



VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS
IDENTIFYING AND
REPORTING
ANIMAL CRUELTY AND
ANIMAL FIGHTING



The background of the slide features a large, semi-transparent seal of Montgomery County, Maryland. The seal is circular and contains a central shield with various heraldic symbols, including a cross and a fleur-de-lis. Above the shield is a crest with a figure holding a staff. The seal is surrounded by a laurel wreath. The Latin motto "ANIMA MONTGOMERY VICES" is inscribed around the top inner edge of the seal, and "CORDE BIEN" is at the bottom. The words "MONTGOMERY COUNTY" are also visible at the bottom of the seal. The seal is set against a solid orange background.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE
ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION
INVESTIGATOR JACK BRECKENRIDGE

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ASD'S INTENT

- WE INVESTIGATE ALL REPORTS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, NEGLECT OR FIGHTING.
- WE WILL NOT REVEAL YOU AS THE COMPLAINANT UNLESS ITS REQUIRED. WE WILL INFORM YOUR CLIENT OF THE MANDATORY REPORTING LAW.
- WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE CASE PROGRESSES SO THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF WONT HAVE “SURPRISES” FROM THE SUSPECT(S) AND TO BUILD YOUR SKILLS IN IDENTIFYING ANIMAL CRUELTY, NEGLECT OR FIGHTING.

ASD'S INTENT

- OUR GOAL IS TO BUILD A CASE ON YOUR REPORT USING ASD STAFF VETERINARIAN'S AND NEVER BRING YOU TO COURT. NO PRIVATE PRACTICE VETERINARIAN HAS TESTIFIED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.
- PROSECUTOR'S PREFER ASD VETERINARIAN'S BECAUSE:
 - THEY'VE RECEIVED TRAINING TO PROVIDE COURTROOM TESTIMONY
 - YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLOSE YOUR PRACTICE TO COME TO COURT

What is an investigation?

- We are not automatically going to seize all the animals
- Seriously, we're not



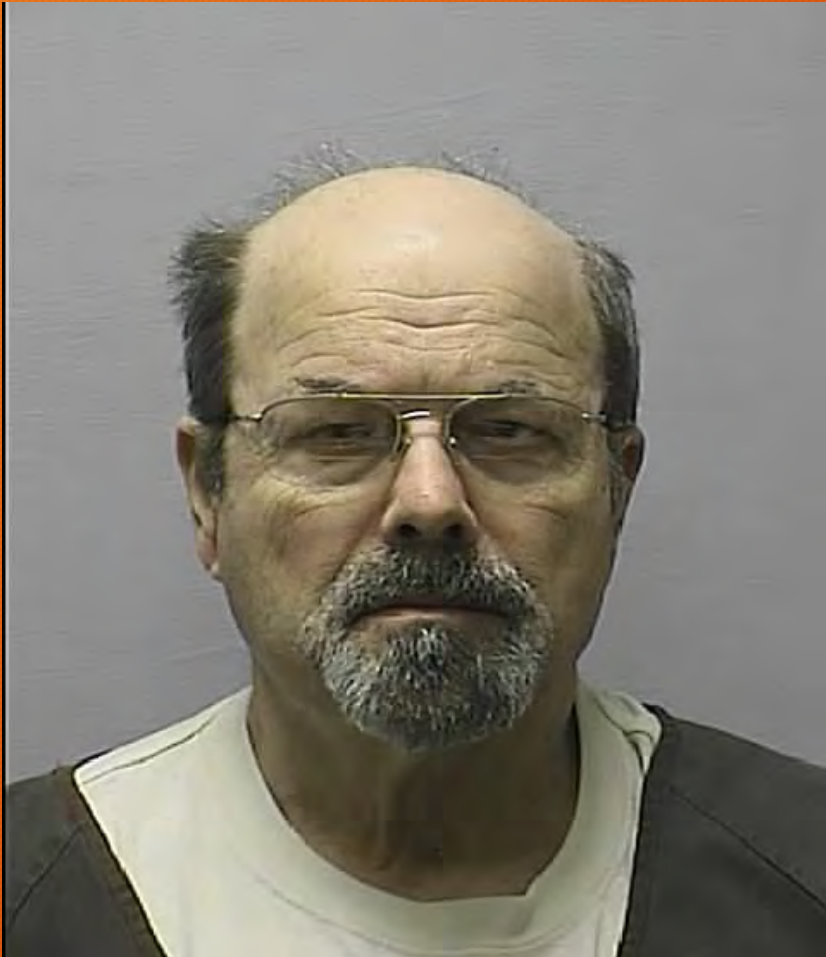
What is an investigation?

- Determine if a crime has occurred
- How are we going to do this?
 - Talk to the person who made the report
 - Talk to the animal owner
 - What do we tell them?
 - View the animal



A crime has occurred!

Gain compliance through:



- Talking with the owner
- Providing resources
- Directing behavior
- Enforcement
 - Citation
 - Criminal charge
 - Seizure

The legal process

Criminal versus Civil

THE LEGAL PROCESS - CRIMINAL

- “BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT”
- POTENTIAL FOR CUSTODIAL ARREST OR DCS (FLIGHT RISK AND/OR PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY)
- MISDEMEANOR 90DAYS/\$1000, FELONY 3 YEARS/\$5000 PER OFFENSE (LESSER INCLUDED)
- DISTRICT VS CIRCUIT COURTS

THE LEGAL PROCESS - CIVIL

- “MERE PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE”
- NO CUSTODIAL ARREST
- NOT INCARCERABLE
 - MOST OF THE TIME
- MAXIMUM \$500 FINE
- ORDER FOR ABATEMENT
 - CAN BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT



SUBPOENA'S FOR RECORDS

- THE RECORDS YOU NORMALLY PROVIDE BUT WITH PROOF THAT YOU WERE COMPELLED TO PROVIDE THEM.
- OFTEN ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR THE VETERINARIAN TO TESTIFY, CAN BE ATTESTED BY THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS (OFFICE/PRACTICE MANAGER) IF CHALLENGED.



Rescue Gone Wrong

Gregory Lawrence, DVM

Dec 31, 2015 - Response

- Officers were conducting a bite investigation
- Bite occurred 3 days prior at adoption event
- Black and white Papillon mix named “Chase”
- Led to a “rescue” organization operated out of a single family home



Dec 31, 2015 – Officers Arrive

- No answer at front door
- Suspect appeared from the side of the house
- Asked for proof of rabies vaccination
 - Boxes of records stacked floor to ceiling in her car
 - Eventually produced a rabies certificate

Dec 31, 2015 - Interview

- When asked how many dogs...“about 20”
- Denied that “Chase” was inside the house
- When asked to inspect the house to confirm that “Chase” was not inside, Suspect responded **“No one would be allowed inside her house without a warrant.”**

Dec 31, 2015 - Red Flags

- Loud persistent barking from inside house
- Rabies certificates at separate location than animal
- Significant amount of fecal material in yard, driveway, and on suspect
- Made excuses for why she could not produce emails of rescue group in question
- Strong odor of feces from house and suspect

Jan 01, 2016 - ASD Responds

- Search warrant served at 6:38 pm
- Expected about 20-30 dogs
- Found 66 dogs
- House condemned



Front door



The Family Room



The Family Room



LA AGENDA

CALENARIO CULTURAL
Consultado Moya

Papa Francisco muestra dotes en baloncesto



El papa Francisco demostró sus habilidades deportivas al jugar baloncesto durante su visita a un colegio de la ciudad de Lima. El papa se mostró muy interesado en el deporte y disfrutó mucho jugando con los niños del colegio. Después del partido, el papa felicitó a los jugadores por su buen desempeño y les regaló una pelota de baloncesto.

Homenaje al ser más sublime

El papa Francisco celebró un momento de reflexión y oración en un momento de su visita a un colegio de la ciudad de Lima. El papa reflexionó sobre la importancia de la fe y la esperanza en la vida de los seres humanos.

Guatemala: empresarios piden la renuncia de vicepresidenta

Los empresarios guatemaltecos exigen la renuncia de la vicepresidenta de Guatemala debido a su gestión económica. Los empresarios consideran que la vicepresidenta no ha cumplido con sus deberes y que su gestión ha perjudicado a la economía del país.



Maras los obligan a dejar sus casas en El Salvador

Los grupos de maras en El Salvador están obligando a las personas a abandonar sus hogares. Los maras están ejerciendo presión sobre las familias para que se muden a zonas más seguras, lo que está causando un desplazamiento masivo de la población.

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Haga el Reciclaje Parte de su Rutina Diaria! Recicle Más Ahora.



El Condado de Montgomery tiene la meta de reciclar el 70% de todos los gases

El Condado de Montgomery tiene la meta de reciclar el 70% de todos los gases. El condado está implementando programas de reciclaje para reducir la contaminación y proteger el medio ambiente.

Wetlands Canine Formula with Roasted Fowl A GRAIN-FREE DIET
Taste of the Wild
9A



The Dining Room



The Kitchen



Not as helpful as you might think



Initial Concerns

- Safety of both staff and animals
- Transport
- Housing
- Document and preserve evidence

Safety of both staff and animals

- About 20% of animals were unsecured when door was breached
- Unknown temperament
- High stress situation
- Unsafe conditions in the house
 - Urine and fecal material everywhere
 - Air quality
 - Tripping hazards
 - Mold



Transport



- 6 animal control vans
- 3-8 dogs per van depending on size

What do we do now?

Ride-On Bus



Housing

Biosecurity

- Unknown medical and vaccination history
- Approximately 25% of dogs with clinical signs of URI

Where?

- Overnight doubled our dog population at the shelter
- Closed off entire green dog ward just for this case
- Time of year helped

Document and Preserve Evidence

- Animals are both evidence and victims
- Document then treat unless life threatening
- Preserved both Hard Copy and in Chameleon

Intake

- Examination
- Photographs
- Diagnostics
 - CBC/Chemistry/T4
 - Urinalysis
 - Fecal floatation
 - Radiographs
 - Other diagnostics based on exam
- Administer Preventatives



Jamison



Jonah



Romona



Arlo



Grover



Lil' Debbie

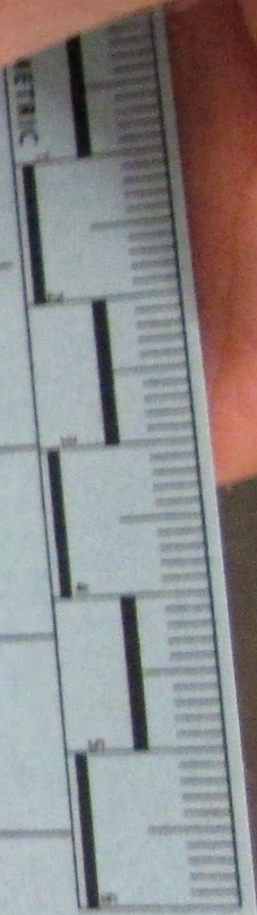
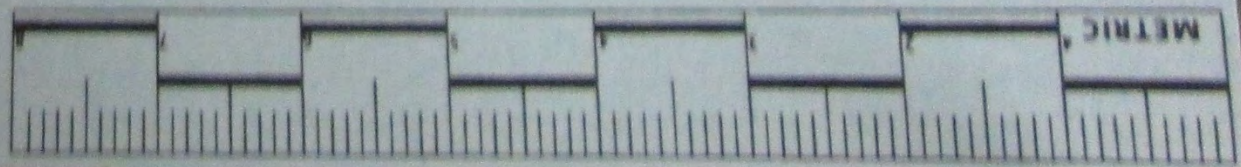


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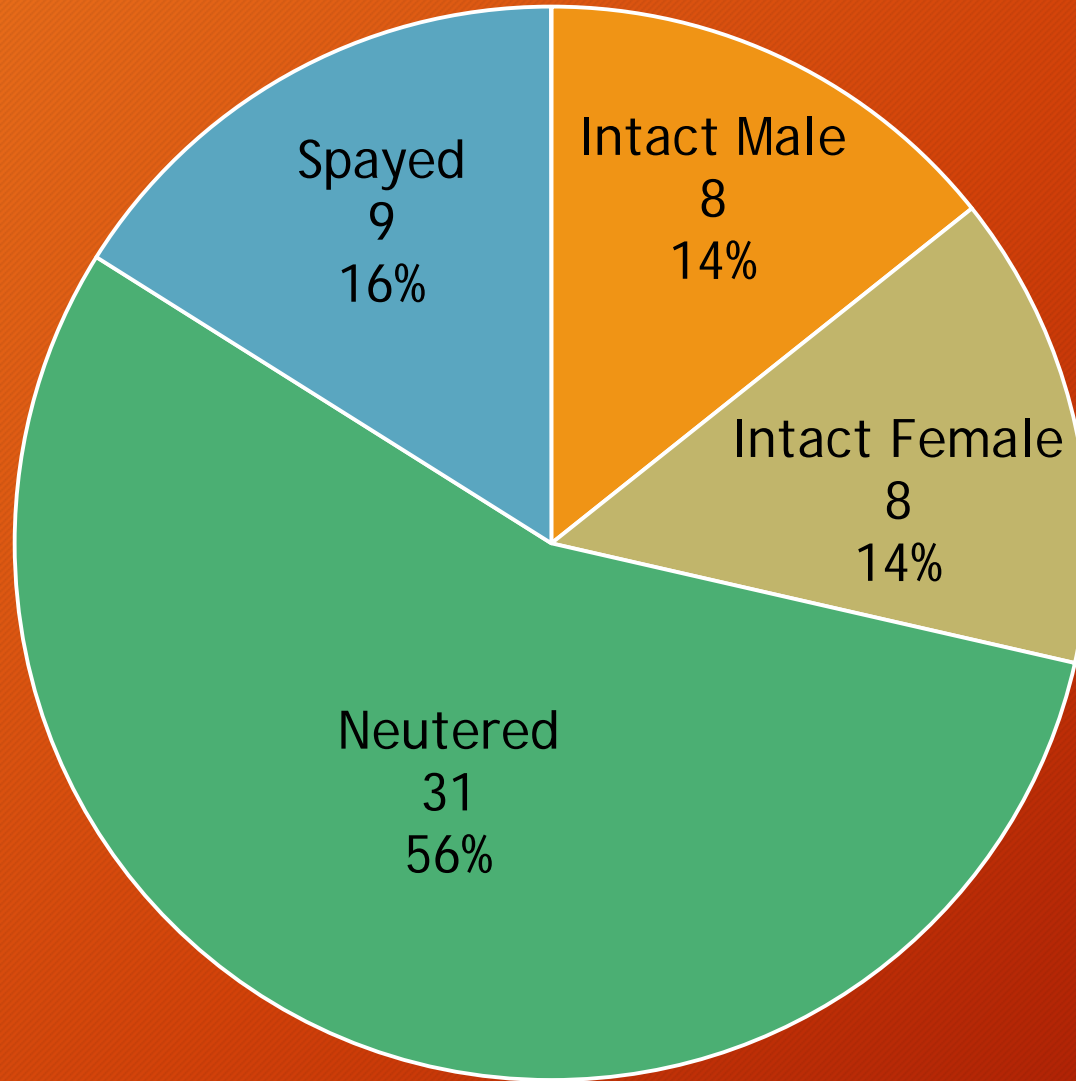
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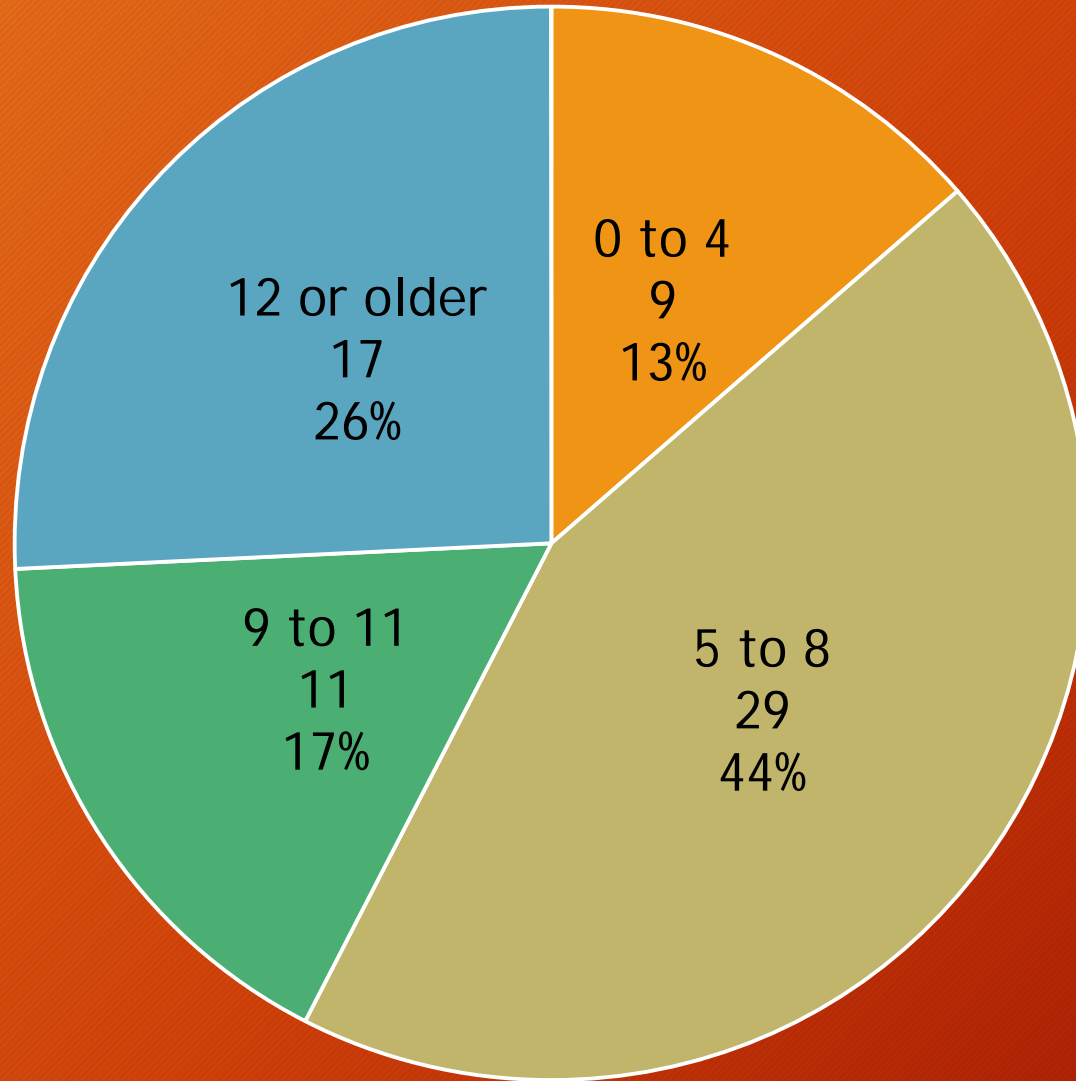
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Gender Distribution



Age Distribution



Outcome

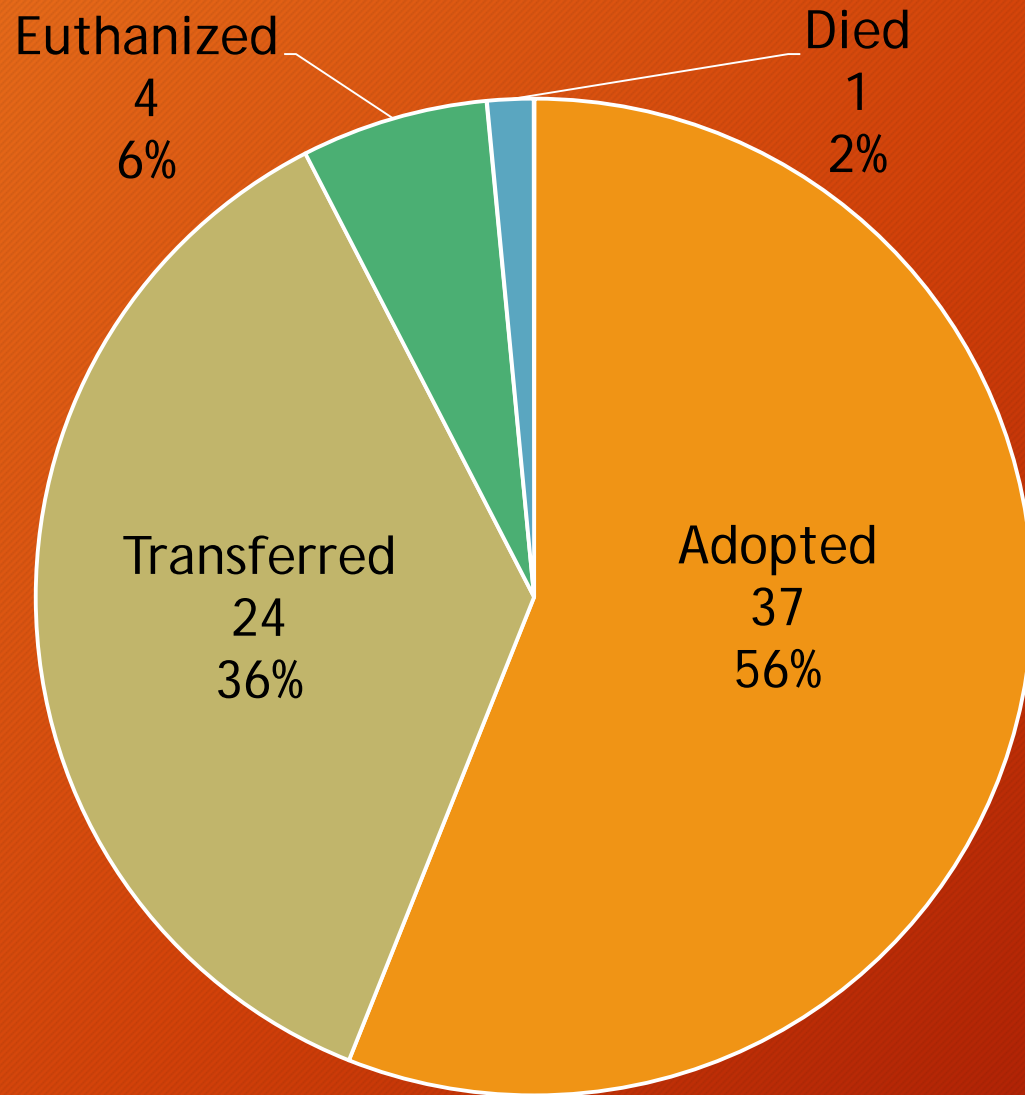
- Initial trial was in January 2017
- Veterinary partners not required to testify

What was charged?

- Failure to provide proper space, air, drink and necessary veterinary care
- One count for each dog

Convicted on all 66 counts

Outcome



Questions?

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