



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FIELD SERVICES BUREAU ORDERS

SOP 4-26

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## 4-26 DESTRUCTION/CAPTURE OF ANIMALS

### 4-26-1 Policy

It is the policy of Field Services to assist the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the City of Albuquerque Animal Control officers in the capture and/or destruction of wild/dangerous animals.

### 4-26-2 Rules and Procedures

#### A. Wild/Dangerous Animal

1. In all cases where an officer or ECC is notified of a wild animal in or near a populated area, ECC will call the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the Albuquerque Animal Control Center.
2. Officer response will be to observe and follow the animal, not apprehend or contain the animal.
3. Once the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish arrive on the scene, they have overall responsibility for all subsequent activities
4. APD officers will be responsible for crowd management and control.
5. If deadly force is needed, it will be carried out by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, if possible. If a life endangering situation or threat to public safety exists and it is necessary to destroy an animal, APD officers may use deadly force.
  - a. If the circumstances can warrant a delay, when there is no present danger due to temporary control or if the animal is mortally injured, then authorization for the use of deadly force must be granted by a supervisor. Personnel should consult with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish or Albuquerque Animal Control Officers, if time permits.