

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: A Ordinance Prohibiting Tampering with Police Animals – 15-28.4
DATE: November 19, 2001
PREPARED BY: Enza Petrarca, Assistant Village Attorney
Ray Byrne, Deputy Chief
PURPOSE: To adopt an ordinance prohibiting tampering with police animals

DISCUSSION:

This ordinance adopts Illinois Statute 510 ILCS 70/4.03, which prohibits teasing, striking or tampering with police animals. This ordinance mirrors the language of the State statute. The ordinance would allow for officer discretion in charging offenders with minor incidents involving Passo. Of course, the more serious violations will be prosecuted under State statute, which could be classified as class 4 felonies. By adopting this ordinance, the prosecutions would be handled at local level and the Village would realize the full benefit of any fines imposed.

ATTACHMENT:

An Ordinance Prohibiting Tampering with Police Animals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please place the ordinance on the November 27th Workshop Agenda for placement on a future active agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TAMPERING WITH POLICE ANIMALS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by shading; deletions by ~~strikeout~~.)

SECTION 1. That Section 15-28.4 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

15-28.4. Teasing, Striking or Tampering with Police Animals Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and maliciously taunt, torment, tease, beat, strike or administer or subject any desensitizing drugs, chemicals or substances to any animal used by a law enforcement officer in the performance of his functions or duties, or when placed in confinement off duty, or to interfere or meddle with any such animal used by a law enforcement department or agency or any handler thereof in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

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