

Twice the Fun: April 11-17, 2021
National Animal Care & Control Appreciation Week
&
National Bite Prevention Week



Please join us in saying **THANK YOU** to all the Animal Control Officers (ACOs) who dedicate their lives to helping animals and humans in our community every day!

Our brave ACOs invest time and devotion into serving the public, often risking their own health and safety in order to rescue animals and provide for their well-being, as well as help the people who love them. This week provides an opportunity to show our gratitude for their amazing work and recognize their efforts and commitment to the profession.

If you happen to see one of our ACOs out in the community this week (or anytime), please give them an air high five or shout out of gratitude!



Let's Prevent Dog Bites Together!

Did you know that...

The majority of dog bites involve children?

Most dog bites can be prevented?

In honor of National Dog Bite Prevention Week, our ACOs have a few words of wisdom to keep you and your children safe.



Avoid hugging.
Most dogs dislike it.

Officer Hart reminds the community, "Understand that what you think is cute and fun; your dog may perceive as scary or a uncomfortable. Remember that dogs don't have hands. They don't speak our language and when they react to something, it may be because they didn't like something you thought was cute or funny."

Be polite and kind to pets



Officer Wassil says, "Ask before petting a dog. The owner knows best and will let you know if the dog is friendly."



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating

Officer Robb says, "Monitor your toddlers when it comes to dogs and their food or toys. The dog may want to guard his food or toy and as a result, your child may get injured."



Learn to recognize
when your dog is scared
or anxious

Remember We Care About Your Safety!!

Visit our website for more information and resources.

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