

# Memorandum

To: DeKalb County Mayors/ City Managers and Police Chiefs

From: Greg Maurice, LEHP Director of Health Protection

Date: May 16, 2017

Re: After Hours Guidelines for the Animal Control Program

Animal Control currently assists municipalities with sick/injured wildlife during normal working hours and after hours as a courtesy. We realize we are better equipped to deal with animal issues than most municipalities, however we are unable to keep up this elevated level of service based on program mandates, and staffing levels.

The DeKalb County Animal Control program operates normal business hours of 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Animal Control will respond to the following mandated situations after hours, weekends, and holidays:

1. An animal bite has occurred and County quarantine is required because the animal does not meet the guidelines for home quarantine (current on rabies vaccination), or owners personal veterinarian will not accept animal for quarantine
2. An aggressive dog is loose in the public
3. A person has had potential exposure to a bat
4. A sick/injured loose dog requires emergency veterinary care
5. Livestock has been killed or injured by dogs
6. If you have questions contact Animal Control staff through your normal procedures.

In conclusion Animal Control will continue to respond to sick/injured wildlife during normal working hours as time permits. Generally after hours calls for sick/injured wildlife will need to be managed through a wildlife removal service, or municipal staff. Also all nuisance wildlife will need to be managed by a wildlife removal service or municipal staff. I am attaching a list of wildlife removal companies that may be utilized, however we do not endorse any company. To allow municipalities to prepare for this change, we will begin implementation on July 1, 2017.

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