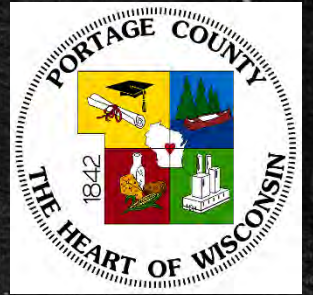


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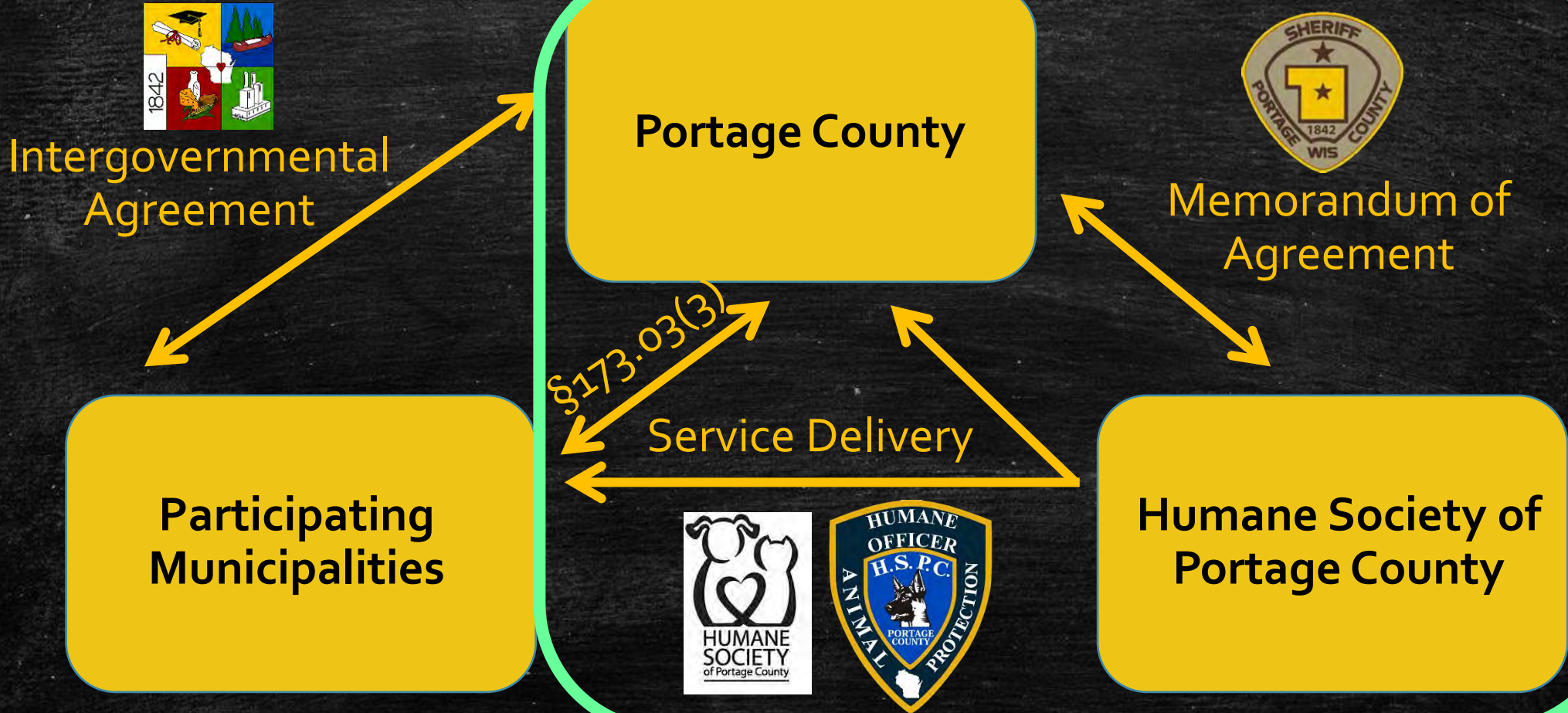
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County-wide ~~Animal~~ Control System



County-wide System

Authority

- Article XI, Section 3, Wisconsin Constitution
- §§ 59.02-.04, 66.0101-.0103, Wisconsin Statutes
- **§ 173.03 (1), Wisconsin Statutes***

*APPOINTMENT. The governing body of any political subdivision may appoint one or more humane officers...



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Jurisdiction

- § 173.03 (3), Wisconsin Statutes

JURISDICTION... A humane officer appointed by a county shall carry out his or her duties throughout the county, other than within the boundaries of a city or village whose governing body adopts a resolution withdrawing from county enforcement of humane laws and transmits a copy of the resolution to the county.



Three Types of Enforcement Authority

State Law

- Chap. 95, 173, 174, & 951, Wis. Statutes

County Ordinances

- § 4.9, Portage County Code of Ordinances

Municipal Ordinances

- City, Village, & Town Ordinances

State Law

Chapter 95, Wisconsin Statutes

- Animal Health

Chapter 173, Wisconsin Statutes

- Animals; Humane Officers

Chapter 174, Wisconsin Statutes

- Dogs

Chapter 951, Wisconsin Statutes

- Crimes Against Animals

County Ordinances

Section 4.9, Portage County Code of Ordinances

- Animal Control
- Adopts State Law

More on this later...



Municipal Ordinances

"General"

- e.g. Zoning, Fee Schedules, Building Code, Liquor

"Enabling"

- e.g. Speed Limits, Parking

"Exclusionary"

- e.g. Fireworks, Solicitors' Permits

"Prohibited"

- e.g. Obscene Material or Performance

"Permitted but Irrelivant" (w/o Enforcement)

- e.g. General Traffic, Animal Control



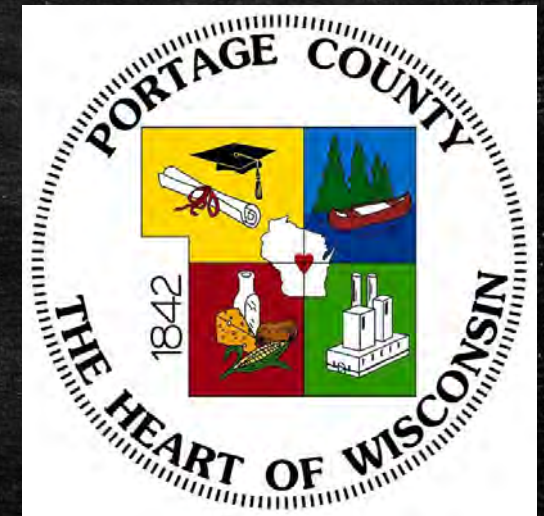
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Does the County enforce municipal ordinances?

Answer:

No

Exception: § 59.27 (13), Wis. Stats.



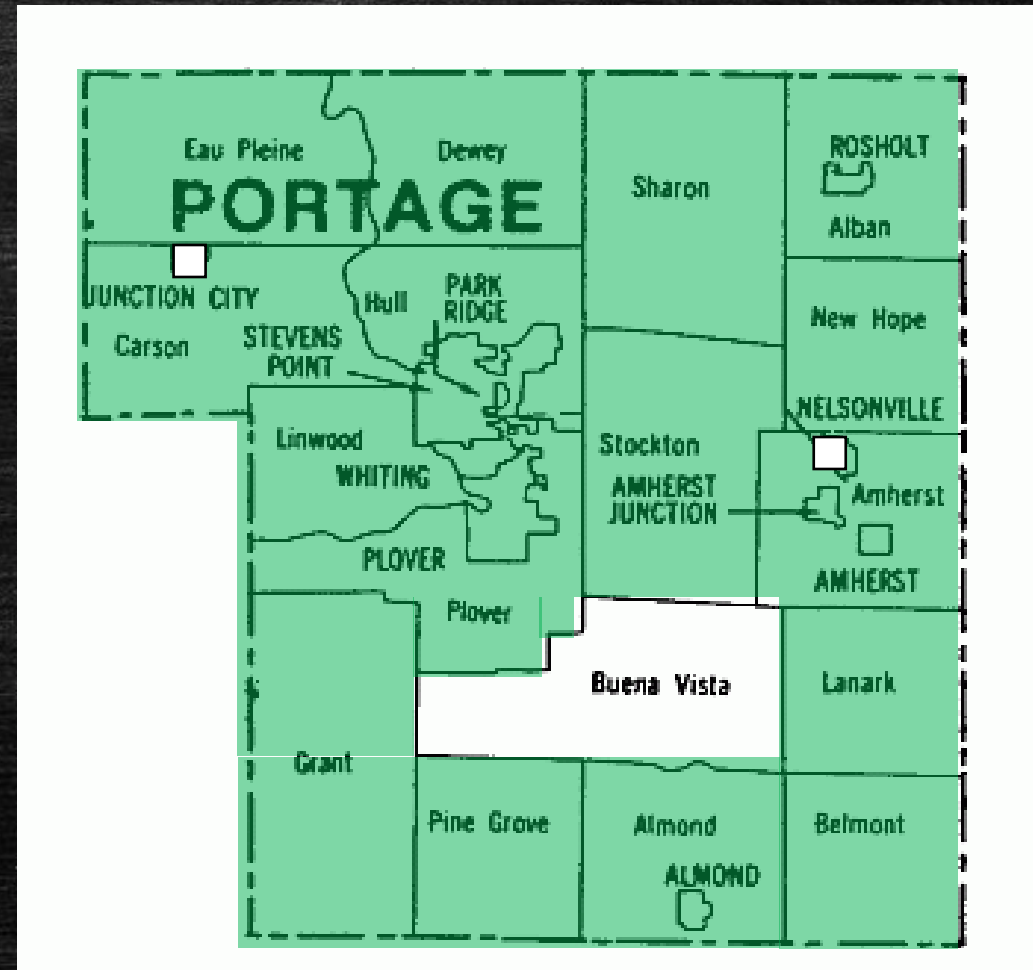
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- Criminal Violations
- Animal Control Ordinance



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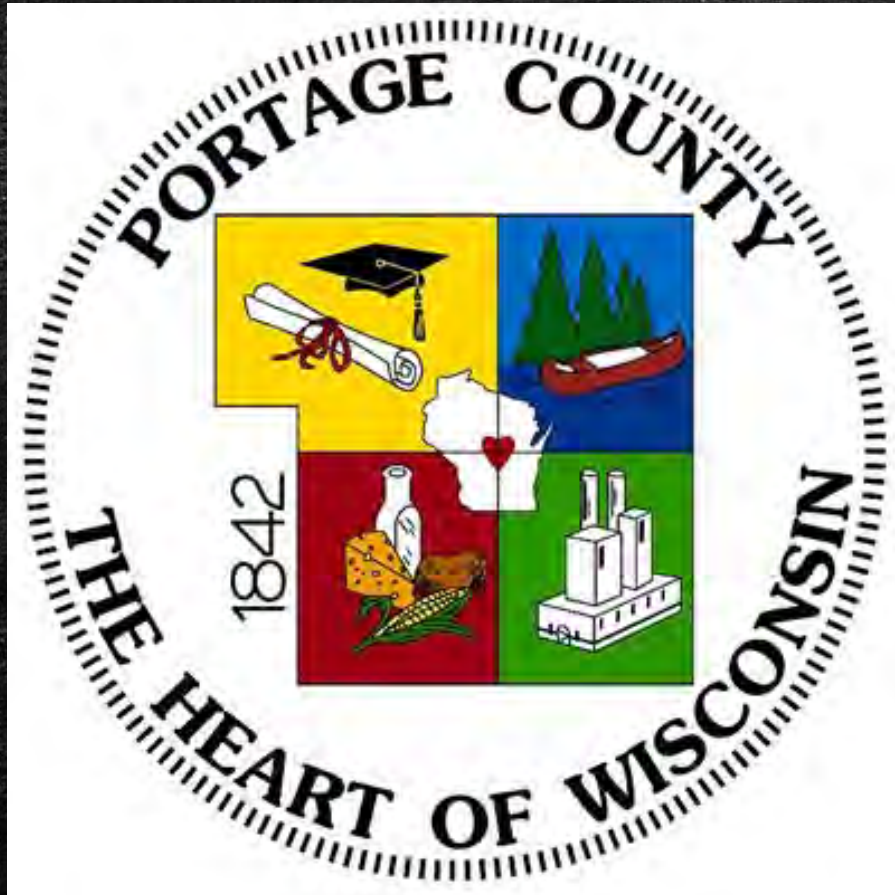
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Enforcement System



County Code of Ordinances



Section 4.9 Animal Control



Section 4.9, Animal Control

4.9.2

- Adoption of State Law

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- Dog Licenses

4.9.5

- Rabies Control Program

4.9.6

- Mistreating Animals...

Section 4.9, Animal Control Cont.

4.9.7

- Taking Animals without Owners Consent

4.9.8

- Using Poisons, Injurious, & Controlled Substances

4.9.9

- Providing Proper Food and Drink

4.9.10

- Providing Proper Shelter...



Section 4.9, Animal Control Cont.

4.9.11

- Abandonment

4.9.12

- Animal Nuisances

4.9.13

- Impoundment

4.9.14

- Vicious Animals...

NEW

Section 4.9, Animal Control Cont.

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- Commercial Establishments

4.9.16

- Animal Control Agency

4.9.17

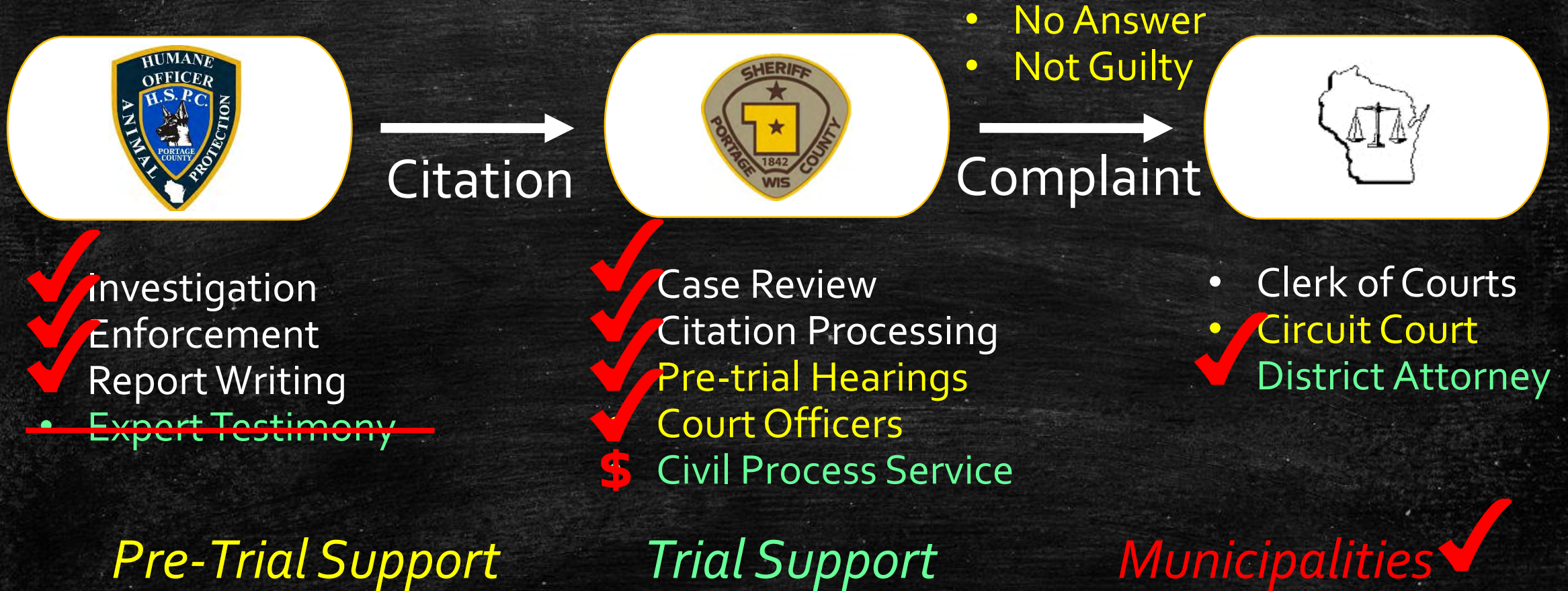
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- Penalties and Citations



Prosecution System



Abatement Orders



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FIND SERVICES

- Online Services & Payments
- Boards & Commissions
- Departments
- Courts
- Entertainment

SUMMER GROWING SEASON

Farmers Market photo by KT Elements

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The County Board of Supervisors voted on the final draft of the 2017-2021 Portage County Master Strategic Plan at their June meeting. Thank you to everyone who contributed to

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/29/2017
Tomorrow River State Trail Horse Trail is now open
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LATEST NEWS

MEETING & AGENDAS

- JUL 11** Land and Water Conservation Committee
7/11/2017 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- JUL 12** EMS Negotiations Group Meeting



County Animal Control Website

The screenshot shows the Portage County website with a navigation menu. A green arrow points to the 'Animal Control Program' link, which is circled in yellow. The website header includes 'Portage County', a search bar, and a 'Translate' button. The navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'WHAT'S NEW', 'DEPARTMENT', 'GOVERNMENT', 'SERVICES', and 'HOW DO I...?'. The 'SERVICES' dropdown menu is open, showing various options like 'Pay Fines', 'Pay Taxes', 'POWTS Maintenance', 'Sheriff's Sales', 'Subscribe to Email Notifications', 'Tapestry - Land Records Inquiry', 'Tax Inquiry', 'Volume & Page Search', and 'Well Water Quality Project'. Below the navigation menu, there is a 'NATURE OF SUMMER' section with a photo of a meadow and the text 'Mead Wildlife Area'. There is also an 'IN THE SPOTLIGHT' section with a yellow background and text about the County Board of Supervisors voting on the 2017-2021 Portage County Master Strategic Plan. At the bottom, there are sections for 'UPCOMING EVENTS', 'LATEST NEWS', and 'MEETING & AGENDAS'. The 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section has a date of 6/29/2017 and a headline 'Tomorrow River State Trail Horse Trail is now open'. The 'LATEST NEWS' section has a date of 6/29/2017 and a headline 'The Tomorrow River State Trail Horse Trail is now open. We...'. The 'MEETING & AGENDAS' section has a date of JUL 11 and a headline 'Land and Water Conservation Committee' with a time of 7/11/2017 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. There is also a date of JUL 12 and a headline 'EMS Negotiations Group Meeting'.



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- ▶ Operations Division
- Communications Center
- ▶ Corrections Division (Jail)
- Juvenile Detention Center
- ▶ Records Division
- ▶ Classes And Events
- Warrants
- Surrendering Firearms
- ▶ Animal Control
- Parking Tickets
- News Releases
- Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee

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Animal Control

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Information Regarding the Portage County Animal Control Program



County-wide Program

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Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee	
Traffic Safety Commission	
Traffic Incident Management Committee	
Project Lifesaver	
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[Click here](#) to view a copy of the licensing reminder letter from the Sheriff.

Contact

Requests for animal control and other questions can be directed to the HSPC.

HSPC Hours of Operation

Monday, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays: 11AM-5PM

Tuesdays: 11AM - 7PM

Closed: Wednesdays, Sundays, and Holidays

715-344-6012

After Hours

Portage County Sheriff's Office Communications Center

715-346-1400

If you live in the **Town of Buena Vista, Village of Junction City, or the Village of Nelsonville**, your municipality has chosen not to participate and *you are not part of the County's Animal Control Program*. Please contact your Town Chair or Village President for any animal control issues that you may have.

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The Portage County 2016 Annual Animal Control meeting was held on October 18, 2016. **You can access the meeting notes and packet here.**

Municipalities are invited to send representatives to the next annual meeting to learn the latest in County animal control efforts, ask questions, and discuss the Program with County and HSPC experts. **The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2017.**

Reminder Posters

Created by Portage County's UW-Extension Department, these posters are available for download and use.



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The screenshot displays a website page with a white background and a dark grey sidebar on the left. At the top, there are three small rectangular boxes containing text. Below these is the section header "Legal References" in bold black text. Underneath, five lines of text list Wisconsin State Statutes and Portage County Ordinances related to animal health, animals, dogs, and crimes against animals. The next section is "Municipal E-Mail Communications" in bold black text, followed by a paragraph explaining that the page is for municipalities and that users should contact via email. At the bottom, a box contains text about free viewers and a row of seven icons for PDF, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and other document formats.

Legal References

- Chapter 95. Wisconsin State Statutes - **Animal Health**
- Chapter 173. Wisconsin State Statutes - **Animals; Humane Officers**
- Chapter 174. Wisconsin State Statutes - **Dogs**
- Chapter 951. Wisconsin State Statutes - **Crimes Against Animals**
- Chapter 4. Portage County Code of Ordinances - Health and Sanitation (Section 4.9 is **Animal Control**)

Municipal E-Mail Communications

If you are representing a municipality and not on the mailing list, please let us know what email address you would like to use **by sending us an email**. This is not intended for the general public.

Free viewers are required for some of the attached documents.
They can be downloaded by clicking on the icons below.



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<http://www.co.portage.wi.us/departmentsheriff-s-office/animal-control>

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Questions?



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