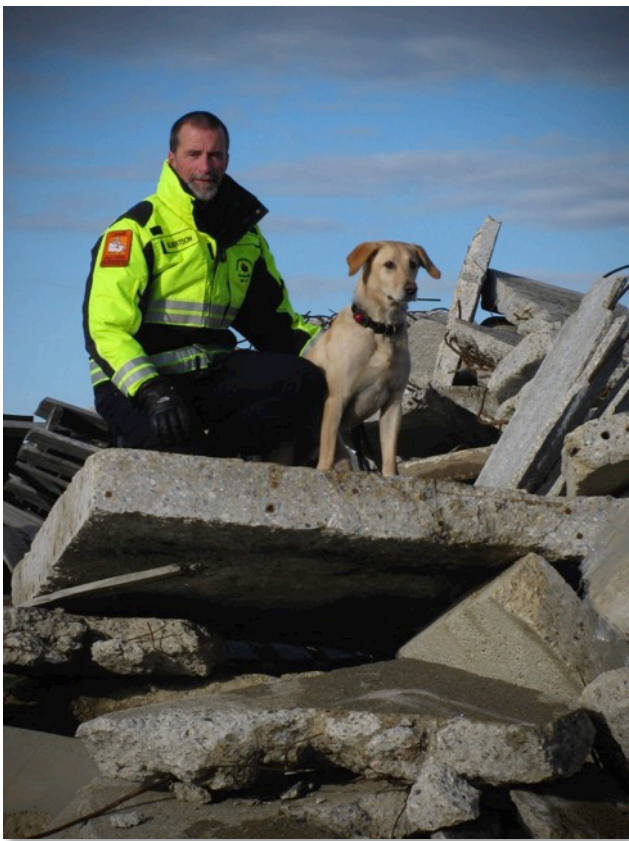


Animal Welfare in Practice: Companion Animals



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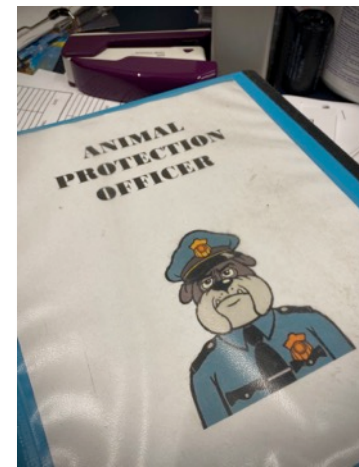


- Animal Protection Officers
- Shelter Staff
- Shelter Veterinarian
- Volunteers
- Donors



APO Resources

- Island wide coverage
- 24/7 coverage (working or on call)
- 2 APOs Monday to Saturday, 1 on Sunday
- APOs
 - 3 fulltime
 - 2 to 3 part time / relief
- 2 vehicles



Two Main APO Functions

- Animal Control
 - Enforcement of the Provincial Dog Act
 - Enforcement of municipal animal control bylaws for Charlottetown, Cornwall, and Stratford
- Animal Protection
 - Emergency response for injured animals
 - Enforcement of the Provincial Animal Welfare Act

Dog Act

- At Large Dogs
- Dangerous Dogs



Bylaw Enforcement

- At large dogs
- Dogs confined for pick up
- Barking
- Poop and Scoop



Animal Welfare

- PEIHS under contract with the province
- Enforcement & shelter services
- Companion animals



Emergency Response

- Injured or ill stray animals



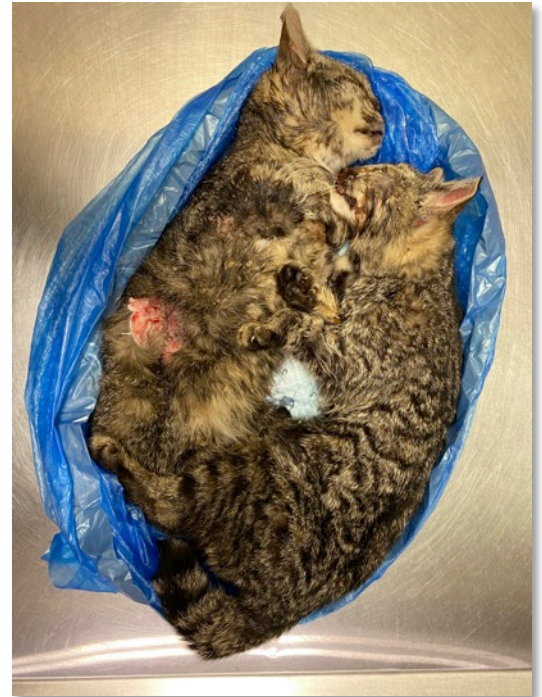
Animal Welfare Act

- Inspections
- Investigations
- Summary Offence Tickets
- Orders
- Seizures
- Search Warrants
- Prohibitions
- Surrenders



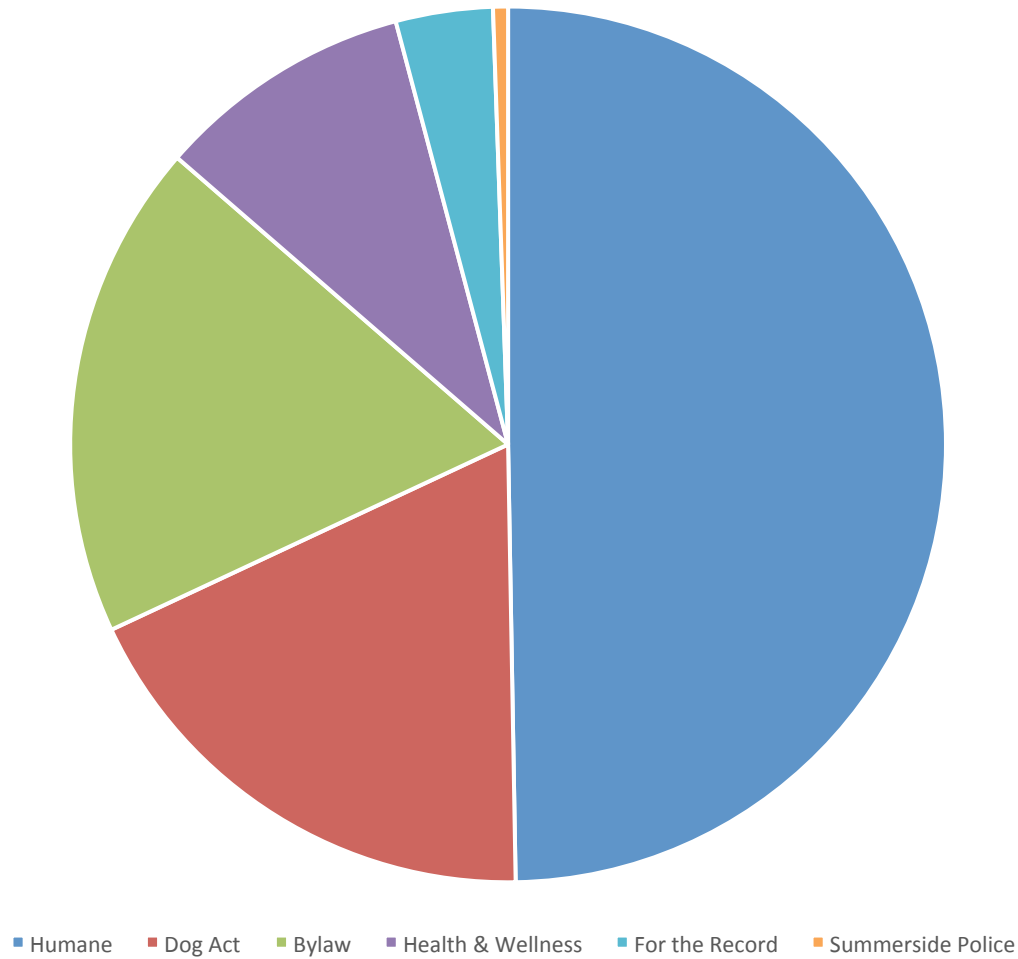
Criminal Code

- Uttering threats
 - Unnecessary suffering
 - Bestiality
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- APOs have no direct authority
 - Liaise with Police and Crown



2020 APO Cases

2020 Case Numbers (743)



Welfare Investigations

- Receive complaints
- Conduct investigations
- Interview witnesses & suspects
- Gather evidence
- Report writing
- Determine course of action



Case Types

- Abuse/cruelty
- Emergency Housing
- Injured/Illness
- No food/water/shelter
- Temp. related calls
- Welfare Check



Abuse/Cruelty



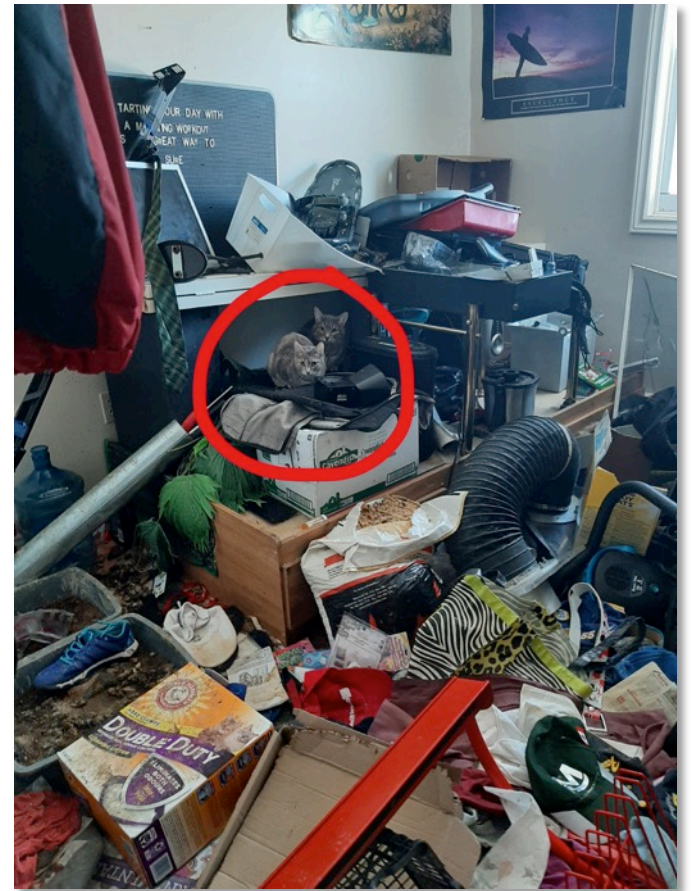
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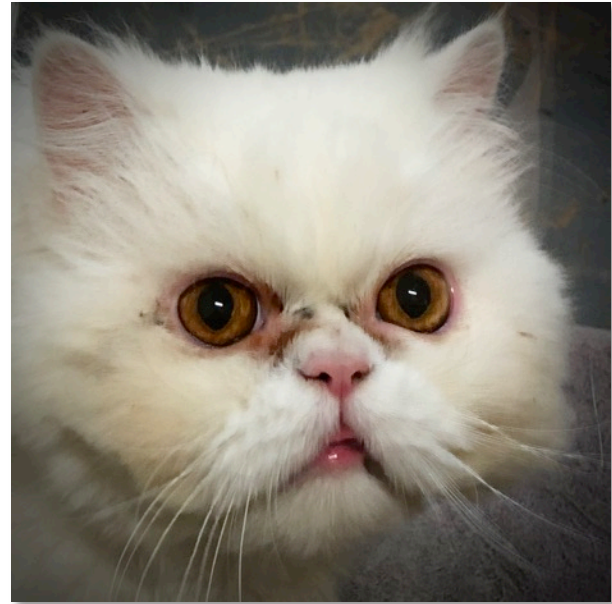
Before & After



Hoarding



Breeders

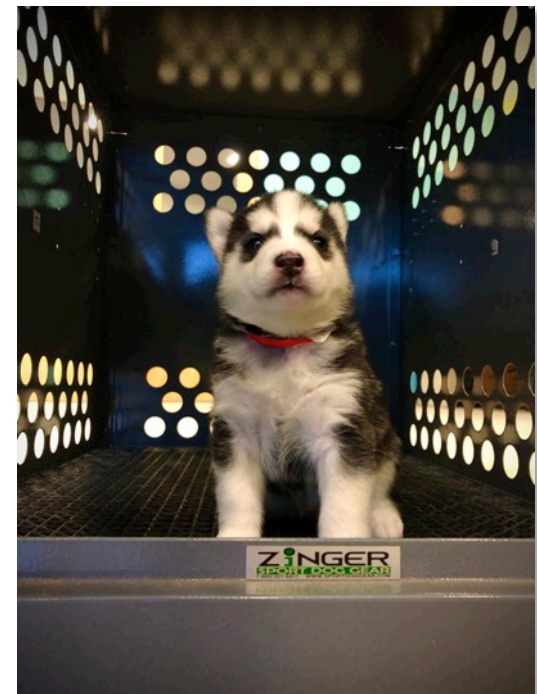


Before & After



Shared Interests/Clients

- Police Agencies
- Conservation Officers
- Crown Prosecutors
- Public Health
- Fire Departments
- Child and Family Services
- Probation Services
- Veterinarians

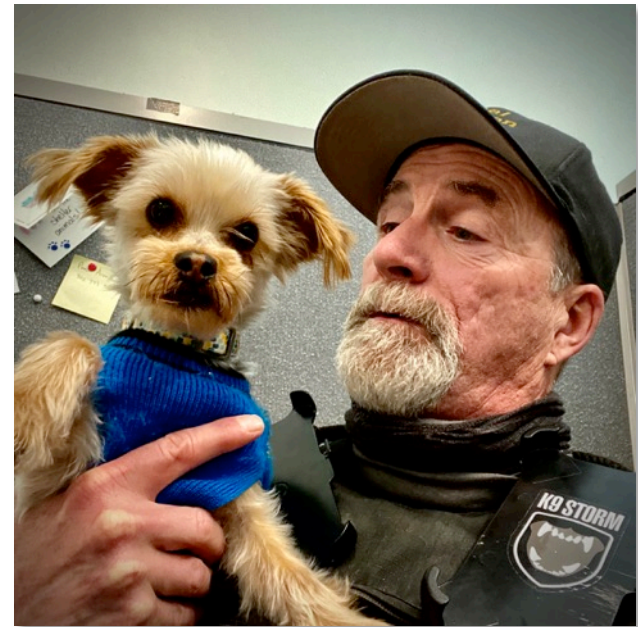


Shared Challenges

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Other criminal record
- Violence Link



Puppies & Kittens



Thanks!

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