

# Doing Things!

**Animal Services – Chapter 14 Ordinance 14-38: Irresponsible Owners** 

**Ordinance 14-39: Bite Incidents** 



### Introduction

- Chapter 14 Animals
  - Article II Animal Services
- Section 14-38: Irresponsible Pet Owner
  - Expands the County's power to enhance Public Safety.
  - Addresses owners who repeatedly allow pets to violate various sections of Chapter 14.
  - Restrictions placed on owners for additional pet ownership as well as on currently owned pets.
- Section 14-39: Bite Incidents
  - Addresses incidents with animals in noncompliance with ordinances that attack other animals; and severe injury or death are the result of the attack.

#### **Objectives**

- Educate pet owners on initial contact to increase awareness of ordinance requirements.
- Provide tools to increase pet owner's accountability for the actions of their pets.
- Mitigate questionable behaviors and prevent escalation of incidents and legal consequences.



	Total Field Calls*	Reported Bites	Citations Issued	Animal Intake**
2013	16,035	2,113	1,180	13,219
2014	15,006	2,015	869	12,908
2015 YTD	10,736	1,451	248	8,853
2015 Projection	14,000	1,950	423	12,500
% Decrease 2014 to 2015	-6.7%	-3.1%	-51.3%	-3.2%
% Decrease 2013 to 2015	-12.7%	-7.7%	-64.2%	-5.4%

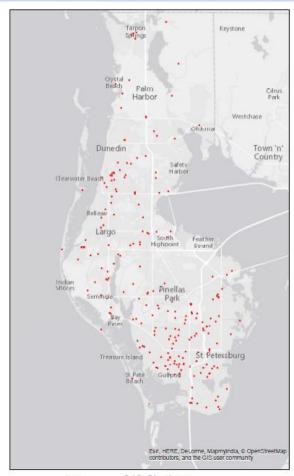
Total Cats and Dogs currently licensed in Pinellas County – 150,000 Dangerous Dogs Registered in Pinellas County – 15

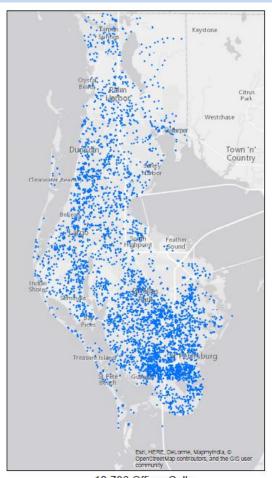


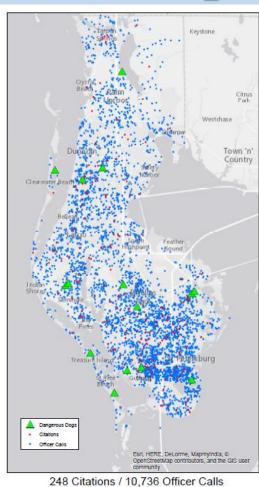


# **Statistics 2013 - 2015**









248 Citations

10,736 Officer Calls

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Animal Services - Citations & Officer Calls 2015 Year to Date



# Sec. 14-38: Irresponsible Pet Owner

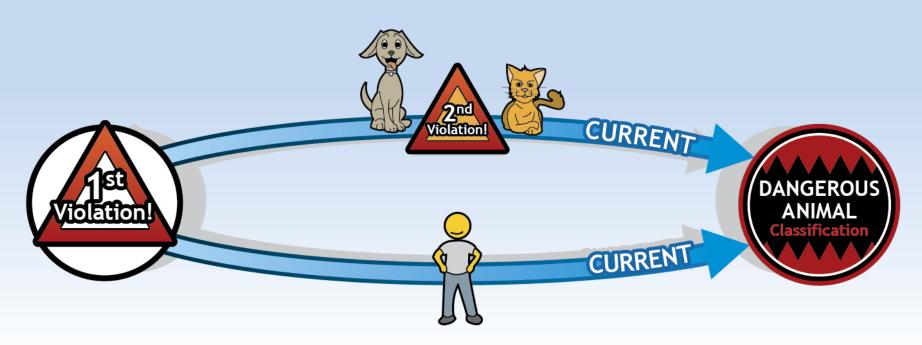
Protects the County's Citizens and animals from risks and expenses resulting from individuals who repeatedly fail to care responsibly for their domestic animals.

- Irresponsible Pet Owner Class I: Punishable by a minimum fine of \$300.
- Irresponsible Pet Owner Class II: Punishable by a minimum fine of \$400.
- Irresponsible Pet Owner Class II: For a period of three years will be subject to pet ownership restrictions and licensing surcharges.

## Sec. 14-39: Bite Incidents

- Animal to Animal attack causing severe injury or death.
- Punishable by a minimum fine of \$300.





#### **Violations**

Sec 14-30 - Public Nuisance \$148

Sec 14-31 - Tethering \$148

Sec 14-32 - Cruelty \$198

Sec 14-33 - Abandonment \$198

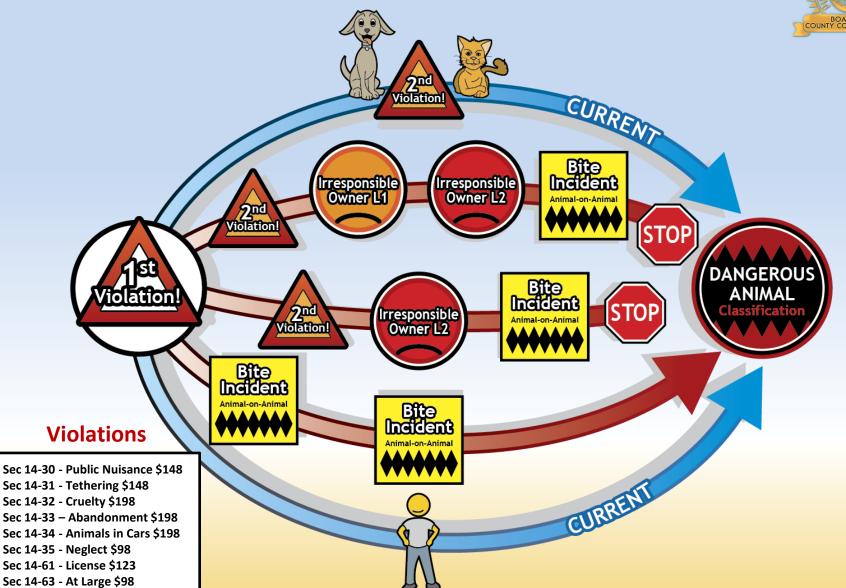
Sec 14-34 - Animals in Cars \$198

Sec 14-35 - Neglect \$98

Sec 14-61 - License \$123

Sec 14-63 - At Large \$98







# **Questions?**