BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 18, 2024
6:30 PM

Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Avenue, Wellington, CO

Work Session Agenda

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A. ITEMS

1. Animal-related Regulations

   - Presentation: Cody Bird, Director of Planning

2. Election Program Presentation

   - Presentation: Ethan Muhs, Town Clerk

3. Senate Bill 24-131 Overview

   - Presentation: Dan Sapienza, Town Attorney

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Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: **June 18, 2024**
Subject: **Animal-related Regulations**

- **Presentation: Cody Bird, Director of Planning**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation Slides
2. Animal Services Survey Results - June 2024
3. Animal Services Survey - Open Ended Comments - June 2024
4. Animal Services Survey Results - February 2024

Animal-related Regulations

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Background

March 26, 2024 Policy Topics

Board of Trustees Policy Topics

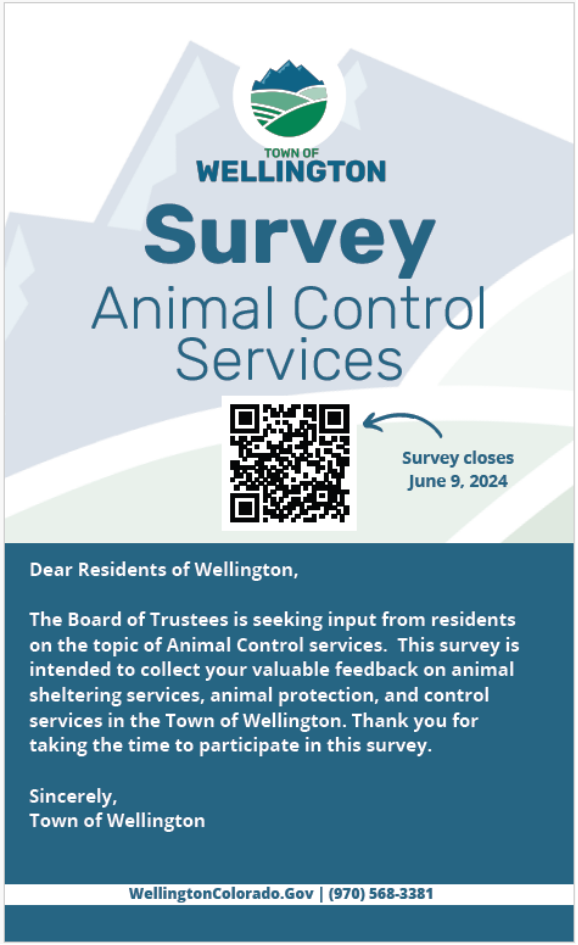
- Alternate impoundment locations – local drop-off/pick-up
  - Practices for contacting owners
  - Timing considerations for local operator – availability, and timing if not picked up
- Feasibility of "Off-leash parks" or "Fetch Zones"
- Patrol practices
- Clear process and procedures
  - Enforcement
- Animal-at-large
  - Are there different categories? Safety, fence blown down, etc.
  - What are limits of the offense?
  - Under control or on leash
- Fine amounts and applicability
- Service animals – Different considerations needed?
- Operating procedures – Wellington specific
- Licensing procedures – online opportunities?

March 26, 2024
Community Engagement

Community Engagement Ideas

- Survey
  - Leave space of open-ended responses
  - Ranking matrix (importance)
- How to share information for input opportunities
  - QR codes, bulletin boards, local veterinarians
- Town Hall – Open House
- Consider opportunity for a Steering Committee/Round Table

159 Respondents



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Policy Topics

Alternate Impoundment Locations

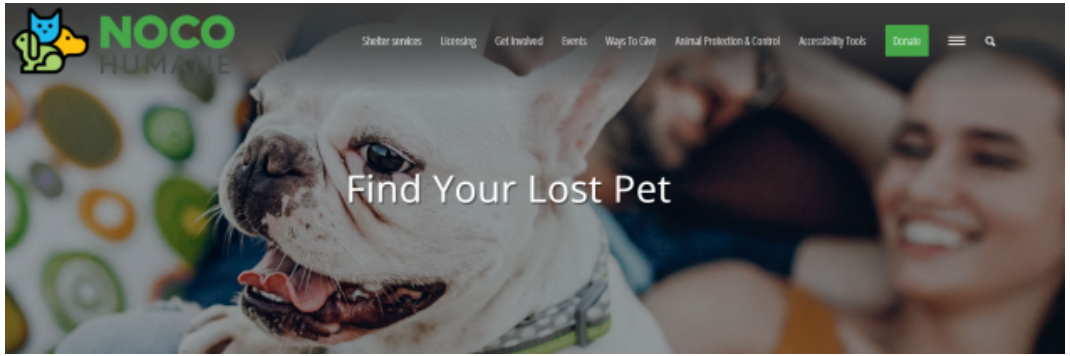
- Animal Shelter Facilities are regulated in accordance with the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act (PACFA) and administered by the Department of Agriculture, Consumer Services Division.

- Each location of a pet animal facility must be separately licensed and inspected in accordance with PACFA facility regulations and design guidelines.

- There are currently no animal shelter facilities licensed in Wellington to be able to accept animals for impoundment.

Alternate Impoundment Locations

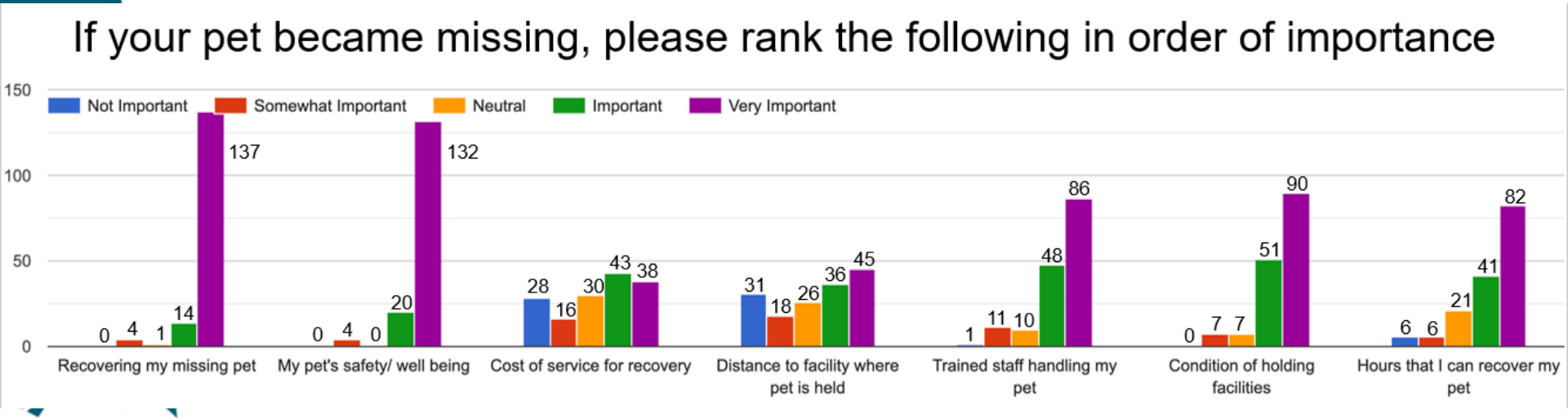
- Practices for contacting owners
  - If an animal has identification (license tag, rabies vaccination tag or microchip), NOCO Humane Officers contact the owner of record by phone.
  - Animals are returned to the owner if the owner can be reached and is available to get their animal.
  - If an owner cannot be reached, or is unavailable, the animal is transported to the NOCO Humane facility for boarding and care until the owner can pick it up.
  - Animals whose owners cannot be identified are taken to NOCO Humane and boarded and cared for while the animal's photo is placed on the NOCO Humane website for lost pets.



Alternate Impoundment Locations

- Timing Considerations
  - NOCO Humane is open Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday/Sunday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.
  - There are currently no local operators licensed for animal shelter facilities for impoundment. Local impoundment facilities are not currently available.
  - Local providers' hours for impoundment pick-up are unknown until a shelter license is obtained and hours of operation posted.
  - State law (PACFA) requires impounded animals to be retained a minimum of five (5) days to allow pet owners time to locate and reunite with their animals.
  - There were 354 days of impoundment for animals from Wellington in 2023.

Alternate Impoundment Locations



Patrol Practices

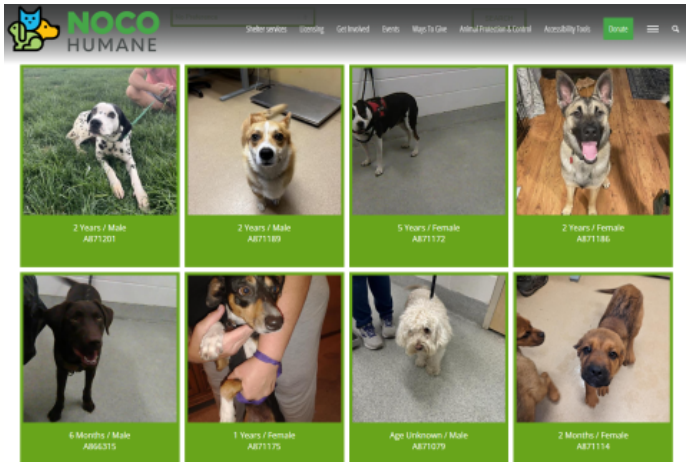
- Availability
  - 8 hours per day, 5 days per week
  - Emergency services available outside of the normal service hours
  - Joint Agreement provides that NOCO Humane determines the best way to provide patrol across all participating jurisdictions.

- Officers are trained to seek solutions first:
  - Locate pet owners if possible
  - Seek voluntary compliance through verbal reminders
  - Violations are a last resort when compliance is refused

- Presence of NOCO Humane vehicles in the community serves as a reminder that there are rules and regulations.

Patrol Practices

- NOCO Humane contract provides that stray domestic animals in custody will be picked up when another solution cannot be found.
- When animals are picked up and cared for by NOCO Humane, owners can find their pictures posted on the NOCO Humane hosted website.
- Lost and Found Pets



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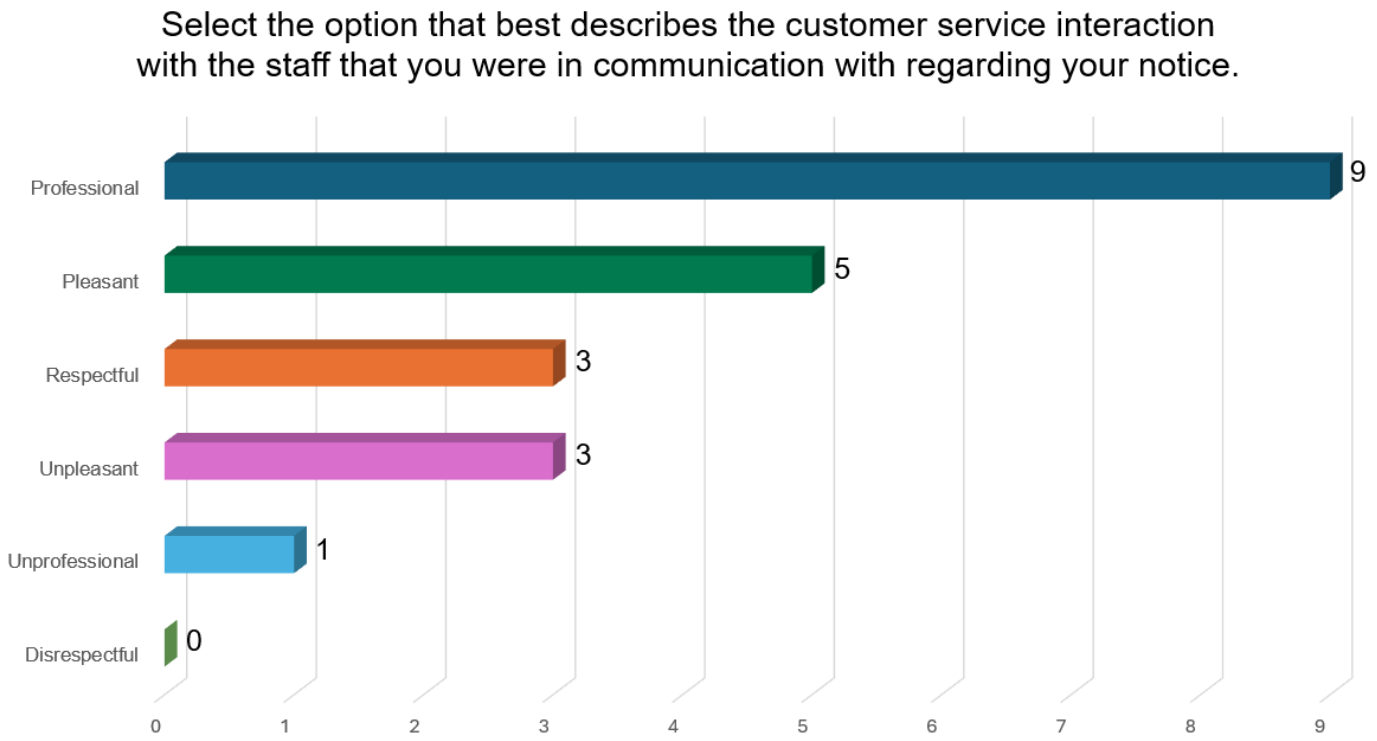
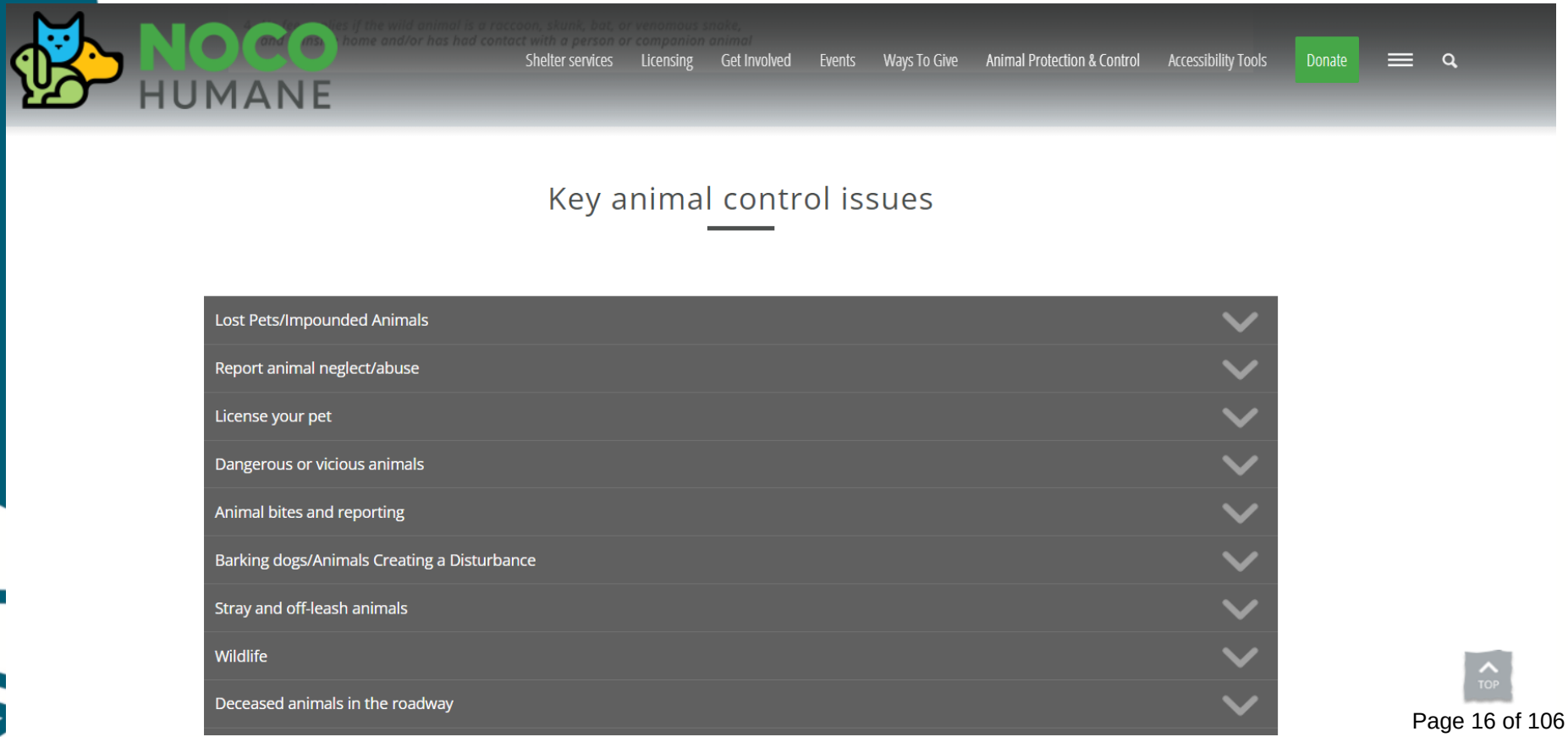


Clear Process and Procedures

- Town Website links to NOCO Humane's website. NOCO Humane's website has a dedicated page for Wellington with Town regulations, procedures, and how to contact.

Clear Process and Procedures



Clear Process and Procedures

Lost Pets/Impounded Animals

Pet animals impounded at NOCO Humane from the Town of Wellington are posted in the FIND YOUR LOST PET section under the Shelter Services menu on this website. This page is updated regularly throughout the day. Other important information about lost and impounded animals can be found in the Stray and off-leash animals tab of this webpage.

If you are seeking information about or want to report a found pet or loose animal, please contact Animal Protection & Control Dispatch at 970.226.3647 ext. 7. Or learn more at Stray and off-leash animals.

Impound and boarding fees will apply to pets brought into the shelter.

For more information regarding animals at large and impoundment as they pertain to the Wellington municipal code, please visit code Sec 7-4-820.

Dangerous or vicious animals

If you or your pet has been a victim of aggressive behavior displayed by another animal, call us immediately at 970.226.3647 ext. 7. If you have a life-threatening situation involving both humans and animals, call 911.

Reports of vicious animals will be investigated by our officers. Statements from the victim, owner, and any witnesses will be taken. Proof of rabies vaccination may be required. The animal may be quarantined and/or impounded. Citations and/or criminal charges may result.

For more information regarding vicious animals as it pertains to the Town of Wellington municipal code, please click this link.

Animal-At-Large

Municipal Code – Sec. 7-4-10. Definitions.

- ***Animal at Large*** *means any animal outside of a fence or other enclosure which restrains the animal to a particular premises, whether on public or private property, and not under the control, by leash or lead, of a person capable of controlling the animal. Animals tethered to a stationary object within reach of a street, sidewalk, alley, trail or other public right-of-way are deemed to be at-large.*
- ***Control*** *means an animal must be on a leash or lead not more than six (6) feet in length, physically controlled by a person capable of controlling the animal.*

Animal-At-Large

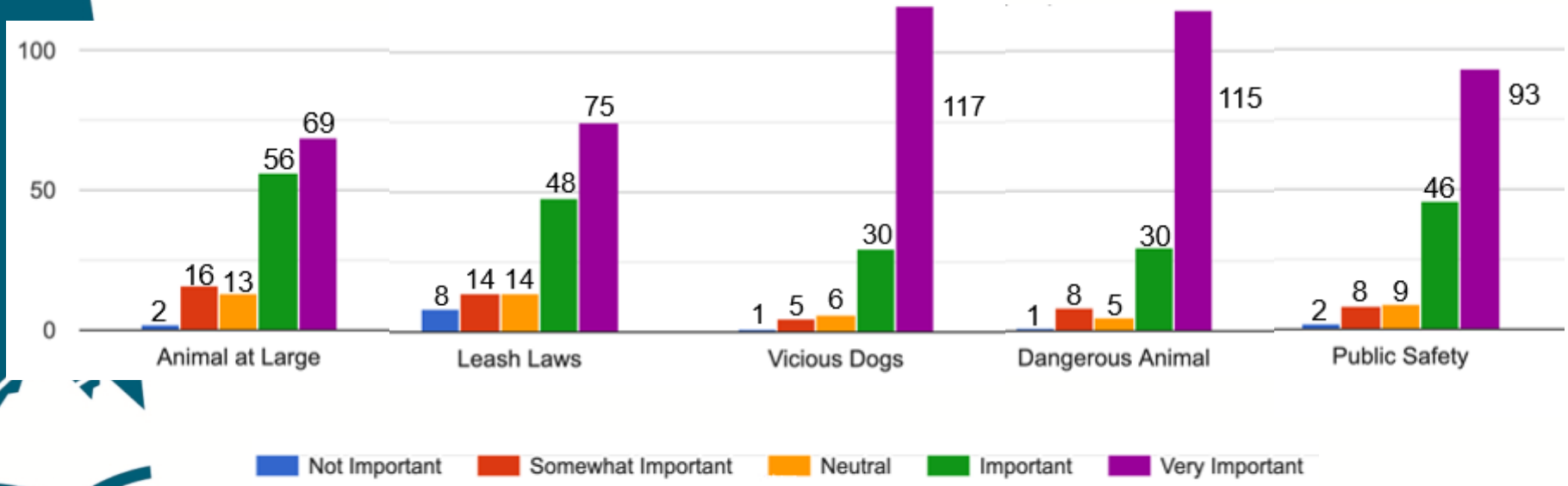
- Are there different categories?
  - There is not currently a code definition or policy defining different categories of animal-at-large. The definition is intended to encompass a broad range of possible scenarios.
  - Animal-at-large regulations are to ensure public safety, health and safety for animals, and security and predictability for all residents and animals.
  - Generally, there would not be a reason to define or regulate animal at large differently based on the circumstances of why the animal is at-large.
    - Whether a fence or gate is damaged, the animal escaped, the owner let the animal out, or a service animal – when unattended, all scenarios create safety and other concerns

- A possible consideration for categorizing could include “off-leash parks” or “fetch zones” (discussed later).
  - Possibly modify the definition of animal-at-large to allow voice and sight control considerations to allow animals to be off-leash in designated areas.

Animal-At-Large

- Limits of the Offense
  - Municipal Code defines any animal-at-large as a violation.
  - NOCO Humane First Quarter 2024 Report (January through March)
    - 71 stray animal calls
    - Zero (0) animal at-large found
    - 5 stray animals in custody recovered
    - 1 animal-at-large warning issued
- Violations are a last resort when other means of compliance are ineffective.

Animal-At-Large



Fine Amounts and Applicability

Municipal Code – Sec. 7-4-830. - Nuisance and animal-at-large violations.

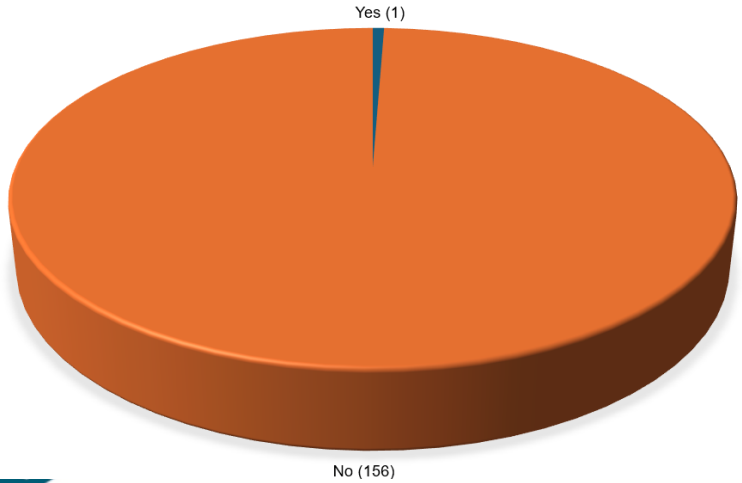
- *Any person found guilty of permitting an animal to be at large, as defined in Section 7-4-160 above or a nuisance as defined in this Article shall be guilty of a petty offense and fined:*

1) *Not less than one hundred dollars ($100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the first offense. Any person may enter a guilty plea and pay the minimum fine prior to arraignment in Municipal Court.*
2) *Not less than one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the second offense within a twelve-consecutive-month period. The Animal Control Officer may afford any person the opportunity to enter a guilty plea and pay the minimum fine.*
3) *Not less than two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for all offenses subsequent to the second offense within a twelve-consecutive-month period.*

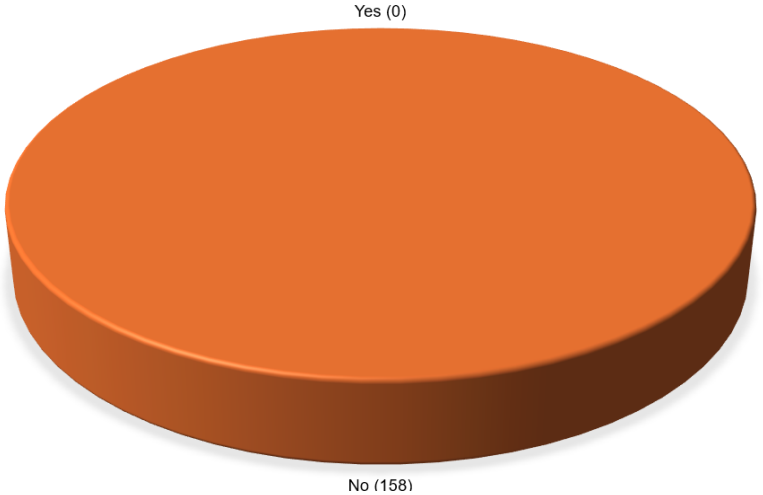
Fine Amounts and Applicability

- Survey Results

In the past 12 months, have you received a notice of violation for an animal-related regulation?



In the past 12 months, have you received a ticket, fine or penalty for an animal-related violation?



- Some cases do go to municipal court when no other solution can be found

Service Animals

- Service Animals are subject to the same rules and responsibilities as other types of animals.
    - License requirements, vaccination requirements, animal at-large, etc. are all still relevant to service animals.
- The Municipal Code currently provides exceptions for service animals in the following ways:
    - License fees are waived for certified service animals (Sec. 7-4-350).
    - Excrement removal does not apply to a blind person while walking a guide dog (Sec. 7-4-660).

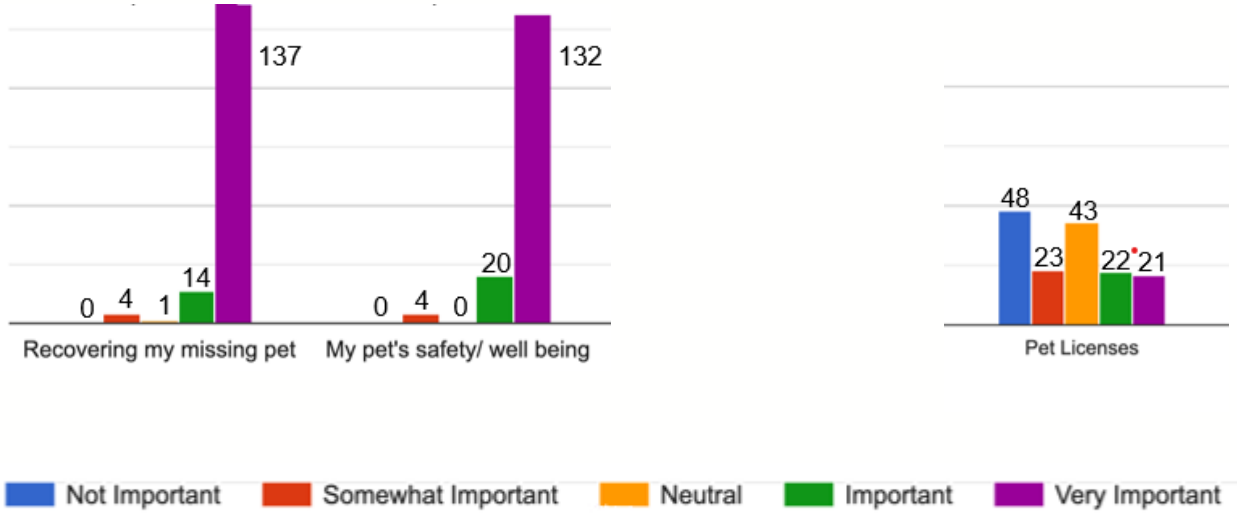
Operating Procedures

Licensing Procedures

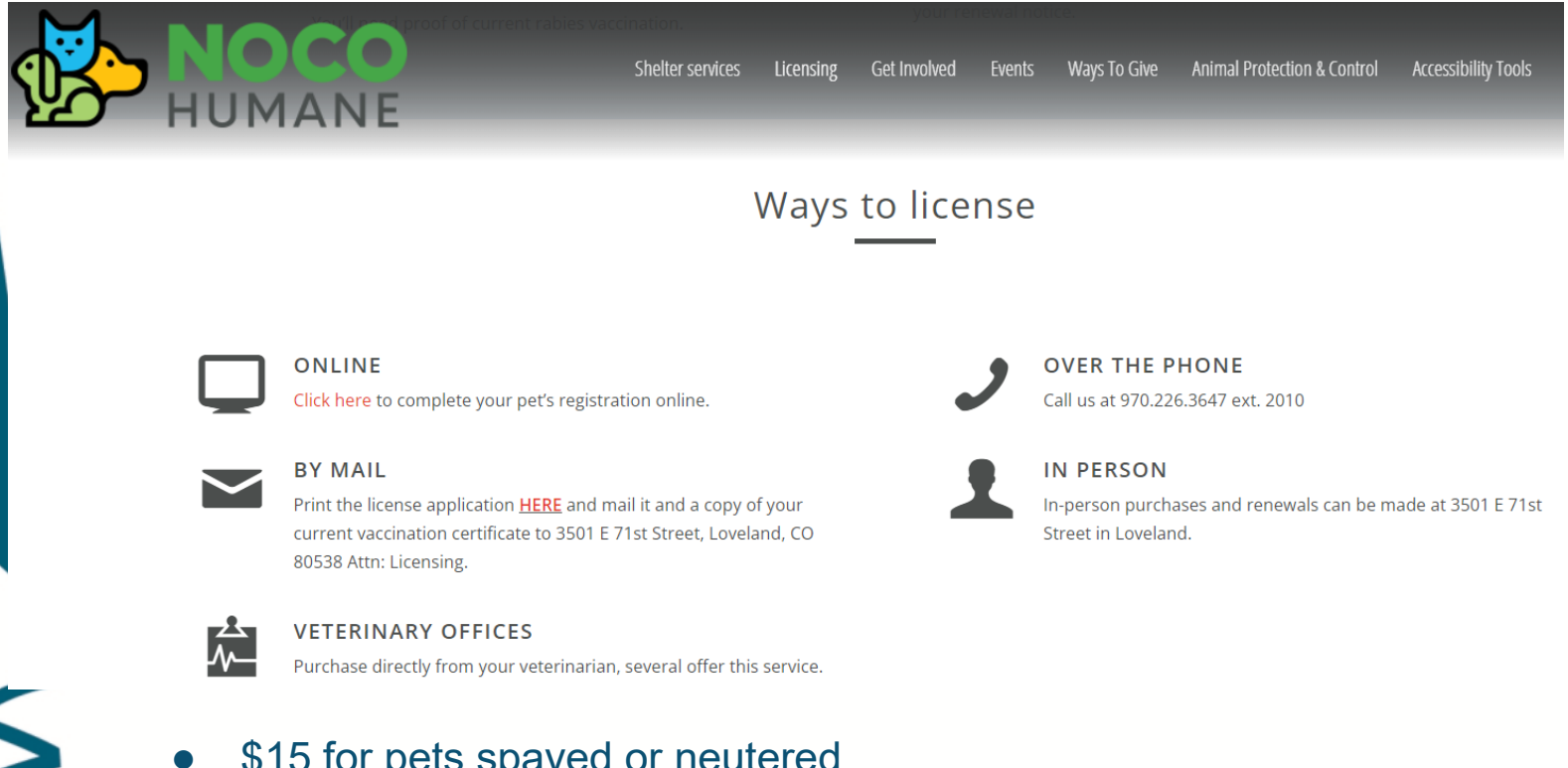
- Licenses are required in the Town of Wellington.
- Sec. 7-4-310. - License requirement.
    - *Any person owning, keeping, harboring or having custody of any dog or cat over six (6) months of age within the Town must obtain a license as herein provided. The Town will recognize a current County dog license as fulfilling this requirement for dogs and cats.*
- Sec. 7-4-330. - License period.
    - *If not revoked, licenses for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the month of licensing. Such a license shall be renewed annually.*

Licensing Procedures

- Survey Results



Licensing Is Easy



- $15 for pets spayed or neutered
- $50 for pets that are intact

“Off-leash Parks” or “Fetch Zones”

- Possible alternative to dog parks and could offer flexibility for residents to exercise their pets in a different way.
- Could legally allow an option that is not a violation of animal-at-large

- Needs for implementation:
  - Park spaces (acquire new park spaces, or give up existing spaces for new uses)
  - New policies, rules and regulations
  - New programs and license/tag type (voice and sight tag program)
  - Safety, security, sanitation infrastructure
  - Parks Dept. resources for maintenance
  - Enforcement
  - Other?

“Off-leash Parks” or “Fetch Zones”

- Boulder, CO
  - Example off-leash dog area rules

- It is your responsibility to know all rules and regulations concerning the off-leash dog area.
- Lack of responsible dog or guardian behavior may result in a summons being issued.
- Dogs must be on-leash in the park outside of the designated off-leash dog area
- Only people who have registered with the city's Voice and sight Tag Program may have a dog off-leash in the off-leash dog area.
- Voice and Sight Tag must be visibly displayed on each dog that is off-leash.
- Voice and Sight includes the requirement that your dog must respond immediately to your command. If you command your dog to come and stay with you, the dog must obey immediately regardless of any temptations or distractions.
- All dogs must be currently vaccinated and display a City of Boulder dog license or current ID and rabies vaccination tag.
- Dog guardian must have, in their possession, a leash for each dog in a condition to be attached to the dog without delay.
- No more than 2 dogs simultaneously off-leash allowed per dog guardian.
- No charging, chasing, harassing or otherwise displaying aggression toward any person, dog or wildlife is allowed.
- Dog guardians must immediately remove and dispose of their pet's excrement.
- Be aware of park property boundary and respectful to neighbors by keeping your dog within off-leash area.

“Off-leash Parks” or “Fetch Zones”

Voice and Sight Requirements and Expectations: It is a high standard to have your dog off leash and under Voice and Sight Control when confronted by distractions, wildlife, other animals like horses, dogs and the occasional cat. We are proud of the dog guardians who have spent countless hours training and working with their pup to ensure they meet the standard!

Voice and Sight control means the ability of a dog guardian to adequately control a dog by using voice commands and sight commands (such as hand gestures). In order for a guardian or keeper to have voice and sight control over a dog, the guardian must:

- be able to see the dog's actions; and
- be able to prevent the dog from engaging in the following behaviors, using voice and sight commands, **without regard to circumstances or distractions:**
  - Charging, chasing, or otherwise displaying aggression toward any person or behaving toward any person in a manner that a reasonable person would find harassing or disturbing;
  - Charging, chasing, or otherwise displaying aggression toward any dog;
  - Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife or livestock; or
  - Failing to come to and stay with the guardian or keeper immediately upon command by such person.

https://bouldercolorado.gov/services/voice-and-sight-program

“Off-leash Parks” or “Fetch Zones”

- Berthoud, CO

18.5 - Control

18.5-1 Animal at Large

A. All animals, except domestic cats, shall be kept under leash control by the keeper of the animal when not on the property of the owner. A solid leash shall be no more than six feet in length or a retractable leash and shall be of sufficient strength to safely control the animal, regardless of the type of leash.

B. No keeper of such animals shall permit the animal to run at large within the Town. If any animal is found at large in any place within the Town other than upon the premises of its keeper or within designated off-leash areas, the keeper is presumed to have violated this Section.

C. While within designated off-leash areas, any animal shall be within sight and command control of its keeper at all times if not under leash control. The keeper shall remain responsible for such animal if it comes into contact with any other person or animal and regardless of whether the other animal is on a leash or within sight and command control of its keeper.

D. Designated areas that do not require animals to be leashed at all times shall be set by resolution of the Town Board and may be changed from time to time as deemed necessary. An exception shall be allowed for animals engaged in retrieval games as long as the animal is within sight and under command control at all times of the keeper. When not actively retrieving, the animal shall immediately be placed back onto the leash.

E. No animal shall be tied unattended upon public property or tied in any fashion that would interfere with the public or pedestrian traffic

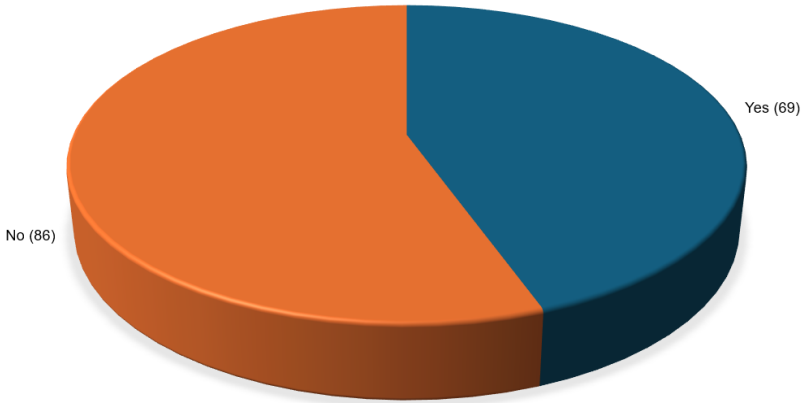
F. The keeper of an animal shall be responsible for picking up and disposing of any waste left by the animal(s). Failure to do so shall be a violation of Section 18.5-5.

G. Exclusions. Except for part (F), above, this Section shall not apply to Service animals accompanied by their keeper, nor dogs participating in dog shows, dog exhibits or dog training activities to the extent that such shows, exhibits and activities are conducted in compliance with the requirements of this Code.

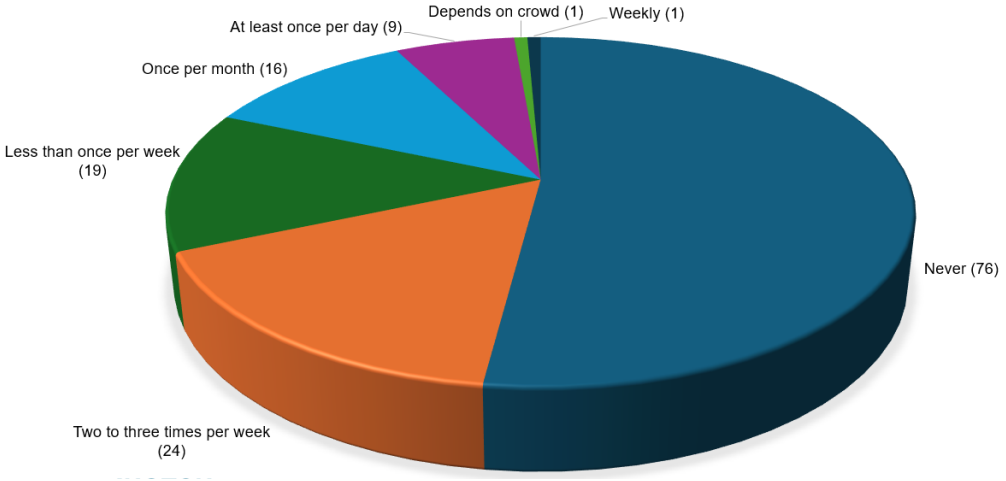
“Off-leash Parks” or “Fetch Zones”

- Survey Results

Would you use an “off-leash park” or “fetch zone” if a public space were provided?



How often would you use an "off-leash park" or "fetch zone"?



Results of community survey on Animal Control Services in Wellington

June 13, 2024

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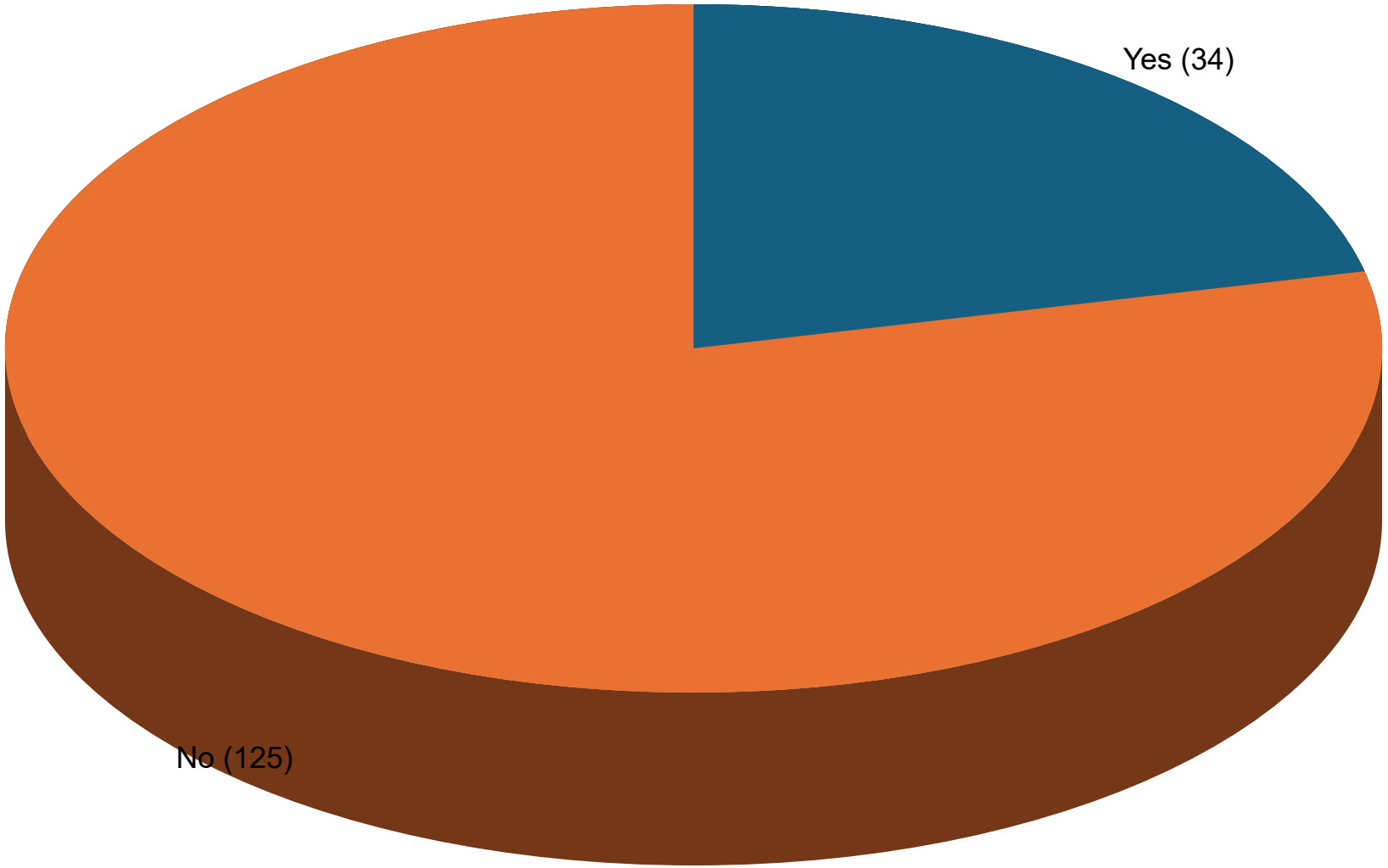
Do you use the dog park at wellington community park?



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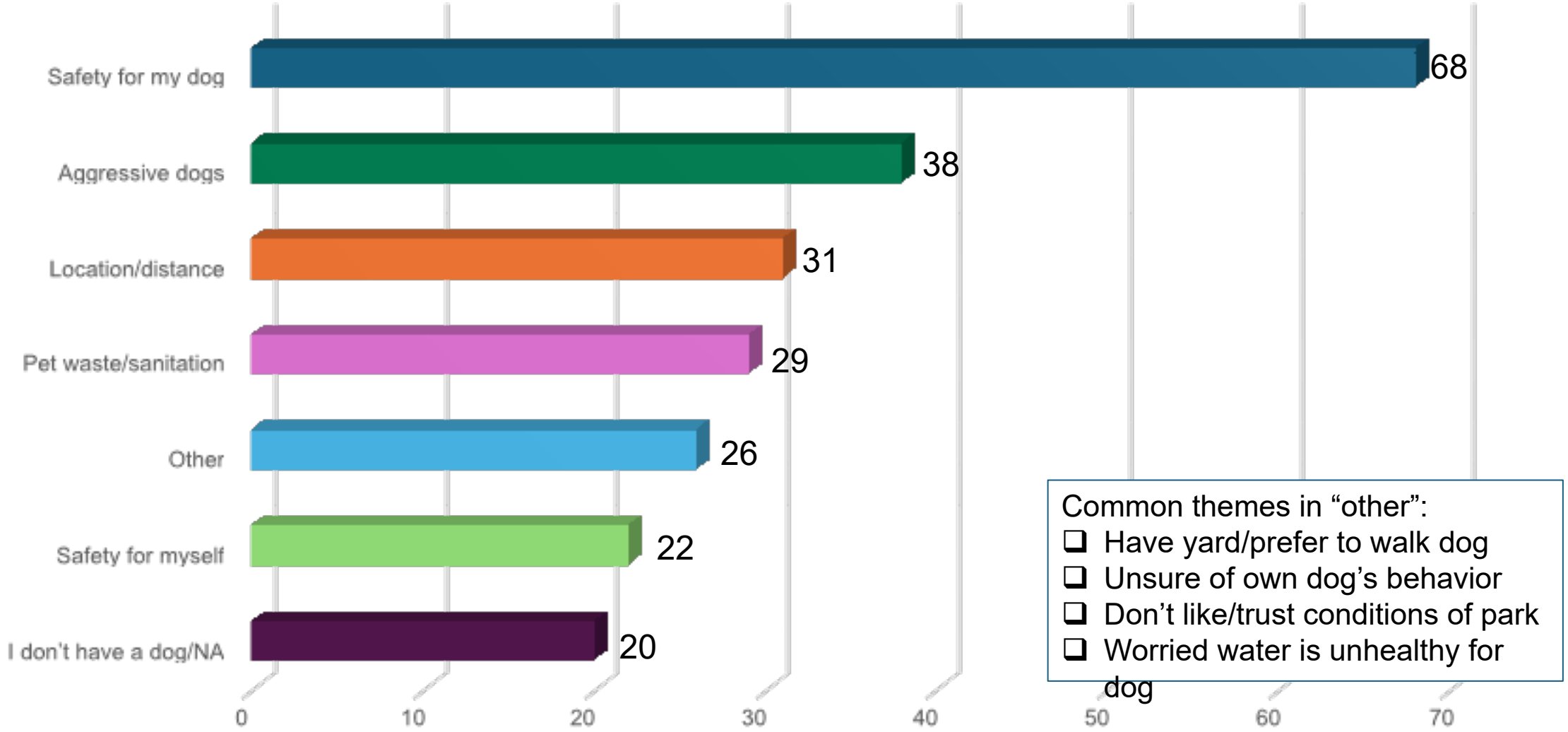
If you do not use the dog park at Wellington Community Park, why not?



Common themes in “other”:

- ❑ Have yard/prefer to walk dog
- ❑ Unsure of own dog’s behavior
- ❑ Don’t like/trust conditions of park
- ❑ Worried water is unhealthy for dog

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Please list any concerns you have about how the dog park currently operates or is used.

- The park receives mixed reviews, with some praising its cleanliness and responsible owners, while others express concerns about aggressive dogs, lack of enforcement of leash laws, and sanitation issues, particularly with the pond water.
- Some suggest adding more poop stations and shade structures, while others request better access control to separate areas for dogs with different needs.
- Overall, while some enjoy the park and visit regularly, others avoid it due to safety concerns or prefer using alternative areas for their dogs.

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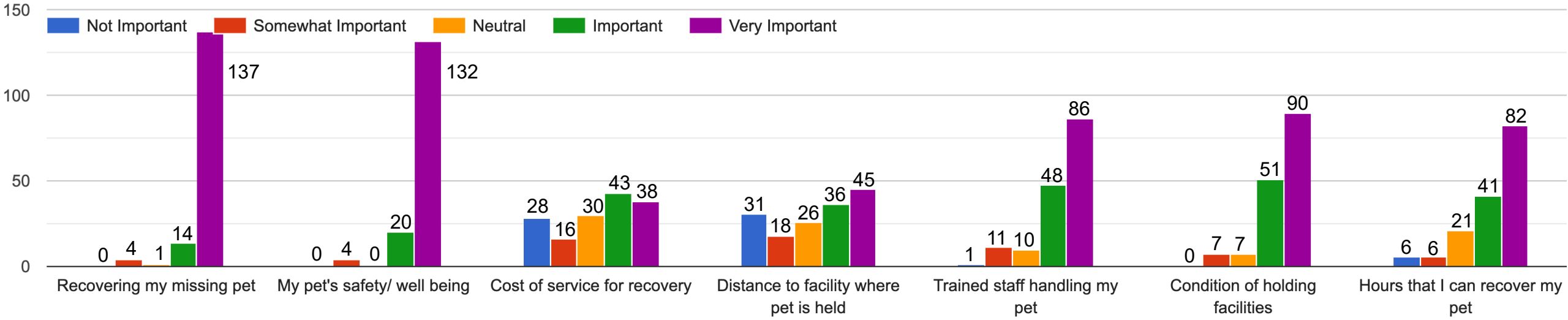
If your pet became missing, please rank the following in order of importance



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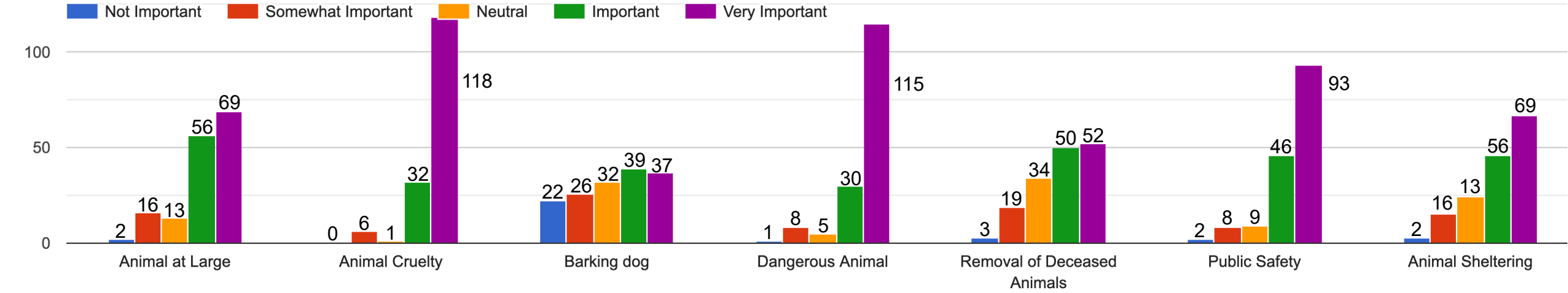

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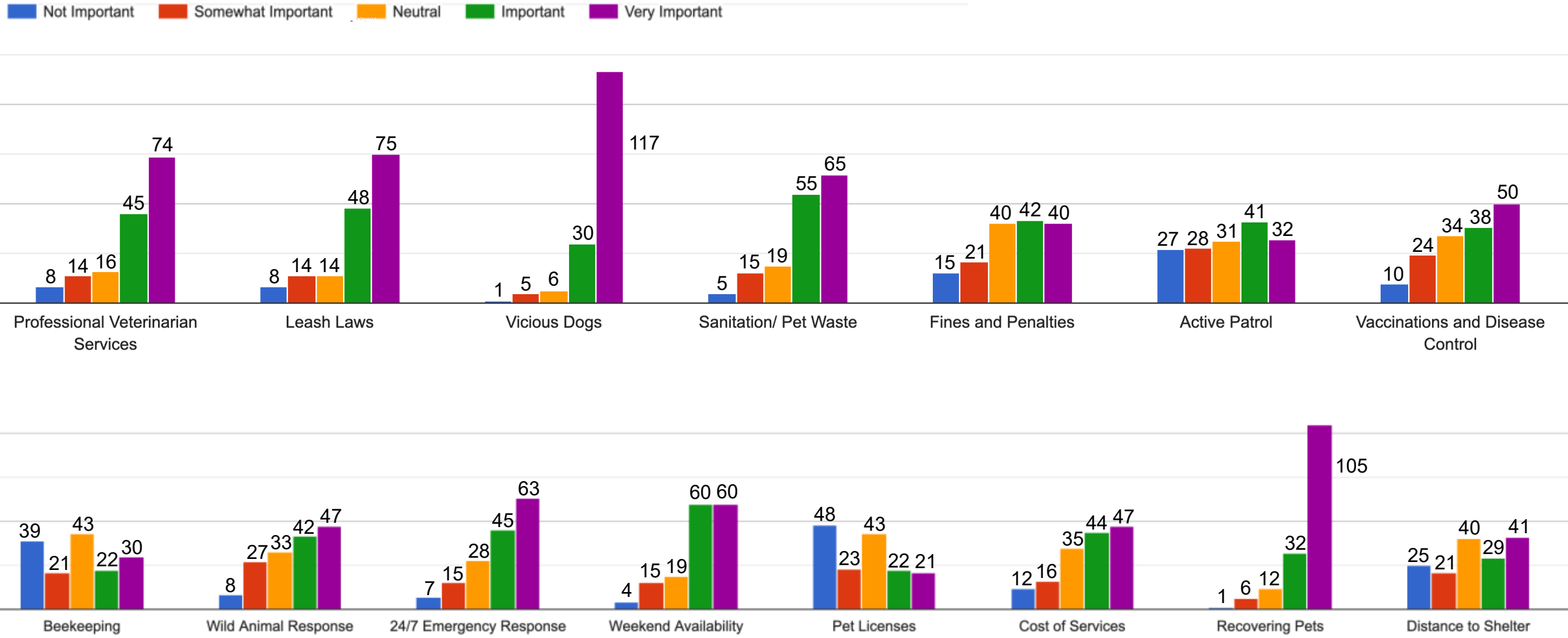
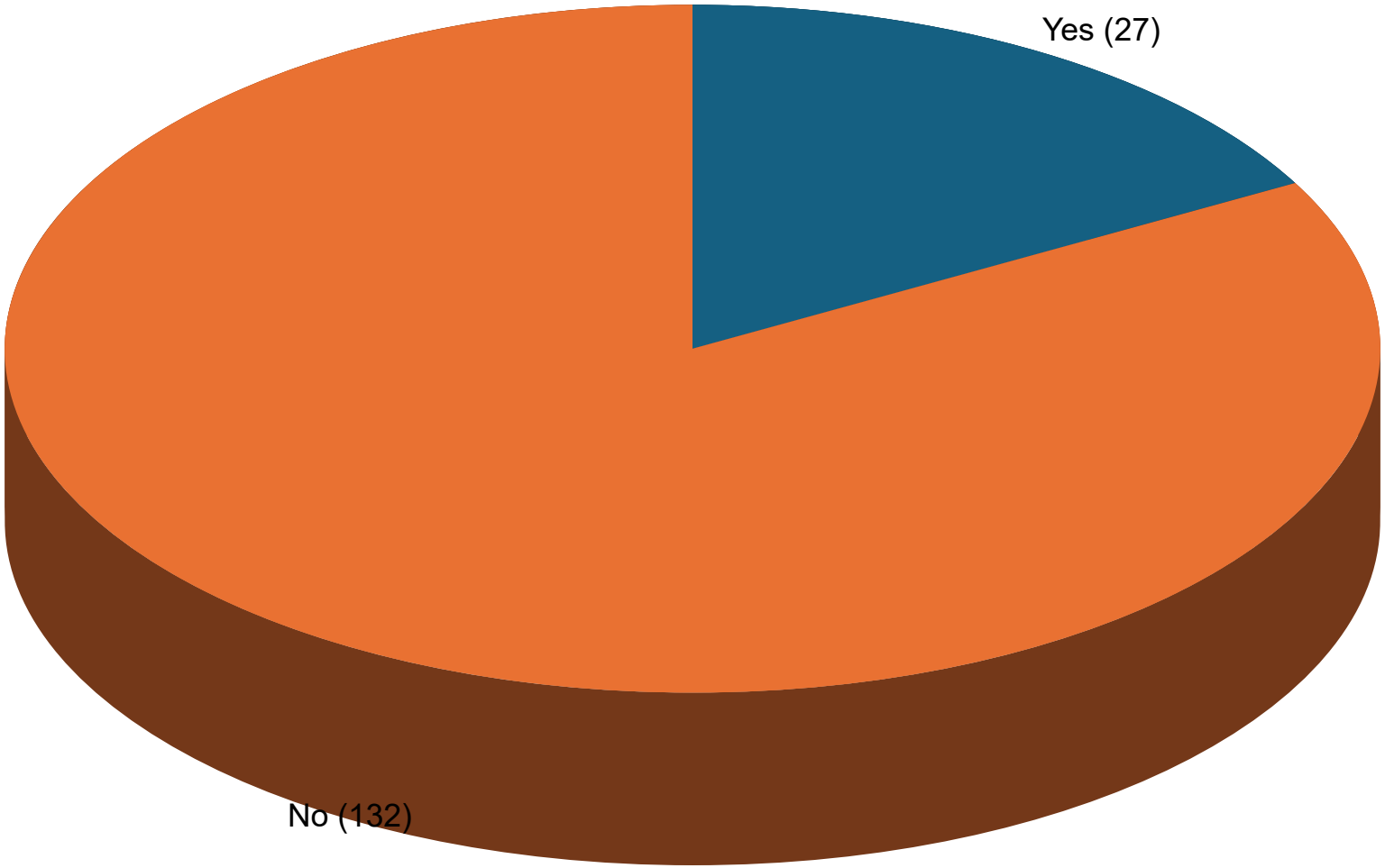


In the past 12 months, have you been in contact with a law enforcement agency regarding an animal control matter?



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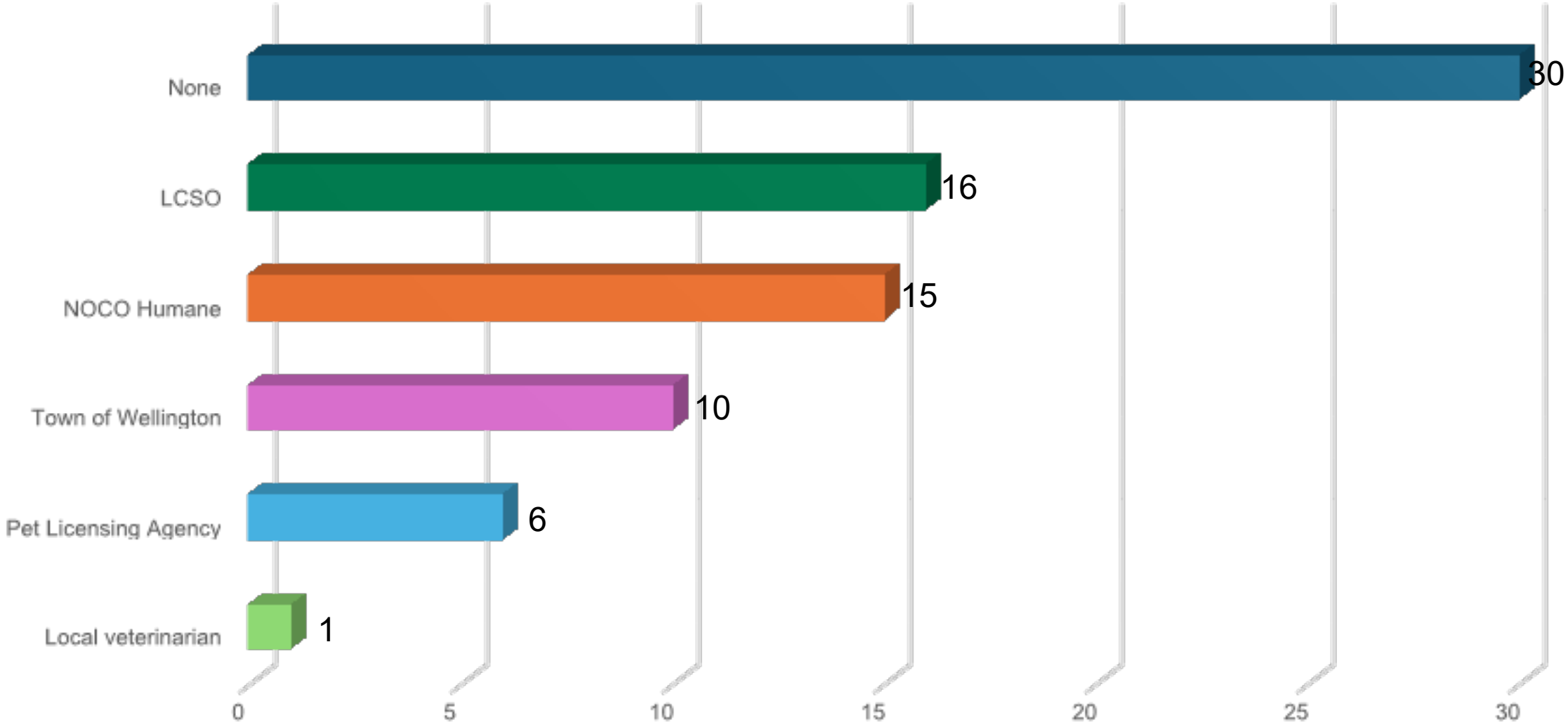
What agency were you in contact with?



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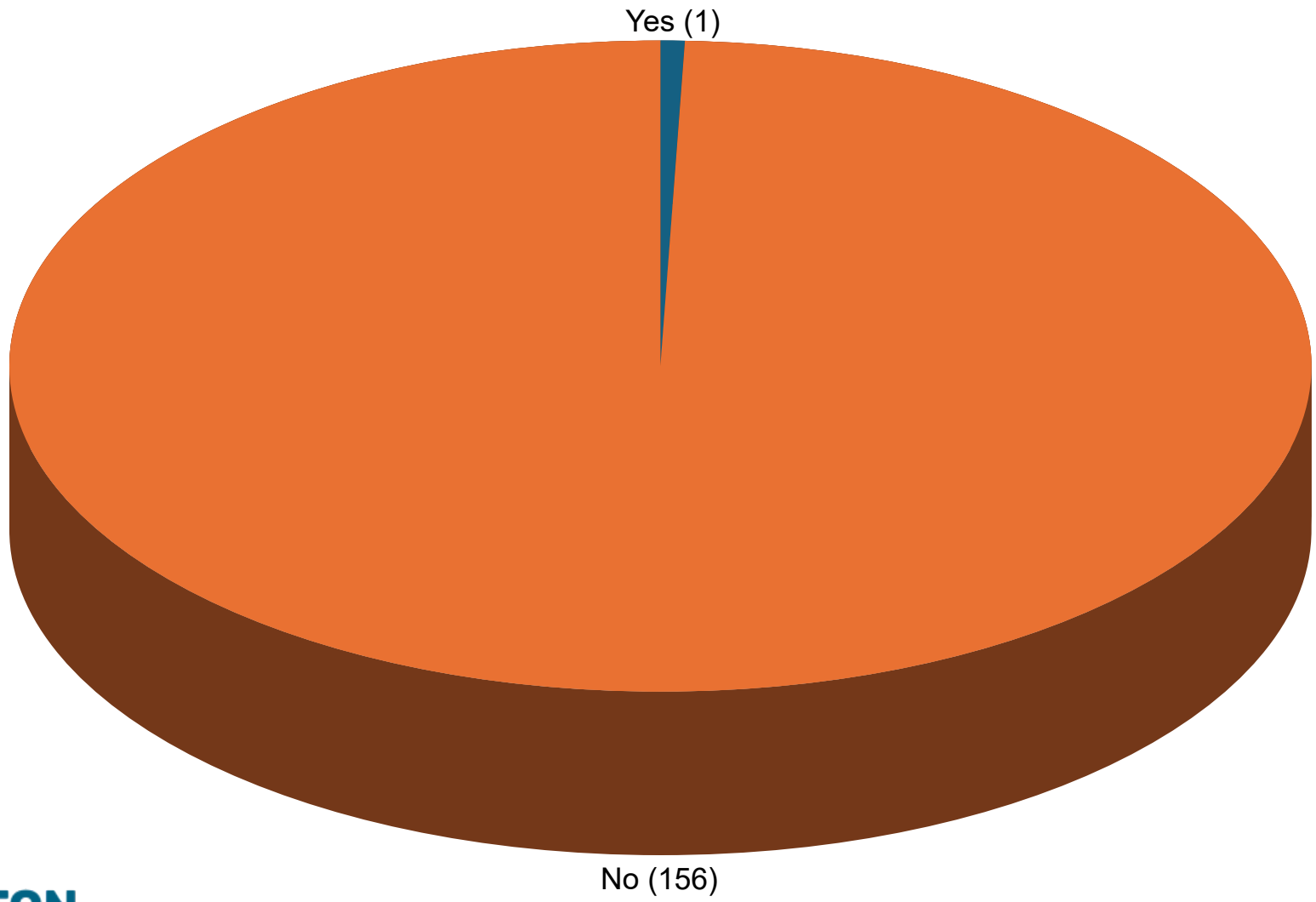
In the past 12 months, have you received a notice of violation for an animal-related regulation?



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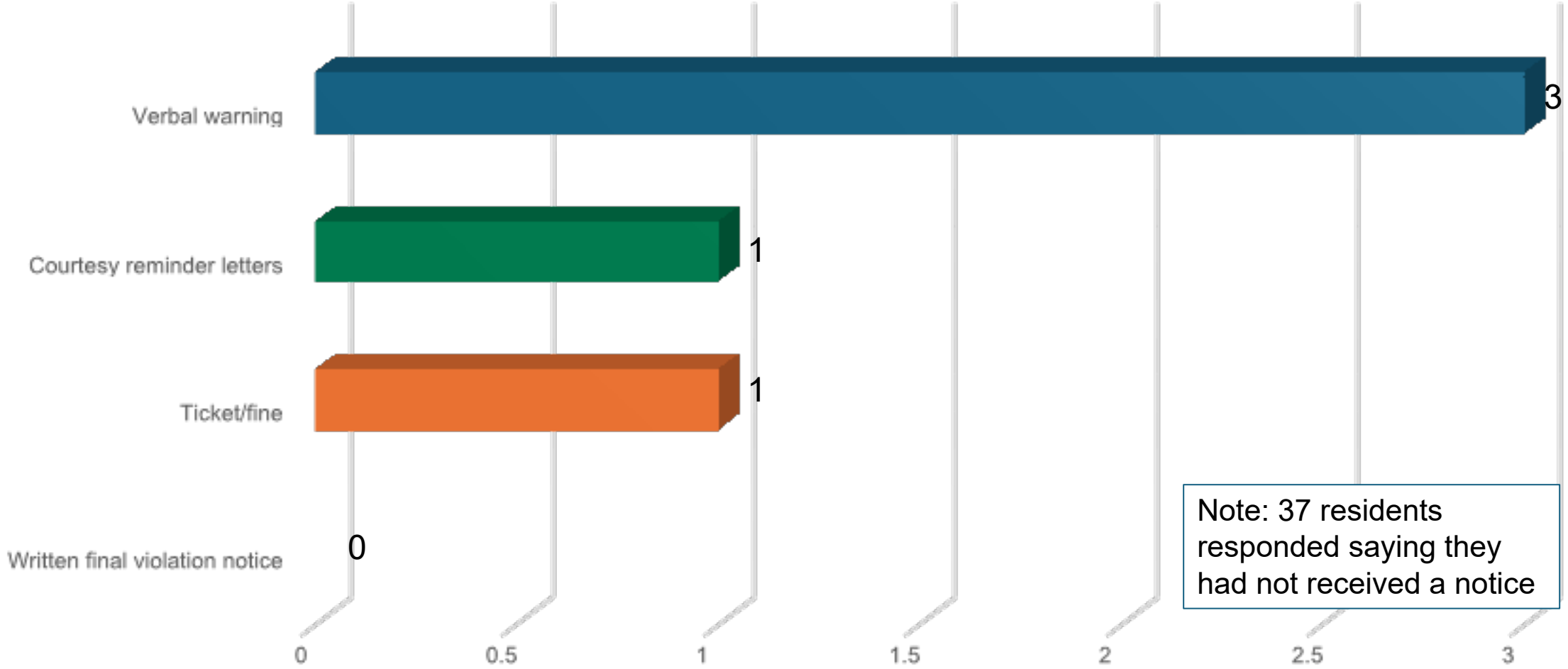
If you received a notice of violation in the past 12 months, how was the notice provided?



Note: 37 residents responded saying they had not received a notice

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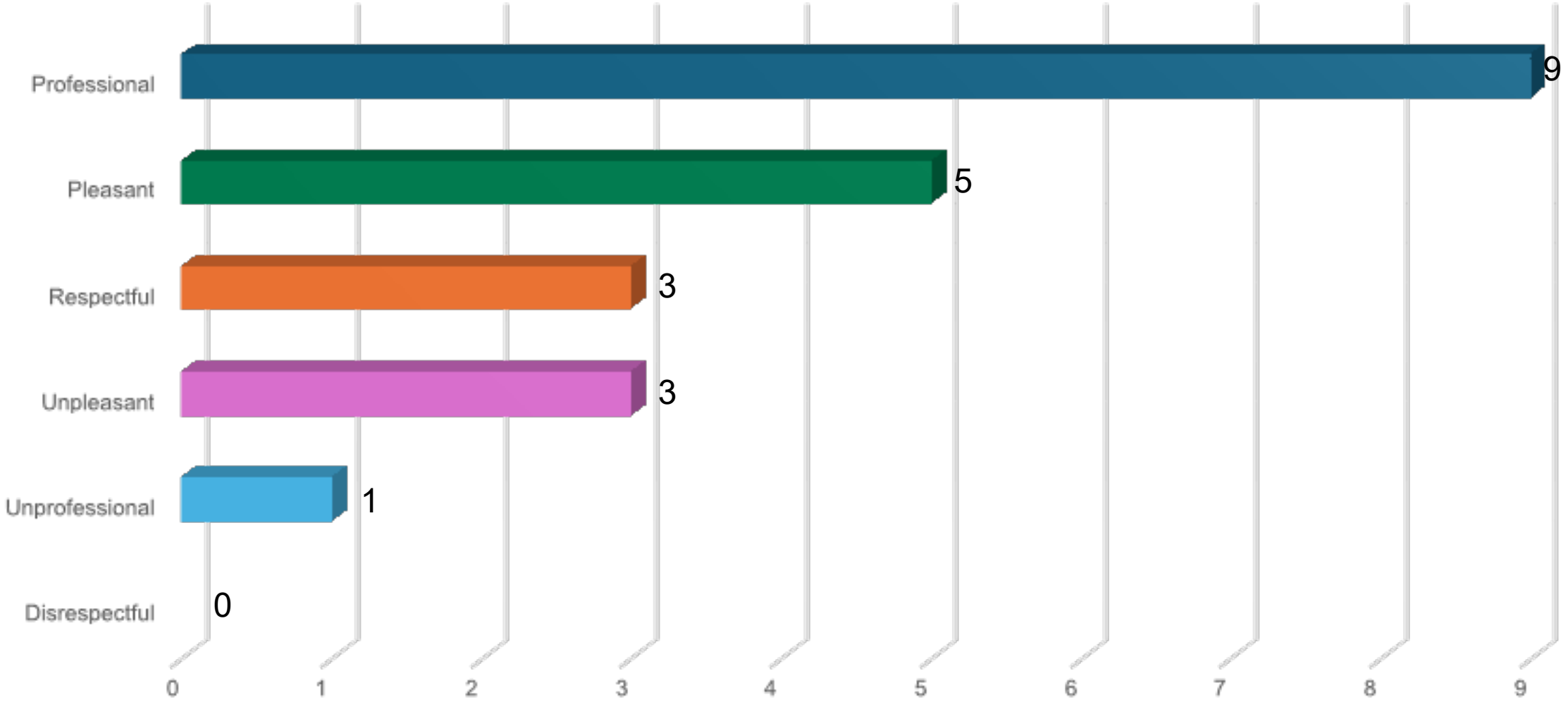
Select the option that best describes the customer service interaction with the staff that you were in communication with regarding your notice.



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Please describe what factors led you to describe your customer service interaction for the question above:

- Dropped off a dog at large at humane society and was treated well.
- Huge fee for spay dog - didn't care that spay was scheduled in 2 weeks at Vets.
- When my dog got attacked even though we were not on the sidewalk, we were walking in the street and my dog had a leash. It was our fault and we got ticketed for the other dog attacking my dog.
- Town said they do not have staff to handle.
- Officers were respectful, but did not give much information.
- They were understanding and empathetic when our cat went missing. They provided us with extra resources and who to contact to help us find our cat.
- The officer followed up with me regarding the welfare check on my neighbor with the small dog left out overnight.
- Gave me additional tips in finding my pet.
- There was a loose aggressive dog. Called the humane society. They said we had to contact local. A deputy had to come out to contact the humane society. Seemed like a complete waste of deputy's time.
- Told them my issues and immediately sent over an officer that was at my house in less than 10 minutes.
- The code enforcement officer didn't take much interest in filing a report or the safety for people in the area of this German Shepherd.
- False cruelty call in.
- Neighbor dog was injured and no one was home.

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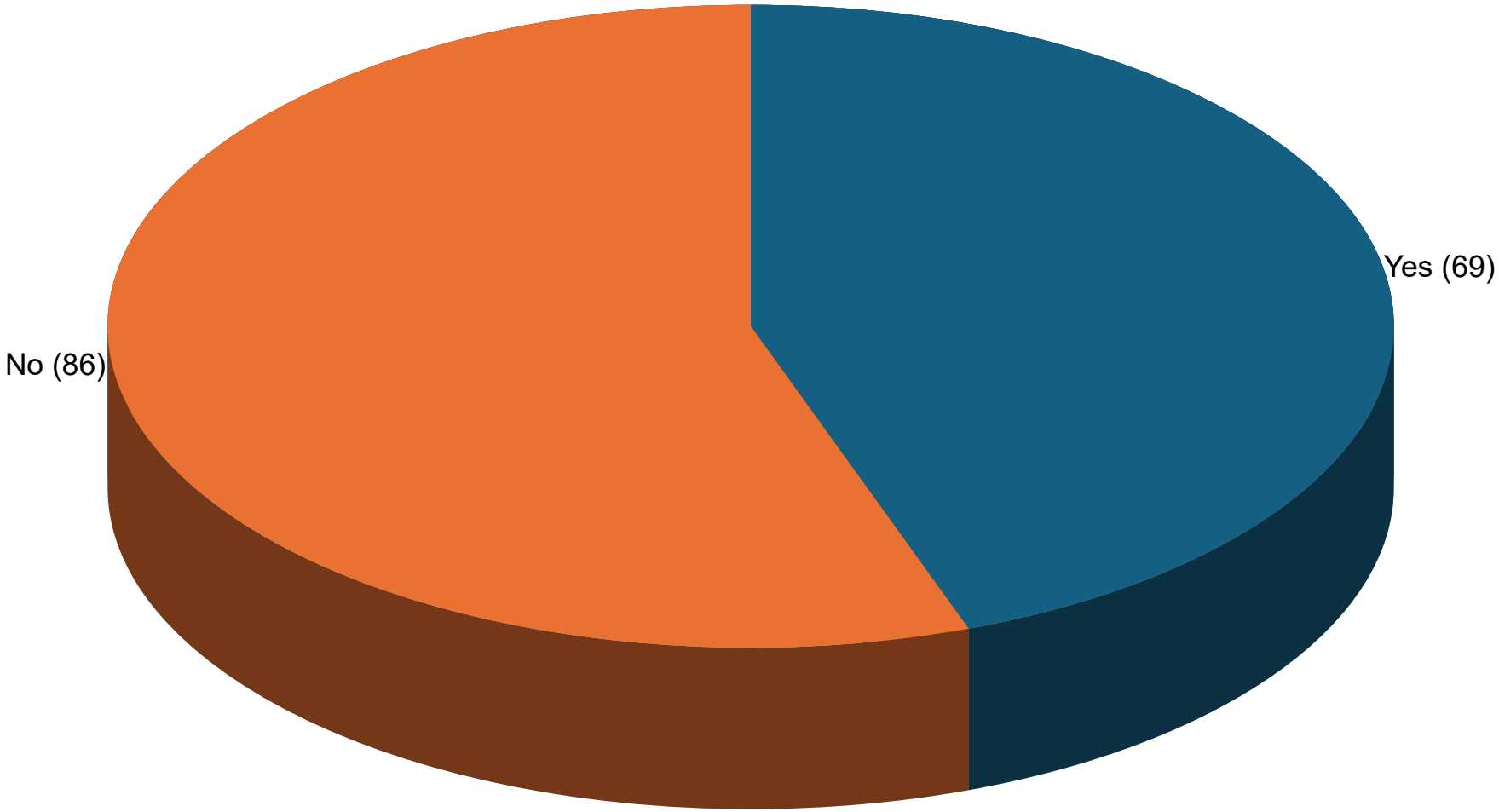
Would you use an “off-leash park” or “fetch zone” if a public space were provided?



“Off-leash park” or “fetch zone” is a concept of designated certain spaces within Town parks or open spaces where dogs are allowed to be off-leash while still supervised by and engaged with their owners. Other dogs may also be off-leash in the same area, and other recreational activities allowed in the park or open space may also be occurring at the same time. These spaces would not be the same as a dog park with secure fences.

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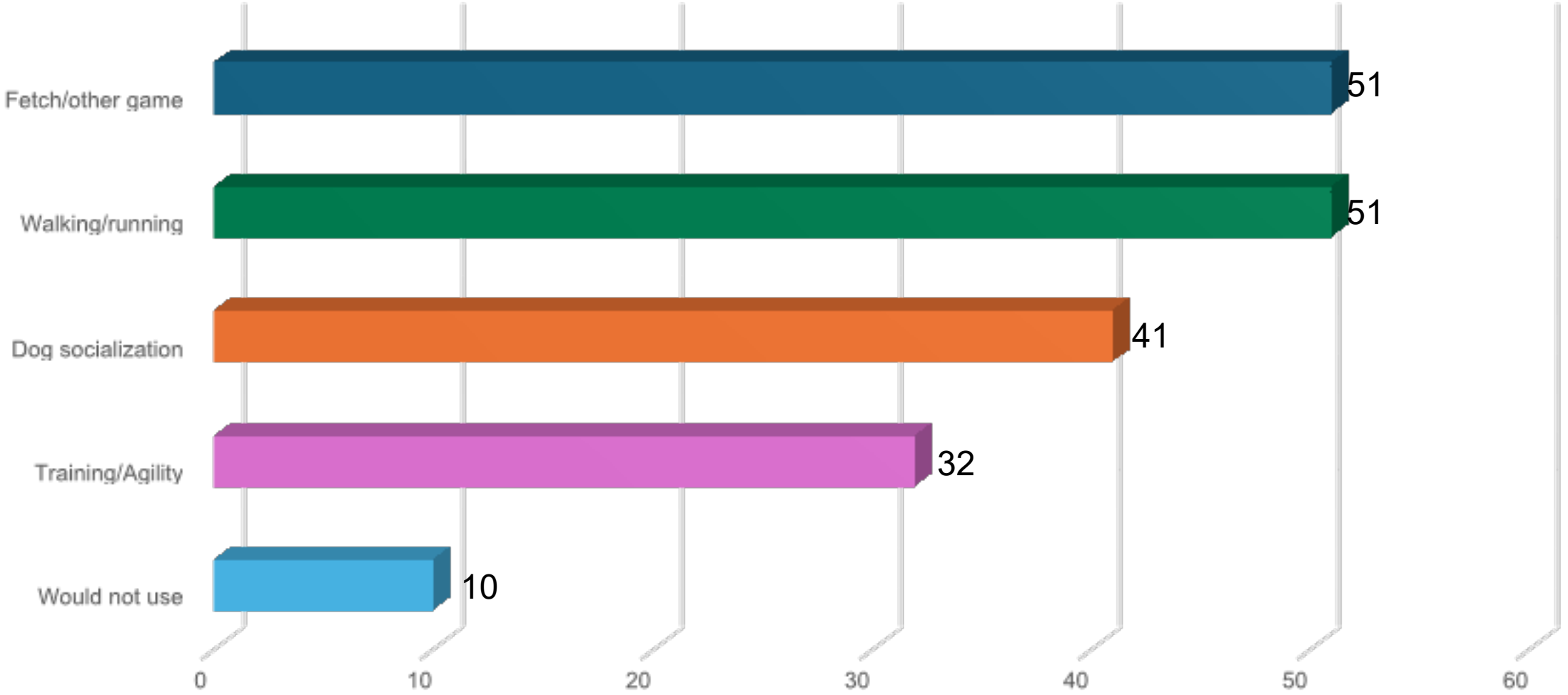
How would you use an “off-leash park” or “fetch zone”?



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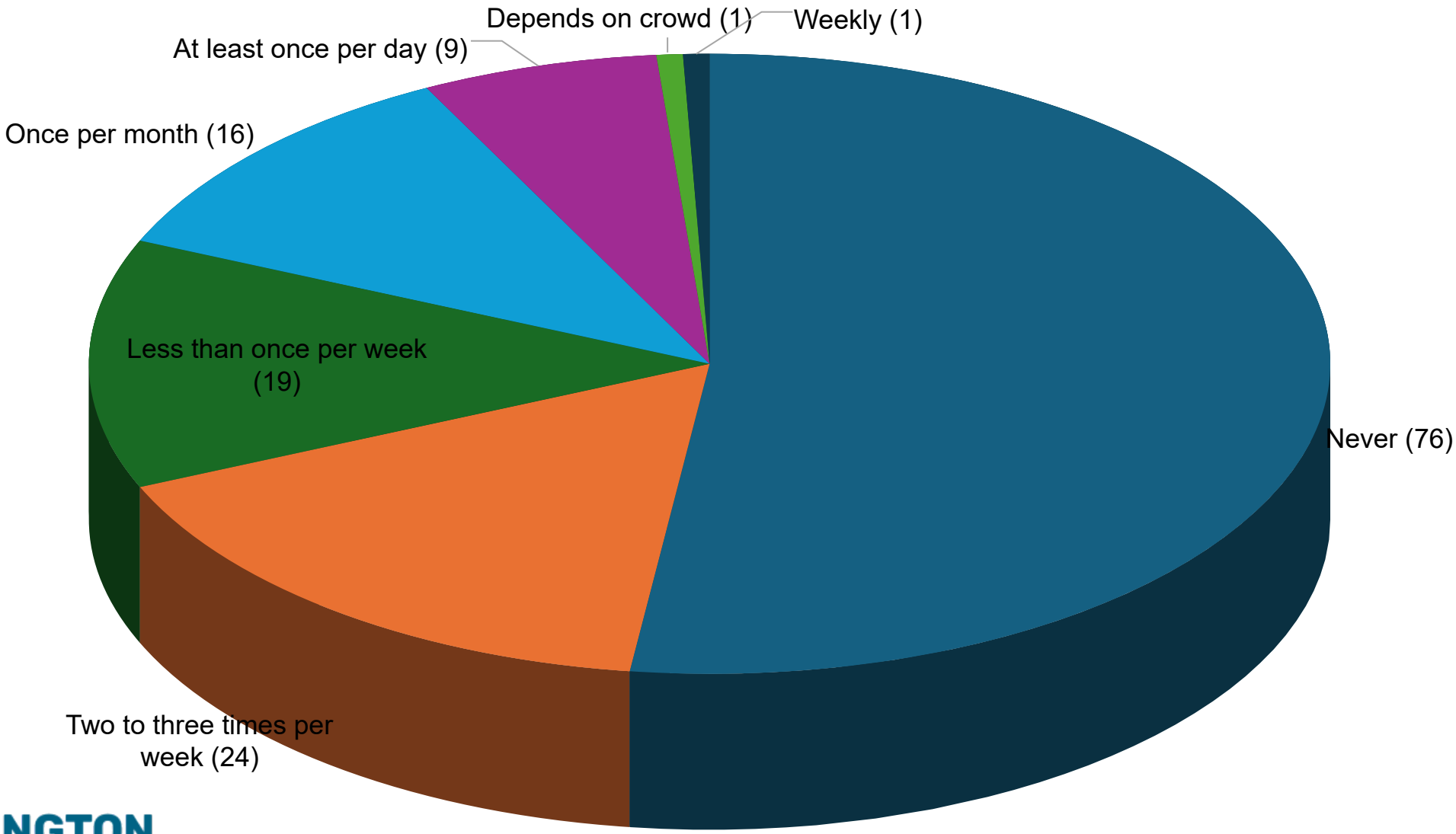
How often would you use an "off-leash park" or "fetch zone"?



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What are the positive or negative impacts expected from having “off-leash parks” or “fetch zones”?

- The opinions are divided regarding the establishment of off-leash dog parks.
- Some express concerns about potential injuries to animals and people, aggressive behavior from dogs due to inexperienced owners, and the lack of control over off-leash dogs.
- Others see the positive aspects, such as providing a space for dogs to exercise and socialize, enhancing community relationships, and potentially correcting undesirable behavior through interactions with other dogs.
- However, there are reservations about the feasibility and safety of implementing such parks, especially regarding enforcing rules and managing potentially aggressive or untrained dogs.

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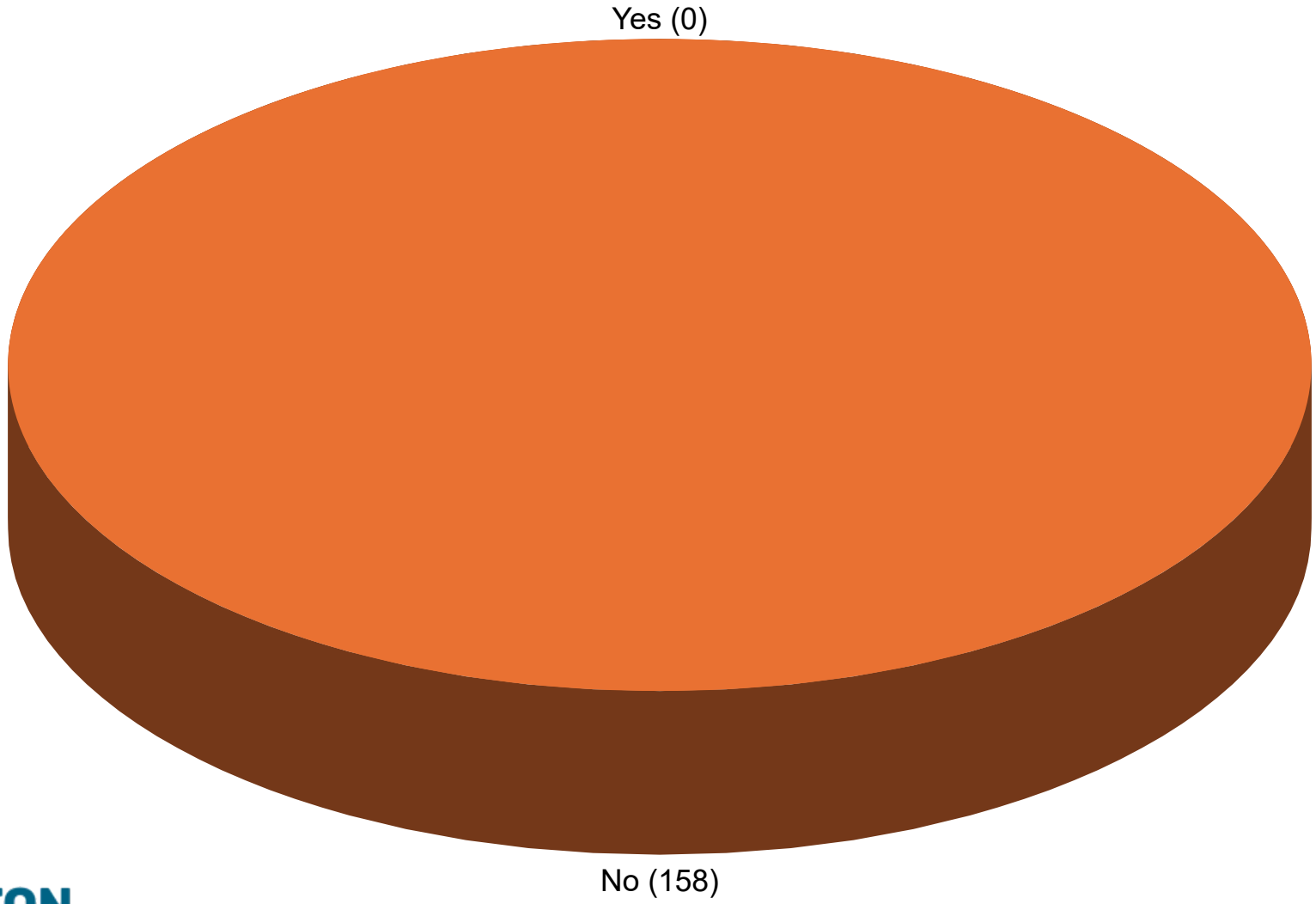
In the past 12 months, have you received a ticket, fine or penalty for an animal-related violation?



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Please list any concerns you have about how the dog park currently operates or is used.

- None. It’s a great park. People are responsible. Better than Fort Collins dog parks.
- Muddy.
- The lack of enforcement on leash laws.
- People don’t watch their dogs.
- Wish there was a way to enter the large fenced area with the pond without having to go through the smaller fenced area. That area has loose dogs that rush my dogs.
- Frequently people bring untrained dogs that are aggressive and otherwise untrained. It's a major safety concern.
- Aggressive dogs, disrespectful owners. Wellington is a shit show when it comes to rude, entitled people and their dogs.
- Currently there is only one poop station located near the gate. I recommend several poop stations be placed throughout the pond property.
- Owners not controlling pets. Uncertainty about safety and vaccination status or others pets.
- Safety.
- People don't care. They think they can poop and not worry. Others say dog park. And not watch theirs. People who take their dogs. Have aggressive dogs. And the owners don't care.
- do not use - had a bad experience with Larimer county Humane Society - bad forced surgery on dog.
- The pond is gross, dog comes home smelling like they were fermenting for a week.
- Aggressive pets and owners.
- People let their pets attack other pets and innocent bystanders.
- dont take my dog for his safety.
- There are young people putting dangerous items in the park.
- People are the issue.
- I took my puppy once to the dog park and it got parvo and died.
- People do not watch their dogs and they poo and are aggressive. Too unsafe.
- We used to use the water portion, but our dog got multiple eye styes from the dirty water. Also heard first hand accounts of dogs swimming into pipes and popping up in another part of town. Not too many complaints on dirt side. Dog waste has generally not been too large of a problem because that side is smaller. Our dog loves the water, but we do not let him in. Therefore a secondary gate to get into the water side would be appreciated so other owners do not let him in without permission and so he does not squeeze past.
- Water isn’t fit for dogs-gets ours sick.

- No issues except the city brought in a kill shelter to pick up lost pets.
- I love this place just like it is. If there is an aggressive dog, we will ask them to leave. The owners are super responsible for their dogs.
- Aggressive dogs are a concern, owners do not watch their animals.
- Generally, great place to go. Fairly good maintenance. More shade structures would be great for summer months. Thanks for the picnic tables in the lake area.
- Glass, infection concerns due to many animals.
- It's a nice, well maintained park.
- Aggressive, off leash dogs that attack people with no consequence to owner concern me. Your organization is USELESS unless that issue is addressed!
- Cleanliness of water (e.g., giardia).
- There are no rules that are being followed. People go with aggressive dogs and will leave their dogs unattended. If a dog is aggressive there is no course of action.
- Water safety.
- People come drop their dogs off and leave.
- Dogs should be on leash unless they are known to be friendly. Others trying to be introduced need muzzles to keep all safe.
- Owners don't always pick up after their dogs, and I have concerns about the safety of the water for dogs to ingest.
- Pond in the winter.
- Poop is not cleaned up.
- I live nearby and see many people using the dog park.
- There is no access to east side for dogs, a dog park at Park Meadows would be greatly appreciated. Please don't put it down by Ponds there is not a lot for people on North East side of town.
- People leave their dogs there without supervision.
- Dirty.
- People don't pick up their dog's poop and the water is nasty.
- I don't trust other dogs.
- Pond is disgusting.
- I've noticed that aggressive dog owners don't control their dogs (not leashed)and they seem to say their dogs aren't aggressive yet their dogs run after other dogs to bite, hump and snarl at others.
- Having aggressive dogs not managed well.
- Not enough people use it as I still see many dogs off lead in my neighborhood of Wellington Pointe.
- Love the dog park. Visit at least 3 times a week. Occasional aggressive or non-socialized dogs in the park but all the owners have been responsible.

- Apparently dog owners are choosing not to use it and are using children’s playgrounds instead. This poses safety risks to my small children, and decreases their ability to use the park.
- Concerns about sanitation and potential giardia.
- It seems fine to me, if dogs are on a leash outside dog park area.
- Water filtration.
- I love the park!
- Clicky people that own the park making it inviting for people less frequent.

What are positive or negative impacts expected from having “off-leash parks” or “fetch zones”?

- Injuries to animals or people.
- Dogs would be off leash and that’s dangerous for people walking their dogs on leash.
- Keeping animal control away from Town.
- It would be nice to have a spot for your dog to be set free, but when other dogs arrive sometimes that can be a problem.
- Aggressive dogs due to inexperienced or uneducated pet owners.
- Some dogs do not do well in off leash dog parks and owners do not either. High liability for dog fights or dog bites.
- Off leash is a hazard to animals.
- People who don’t control their dogs.
- The safety of my dog. I can't know the status of strange dogs, whether aggressive or infected with disease. I prefer not to engage strange dogs that are not over the control of their owners.
- I just don’t think people are smart enough to not bring non socialized pets and cause issues with other dogs. I would need more info of location and such.
- Negative impacts: owners not engaged with their pets creating a risk for unwanted/unexpected encounters in areas of the park that are not "off-leash" or "fetch zones,” owners that think their dogs have "perfect recall" only to have their dogs run off and ignore commands, "friendly" dogs that become over stimulated and attack a person.
- Positive impact would be allowing your dog to play fetch freely without being around other dogs in the dog park. A negative impact would be if people don’t have control over there dog and the dog is loose and could be aggressive etc towards other people or dogs.
- Aggressive dogs out of control with no way to know if these dogs have all their shots.
- Unsocialized dogs.
- I think it's fine as long as it's monitored and rules and regulations are enforced.

- Lack of control, infection concerns, good exercise leads to better dogs, less use of public space for dog exercise.
- Could be uncontrolled mayhem!
- People ignore leash laws, so an "off leash park" is laughable, the whole town is off leash b/c owners of aggressive dogs think leash laws don't apply to them. Animal control is worthless!
- Designated areas to properly exercise pets which would reduce the number of off leash dogs elsewhere.
- It would have a major negative impact. The dog park is already a place with aggressive dogs and is fenced in. It would also not feel very safe for people walking with small children nearby as the dogs would be freely able to run around wherever they want.
- I would love more dog parks, but I think off leash areas are not good ideas. Too unpredictable and puts pets at risk. Especially in Wellington.
- Dogs interacting with one another prevents vicious animals. They need to interact just like humans do!
- I think it’s important to see dogs being able to get exercise and free fun time with their owners.
- Aggressive animals. Uneducated owners.
- Aggressive and unlicensed/unvaccinated dogs.
- Dog owners picking up after their pets. They don’t do it.
- Off leash parks are dangerous. People do not pay attention to their dog’s interactions with other dogs. Most dogs have had no training and minimal socialization.
- People not picking up after their dogs, or bringing aggressive dogs in. A positive would be having a space for responsible owners and their dogs.
- Positive: having another legal spot for my dog to run.
- Negative: as with all dog “parks” some dog flights will happen.
- Negative impact to humans and other animals if an off leash dog should attack.
- Aggressive dogs, non caring owners in supervising their dogs.
- Some dogs are reactive but still allowed off leash and may cause reactivity with my dog.
- Without fences, I would be really nervous to walk my dogs on leashes near that area. I have never been almost attacked more out walking my dog than I have been in Wellington (after living in denver and then Fort Collins for 10 years each).
- These would need secure fences! There are already too many off leash dogs in the neighborhood & park green spaces where people who don’t have 100% voice control over their dogs that are already dangerous for those of us with leashed dogs obeying the law.
- Would be great for training, could see this being a disaster with bad owners/ untrained dogs that run loose and can’t be caught.
- People with poorly trained dogs with poor recall.

- Again, I don't trust other dogs.
- Dog fights resulting in injury.
- People not paying attention to their pets.
- Some owners just don’t supervise their dogs. I worry about aggressive dogs.
- Having other dogs not being monitored by their owner. Possibly have an aggressive dog in area.
- People say that their dogs respond to their commands, but they do not. Some dogs that people say are friendly actually are not. The dog park seems like plenty of room for people to have their dogs roam. I have two dogs and I use it regularly.
- I like the idea.
- It might clear up what areas are intended for children, and what areas a child would be expected to know how to safely interact with dogs.
- Irresponsible owners and uncontrolled dogs.
- Negative- aggressive dogs, not well controlled by owner. Positive- gives dogs great space to run/get exercise.
- There will be untrained dogs and ignorant owners.
- There will always be responsible people and those that ruin it for them. Ticket the irresponsible.
- Owners not having their dogs under voice command, so my dog is bombarded by an aggressive dog. Also concerns with waste management.
- Owners with dogs not capable of handling the situation.
- People are already terrible about observing leash laws and I feel this would only encourage that poor behavior.
- Off leash dogs without fences and inability to manage those dogs appropriately. Have had multiple instances where off leash dogs have attacked my leashed dog. A zone like this would make it unsafe to walk my dog.
- Being utilized by untrained animals.
- My dogs need exercise.
- Cons: Assuming at risk responsibility if your dog or someone else’s dog is reactive / reacts with fear-based aggression. Ability to intervene between 2 dogs if needed.
- Pros: Other dogs may help check & correct other dog’s behavior depending on the number of dogs in the area. Space for my dog to run freely and exercise. Socialization.
- Potential aggressive dogs not well under voice control. Owners not being responsible about off leash and recall. Owners not cleaning up after off leash animals.
- Negative: People not staying diligent w their pet waste pickup and the area getting too gross to use.
- Positive: wonderful opportunity for more close-to-home variety in exercise & recreation options for dogs. Also a great way to meet and build relationships with other dog owners in the community.

Have you personally experienced the need for animal sheltering services or animal protection and control in Wellington in the past 12 months? If yes, please briefly describe your experience and how it was resolved.	What organization or organizations have you contacted for animal protection and control services in the last 12 months?	Would you recommend that services for animal protection and control in Wellington should be increased, decreased, or about the same as current services? Please explain.	Please rate how satisfied you are with the current animal protection and control services in the Town of Wellington.	Please explain what factors led to your rating.	What do you believe are the most important animal protection and control services and animal sheltering services needs for Wellington?	Is there anything else you would like to share regarding animal sheltering services or animal protection and control services in the Town of Wellington?
Yes. Loose dogs everywhere. I just want to walk my dog in peace.	Wellington Code Enforcement	Increased	Very Dissatisfied	Dogs everywhere! No one official to deals with it, just citizens and vets.	Consequences for dogs at large, especially repeat offenders. Keeping people and animals safe.	
Neighbors barking dog	Town of Wellington	Increased	Very Dissatisfied	No resolution	Loose dog increase	
YES! We had two dogs run out in front of our car. We lightly clipped one of them and had to pull over and phone the police. Nothing was done and no one came out to check on the dogs. It was all extremely frustrating and frightening. I still pray the dog is okay.	Fort Collins police	Increased, so many dogs running loose. So many owners walking them off-leash.	Very Dissatisfied	There are too many dogs running loose and too many owners walking dogs off leash. I do not feel safe walking in Wellington because of this.	Holding owners accountable for their dogs running loose, attacking people and other dogs, and not walking their dogs on a leash.	Please help stop all of the dogs that are running loose and owners not walking their pets on a leash.
No	None. Grown ups handle their own problems.	No	Very Dissatisfied	You are wasting valuable funds when the town is operating at a deficit.	None. We should be allowed to trap and eradicate on our property as homeowners.	Town staff is terrible and burying us in debt while manipulating a citizen board without enough real world business experience.
No, but lots if lose dogs get posted on community pages	None	Increase, too many dogs running lose	Neutral		Picking up lose dogs for their safety	

Yes, found a stray dog with no tags.	Town of Wellington	increased	Very Dissatisfied	Not able to get ahold of anyone in a timely manner.	Stray animals are a huge problem. Dogs not leashed is a big problem.	no
no	none	about the same	Satisfied	it has more to do with the local residents and their willingness and ability to jump in when they find animals that have gotten lost	reuniting lost pets with owners	would prefer a local answer rather than outside services if possible
No	None	Same	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)		Weather related neglect	Keep the rural feel - let dogs bark, let cats roam
Yes, 2 dog attacks in 6 months while walking my dogs.	Town of Wellington, APC, Sheriff's office	Increased, Town employees are of no help!	Very Dissatisfied	Town did nothing when I and my dogs were attacked twice in six months.	Loose animals.	The Town Board needs to start caring for the residents, to help prevent loose dogs attacking other dogs that are under control.
Yes- neighbors have left dogs outside barking nonstop for 18+ hours, also other neighbors have left dogs out in below freezing overnight and gone on vacation. I called non emergency sheriff line and I can't recall what happened. But let's need advocates in this town because people are morons.	Humane society about a dying cat on our property	There must be more animal protection and control. I have a baby and I'm afraid to go out walking in the stroller in the neighborhood because of so many unleashed large dogs	Dissatisfied	Not sure that Wellington has allocated resources to have a quick response to animal related concerns	Responding to loose dogs roaming in neighborhoods, responding to barking dog complaints, responding to below freezing/humane treatment concerns	Fort Collins is too far away and we've been told by their services that they won't come up here
Yes, problems with a neighbor whose dog jumps the fence	Town of Wellington and the sheriff	Increased. Wellington has a large number of at large dogs, off leash animals in the community park and dogs that are aggressive	Dissatisfied	Been dealing with a dog issue for a long time. Inconsistent dealings with the town over animal issues	Control of at large dogs and aggressive dogs	Quicker response time to animal issues.

Yes, there are dogs out constantly.	I typically can find their owner but I have had to take them to Wellington vet too	Increased	Neutral	There is no help when there are mean dogs out.	I don’t mind the dogs that get out once or by accident but the repeated offenders are annoying.	
No	Lcso	Increase	Very Dissatisfied	There is none	Enforcement of off leash	
No	None	Current services	Satisfied	The community saves dogs from being sent to the humane society where they charge so much to retrieve your animal &force the dogs to be spayed or neutered by not the best veterinarians.		
No	None	About the same	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)	My pets don't get out.	Location	No
Yes!! I’ve personally helped catch and find the owners of at least 7 dogs.	The Town is simply taking the animal to the vet to hold and check for microchip.	Increase.	Very Dissatisfied	It appears we’ve had little to no animal control since the Town stopped having the vide enforcer do it.	Keeping the pets and people safe. Not all loose animals are friendly. They pose a safety threat for pedestrians and cars.	
No			Dissatisfied			
	Larimer county sheriff office	Increased. Too many loose dogs	Very Dissatisfied	There are too many loose dogs. And then you have to call the sheriff and they come out to then call the humane society	Stray pickup.	

Yes; two dog attacks while out walking our dogs in the last six months. First one was resolved by us and the dog's owner. Second was resolved by the sheriff's department.	ToW Code Enforcement since that's supposed to be part of their job but obviously can't do it so we have resorted to Larimer County Sherrif.	Increased!!! The number of calls NOCO Humane receives for animal protection and control in Wellington is insane. The fact that we have to tell town residents we can't do anything and refer them to Code Enforcement or Larimer County Sheriffs is ridiculous. Our APC officers are more than capable of handling any animal welfare call in Wellington. I also shouldn't have to pick up dead cats on my way to work just to reunite them with their owner.	Very Dissatisfied	See above questions.	Loose and dead animal pick up.	

Yes, dogs barking for hours, multiple times. In researching who to contact we went to the town page. The Town page recommends we contact the Sheriff, who will then contact NoCo Humane. However, there is not a good phone number provided to contact the Sheriff on that website. I had no hope that anything would be done by this phone tag game described on the website when there was not even a phone number provided to start with. Setting up the complainant to fail.	None, seemed hopeless under the current "process" or lack there of. I also feel terrible having to get the Sheriff involved for something like this. Even though dogs barking all hours of the night is sound trespassing and cutting into the sleep of many neighbors!	do extra proactive months, do educational campaigns. The lack of animal control is allowing the quality of this town and living it to decrease. Individuals allowing their dogs/animals to run off leash, cats roaming around free, leaving animal feces in our detention ponds, front yards, right of way, allowing it to leak into the drainage system. Animals barking for hours to full days. Individuals in our neighborhood can barely walk their dogs because they are terrified to be approached by an off leash dog and encounter a confrontation. There is no consequences and the neighborhoods who care for their area and "animal ordinance" that pay to have poop bags and trash cans cared for, they get over run by the other members of the community, who take	Dissatisfied	see above.	Animal control for barking dogs, animals off leash, leaving animal feces and not picking it up.	
No	None	Decreased. I believe people complain too much about dogs barking, loose, etc. If it is an emergency then something should happen.	Dissatisfied	I've heard horror stories of over reaction from animal protection	A no kill shelter that partners with the Town to do chip checks, shelter overnight till owner is found, etc.	

Yes I was chased and attacked by a loose dog.	Larimer co. They said they did not service	Yes. Everyday the are dogs out. Not sure we have a current service	Very Dissatisfied	Just read the town page. We have issues	Loose dogs, off leash dogs, aggressive dogs	Where are they
Yes - dogs and cats are always loose. :/	Larimer County Humane Society	I think it would be great to have services increased, as long as we take that budget from a town event or something else that the town pays for that is not as necessary.	Dissatisfied	We have too many loose pets.	Help with picking up roaming animals...	
No	Noco	Same	Satisfied	LCSO reporting is fine	Bark nuisance /verbal warning then written warning ticket/ then court ticket	Lock the gate at the pond in the winter too many rambos think they can swim under ice.. to get their dogs. Or lock it only if it's frozen
Yes. Been chased or attacked by dogs at large. Only option was to call sheriff and wait for ppwk	Sheriff	Increased to same level offered in neighboring towns.	Dissatisfied	There is next to no animal control here currently	Response to found animals and at large animals	N/a
Yes, the people in town refuse to leash their dogs and will not ensure that there is properly containment for the animals safety.	Noco human society	Increased forsure, there is no enforcement of larimer county leash laws	Very Dissatisfied	There is no animal control	A reliable 24 hour facility to hold the animals that get lose	We need something more 24 hours

No	None	Increased. Lots of off leash dogs running the streets.	Very Dissatisfied	Have never seen or heard of an animal control presence in town.	Reliable and accessible.	I don’t necessarily believe the town should be outsourcing all animal control. Sheltering yes but enforcing ordinances should be kept in house for accountability sake. To many times third party entities take advantage of agreements of this nature and turn it into a revenue stream.
No	None	Increased. Lots of dogs running around hurting animals and causing issues.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)	I haven’t used them so I don’t know	Someone patrolling to make sure animals are on leash and people are following the laws.	No
No	None	I was not aware there were any services in Wellington. So I would say increased.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)		To make sure that animals are provided shelter from the sun and the cold weather. Ranch animals and pets alike. I notice that some ranches do not have any shelter for their animals and they are not able to escape the blazing hot sun of summer and the snowy winter months.	Maybe some kind of patrolling for dogs that bark ALL DAY and notifying the owners. Some are gone at work all day and may not know their dogs are barking. Code compliance does nothing about this issue. I also want to mention that I see lots of online posts about animals (dogs) that get out of their yards and roam. For the animals protection, to be able to contact animal control to assist finding them and making sure they are safe would be great.

Yes, our neighbors have no respect in regards to appropriate noise levels and allow theirs dogs to bark to no end all day, everyday. The dogs also harass us at the fence line anytime we try to enjoy our own back yard with nothing done about it. We reached out to Animal Control after failed attempts speaking with the person occupying the property. I was pleasantly surprised to see my concern taken seriously and addressed promptly.	I believe it was Larimer County ACO?	Increased - there are constantly dogs on the loose, problems with noise, attacks, property damage, etc. additionally, a TNR program would be immensely useful.	Satisfied	They're doing well with the staff they have available, but I think it needs bolstered. Especially as Wellington continues to expand.	Enforcement of local 'laws', somehow addressing all of the loose dogs, addressing noise from dogs in the suburbs.	
Yes	No Co Friends of Ferals	Increased	Dissatisfied	No one seems to know who to reach out to for help	Lost dogs	

No	None	Increased. The number of off-lead and roaming pets is ridiculous. It makes it difficult to be able to walk our dog because of the off-lead dogs in the area. The number of house cats roaming the neighborhood has been increasing and based on the number of Facebook and NextDoor posts about “missing” cats this is not a few cats that have escaped their houses, these are “indoor/outdoor” pets that people have deliberately let out.	Very Dissatisfied	There is currently no discernible enforcement of our animal ordinances in the town.	Enforcement of current leash laws and other animal ordinances (barking dogs, etc…).	
	No one because we had no animal control in Wellington.	Increased!	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)		Control barking dogs. Contain cats roaming around town. Control off leash dogs.	Who do we call for animal control services?
Yes. Many instances of wandering pets. Aggressive dogs off leash and house cats using our garden as a litter box.	Larimer County Humane Society and the Town link. No point. There is no action done.	increased. We do not have an immediate response contact. Nothing gets done	Very Dissatisfied	No avenue for timely or immediate response	Aggressive dogs off leash, wandering pets and cats allowed to roam freely.	no
Yes - stray dogs, all day every day!	Wellington Verts, Tabby Road animal hospital, Animal Friends Alliance	Increased!	Very Dissatisfied	Lost dogs, off-leash dogs, attacks on other animals and people	Loose dogs and holding owners of said dogs responsible for the damage and injuries they cause	Wellington has a HUGE problem with irresponsible pet owners and something needs to be done to get this under control!!

		Increased. There are constantly loose dogs in the neighborhood and no where to take them or people to catch them.	Satisfied	Wish we had more support or better yet, better owners.	Higher fees if your dog is caught. You guys deserve to get paid way more for people's carelessness.	Thanks for your services. Our community should do better.
Yes, I had a stray cat who made its home in my backyard. I had to rent a trap from NoCo Humane because I couldn't catch it myself, then I took the cat to them for sheltering. This happened while during a cold snap, and we had dangerously low temperatures, and I was afraid for the safety of the cat overnight The same thing happened about a year ago as well. Both times they were very helpful, answering my questions and taking the cats to be medically examined, and if passing their assessments, taking the necessary steps to find them homes.	NoCo humane	I'm not sure what is currently provided, but the services I used were needed and appreciated, so definitely not less.	Very Satisfied	I know who to call if I have a need, and I know they will meet those needs or connect me with who can. And I know that they will follow protocols to make sure that they are handling the situations properly and humanely, and they have policies in place to monitor and review how situations are handled (so they are held accountable for how they treat animals).	Helping to manage stray or escaped cats and dogs, having someone to call urgently if encountering a potential dangerous or harmful animal.	These services are clearly needed, and I am unaware of any entity in Wellington that has the training, resources, and personnel to carry out those services, and carry them out in a timely and humane way. So it appalls me that there is even discussion about discontinuing or reducing the services we get from NoCo humane.
Numerous stray or loose dogs. Dog bite instances.	Noco humane society	Increased. The town has grown enough to require a more full time animal control.	Dissatisfied	Limitations on where to take animals or if they can be picked up.	Presence and enforcement of regulations.	There is a need for increased services as the town has gotten significantly larger.
			Very Satisfied			

Yes, dogs loose and untethered.	BOCO Humane & LCSO	Increased as the current response and structure are not suitable to a growing community and it would be beneficial to have more trained individuals (like from NoCo Humane) being the responding organization.	Very Dissatisfied	No easily contactable organization or trained animal control organization.	Response to loose animals and livestock, responding to animal/human incidents.	
		Protection and control need to be increased, I have 6 grandchildren that come to my house frequently, and play outside. I worry about so many loose animals that one might cause harm to them	Dissatisfied	There are too many animals that are loose in our neighborhoods	Owners need to be more responsible in keeping their animals on their own property or leashed when in the community	
rescued animal during severe cold	myself	increased by educating owners and enforce violations	Dissatisfied	Availability of service	education of animal owners and fines applied to violators	
No	NA	Maybe more. I understand there have been a few incidents where dogs were on the loose and unfortunately they were not caught before causing significant damage. I honestly don’t know what provisions/resources are currently available. If they do exist, maybe spread more awareness of the resources.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)	I have yet to need their services personally	Not sure	

No, and I try to stay away from the heavy handed, usually incompetent and rude NOCO Humane Society. They are also extremely expensive. I always try to find a way to help a neighbor's pet without their involvement. I would only use them as an absolute last resort.	None. (Doesn't the person writing this question understand that there are only the Town of Wellington and NOCO Humane?) But I have had unwanted contact with them (NOCO Humane) when they took my clients to court on greatly exaggerated charges, and were really rude to them (and cost them a ton of money) and myself.	They should stay the same, i.e. the town takes care of all the routine warnings and perhaps uses local resources when possible (i.e. contracting private individuals or using city employees and facilities). Use local veterinarians and local hauling businesses. Use NOCO Humane a la carte when necessary and make them compete with other local service providers. No contract with NOCO Humane is necessary.	Neutral	Animal Control is not a critical issue in Wellington. I walk all over Wellington with my dog almost every day and rarely if ever encounter a stray dog. Wellington Code Enforcement can easily cope with almost all of the problems. There is currently no need for random and arbitrary enforcement of leash laws. Let the citizens work most of it out. Don't cater to "Karens" by letting them call the Humane Society without the town triaging the complaint, and then the Humane Society will charge Wellington exorbitant amounts of money.	Taking the occasional stray dog home. Sometimes picking up a dead animal and disposing of it. Taking an animal to the Humane Society in Loveland (or even Cheyenne) and dropping it off. The city should get a chip reader (around $50) so they can contact an owner, they don't always have to go to the Humane Society. The citizens of Wellington love pets, and how they can help in reuniting pets with their owners can be a topic of discussion on the Town Newsletter.	NOCO Humane should only be used by our town sparingly, as an a la carte item. We don't usually need them here. I don't support any contract with them that obfuscates their services, hides their prices, and will only cause irritation, and needless expense for our residents.
No	None	Same	Very Satisfied			

No. I try to avoid the Humane Society.	What options are there? I only know of the Humane Society, LCSO or whoever the Wellington Code Enforcer is now. And I have had no reason to contact any of them.	I'm not sure what exactly the "services" are right now, so I can't honestly answer this question. I think it is always better to engage with private contractors for services except in the case of law enforcement. There are services that pick up dead animals, there are veterinarians with boarding facilities to quarantine rabies suspects or pets that have bit someone, and the vets have scanners to check for microchips in "found" pets. (The LCSO and Wellington's Code guy could get scanners too.) And for at-large or vicious dogs, there are all sorts of dog trainers who would probably be better than the Humane Society in coaxing them into dog crates for transport to a person with a scanner or as a last resort, to the Humane Society.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)	I haven't used their services.	years, I've seen 2 loose dogs with no owner nearby. Both turned out to belong to nearby neighbors and were returned without the aid, expense and scolding of the Humane Society. I've seen no loose, vicious dogs. (The ones across from McDonalds intimidate people walking on the sidewalk, but I guess no one has complained.) Only "off leash" dogs I've seen at parks or on the trails have been under voice control of their owners. When we first moved here, one of our dogs wandered off (because we were not used to having a garage door to close.) Our HOA president got our number from one of his tags and nicely called us. And I've only seen dead wildlife along our roads....not pets. Does the Town get Animal Control calls? What are they for?	In this age of internet and social media, is there any way the Town could allow their FaceBook page (or add an option to the Town website) to let residents communicate information about pets they have lost or ones they have found. Contact numbers, where the pet was lost/found, description, possibly a photo. Then pet owners/pet-finders could interact without the aid, expense and scolding they'd incur at the Humane Society.
		Increased, the amount of off leash dogs is out of control	Dissatisfied		Off leash dogs, and cats	

No.	None	Increased. The number of stray dogs and dogs who are routinely allowed to roam is pretty high.	Neutral	The county provides senior discount for licensing, yet I am not given the discount because I live in Wellington.	Prompt response to problems with roaming dogs.	Better enforcement of leash laws. I don't walk my chihuahua for fear of him being attacked by loose dogs.
No	None	YES. the stray, loose, escaped or whatever dog problem for a town this size is mind boggling. As is the off leash problem. And the dog poop all over the place. Some real enforcement of all of these issues is needed	Very Dissatisfied	Does animal control in this town even happen? I see off leash dogs everyday. And just walk around town and look at all the dog crap all over. It's embarrassing and gross	A dog catcher. And fines imposed for loose dogs. (and cats) That would put a kabosh on all the loose dogs. (And cats) Ticket people for off leash dogs and for not picking up dog poop. Fine for that too	No
No	None	Increased	Dissatisfied	There is a constant stream of loose animals and dogs being walked without leashes	All	
Yes, dogs off leash surrounding my own.	Town of Wellington	Increased	Very Dissatisfied	Situation not handled and being told no one would be in until hours later.	People allowing their dogs off leash that ultimately hurt other dogs and people.	
No	None	Stay the same. I believe our animals should stay in town if found out and about as long as possible.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)		That the animals stay in Wellington	
			Satisfied			
No	0	It seems that NoCo Humane would be better equipped to handle animal issues than the police.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)	Though I'm aware of issues in my neighborhood I've not been personally involved. When I've seen loose animals I've posted to LTW	Keeping aggressive animals under control	1-do something about dog owners who don't pick up after their pets and 2-encourage cat owners to bell their cats to protect wild birds

We have not needed animal protection/control. But, we have been curious about it with all the animals that are often running around the neighborhoods.	None	I would need more information on how it has worked in the past, to be able to give an answer.	Not Applicable (haven't used their services)	We are new to Wellington. We have not needed help thus far. But would like to know more of the experiences of others.	Dogs/cats need to be chipped. Has there ever been a town fee for owning animals? We have lived in town that do this.	We would just like more information in general.
Yes. For deceased (on the sidewalk) and stray animals.	Larimer County Humane Society and the Town	Larimer County Humane society should be made available to the Town people not just the Town staff. I gave up on getting animals help because it was such a pain to call Larimer Humane only to be told to call the Sheriff's Office and then call Town staff. We need to be able to go directly to the Humane Society at the time we need them.	Dissatisfied	Difficulty reaching Larimer/NOCO Humane because I had to go through the Town.	Availability when needed (weekends and after business hours), patrols for strays that may ne dangerous and enforce leash laws.	
Continuous barking for multiple hours, no access to food/water for animals >10hrs routinely & left outside in all weather conditions. Stray animals. Only resolution is taking stray Animal to vet for chip verification/ holding onto.	Local vet	Increased - animal control does not answer requests for services. Have to contact the no -emergent line for law enforcement to respond.	Very Dissatisfied	Animal services has refused to come to Wellington to pickup an animal or assist in animal complaints/concerns.	Answer & respond to complaints/concerns	
No			Very Satisfied			

	Noco humane	Increased off leash dogs are rampant	Very Dissatisfied	Animal ordinances are not enforced	Enforcement of off leash dogs and aggressive dogs	
Yes, but I didn't get a hold of anyone	City animal control	Increased - people are insane about letting their cats roam free in the neighborhood.	Dissatisfied	Cats are allowed to roam free in the neighborhood with zero consequences to the owners. These owners KNOW and have been asked politely and warned, but DO NOT CARE. Their cats poop in garden beds and children's sandboxes and at the park. Cats fecal matter is extremely dangerous to pregnant women and children and those with compromised immune systems. There is an ordinance that cats must be kept "under control", but it is NEVER enforced, only in dog owners. We had to buy a live animal trap to finally do something about the cats in our yard. PLEASE DO SOMETHING!!	Controlling the cats that are allowed to roam free and holding their owners accountable	Please for the love of God do something about the cats allowed to roam the town!
		increased	Very Dissatisfied	WAY too many off-leash/loose dogs in town	leash law enforcement	

Yes	Code enforcement Town Hall	Same services work fine. I had an issue with a barking dog it was settled with a call.	Satisfied	People here still work to help others to find an animals home.	Control of loose animals, and affordability.	Please keep these services local, partner with locals Chad has kenels to keep animals. Sent Code enforcement to school for proper handling.
No	None	Increased	Neutral	There are posts about loose dog daily. Although most of these scenarios are resolved with neighbors, what happens when a pet heads to the freeway or bites someone. We have to have qualified and capable services to handle that. It's like the police. You don't need them, UNTIL YOU DO. and if the town just assumed all problems would be resolved with neighborly love so they didn't have police service….. that's completely unexpected. The town has to be responsible for being capable of handling emergencies and difficult situations that people alone aren't able to manage on their own.	Dangerous, wild animals or other situations that could affect public safety.	People hate following the law and don't want it to apply to themselves, yet when someone else violates the law they are so offended and angry!!!! Example: I have a nice dog and I am a responsible dog owner, why do we need animal control? Yet the same person sees a loose dog and says, why isn't the town doing something about this!!!!!! 😡😤😡 everyone wants these services so long as it doesn't apply to them. But the town ultimately owns this responsibility for the "what if" scenarios, so no action is not an option. It's a matter of public safety.
No	None	Increased	Dissatisfied	There are dogs loose all over the place.	Doing a good job is the most important thing. Enforce the laws.	

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: **June 18, 2024**
Subject: **Election Program Presentation**

- **Presentation: Ethan Muhs, Town Clerk**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

This is a presentation on the Town's Elections Program. It includes a summary of the 2024 Regular Election, a comparison of local and coordinated elections, and decision points for consideration about the future of the Town's elections program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Board consider the benefits and drawbacks of coordinated elections, then provide staff with guidance on whether:
1. The Town should change its date of Regular Elections from April in even years to November in even or odd years.
2. If the date is changed, Regular Elections should occur in even or odd years.
3. If the date is changed, Regular Elections should be coordinated whenever feasible.

ATTACHMENTS

1. June 2024 Election Program Presentation

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Election Program Presentation

By Ethan Muhs: Town Clerk

Agenda

- 2024 Regular Election Report
- Comparison of Local vs. Coordinated Elections
- Consideration of Regular Election Program Options

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2024 Regular Election Report

Summary Report

- 1,989 ballots received
- 1,788 ballots counted
- Initial count of votes completed 4/12/2024
  - Margin of votes cast between last elected and first unelected candidate >0.5% (no recount trigger)
- Recount (triggered by candidate request) completed 4/14/2024
  - Changes to vote totals (<1% per candidate), no change to election results
- Results: Top 3 of 5 candidates elected (Dailey, Moyer, Cannon)
- Results filed with DOLA on 5/13/24 and accepted on 5/14/2024
- Feedback received by Election Judges, Watchers, and Candidates

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Comparing Local vs. Coordinated Elections

Local Regular Election Overview

- As a statutory Town, Wellington conducts regular elections on the 1st Tuesday in April of even-numbered years in accordance with CRS 31-1-101
- The Mayor and Trustees are elected at regular elections or by special election if a vacancy is not filled through appointment
- Ballots for regular elections may also contain Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) or other measures referred by the Board or through citizen initiative
- Clerk or Designated Election Official renders all interpretations and makes all initial decisions as to controversies or other matters arising in the operation of Colorado Municipal Election Code

Coordinated Elections

- More than one political subdivision holds an election on the same day and the eligible electors are the same or the boundaries of the subdivisions overlap (i.e. Larimer County)
- The County Clerk and Recorder is the coordinated election official and conducts the election on behalf of all political subdivisions
- Conducted as a mail ballot election per CRS 1-7-116(1)

Coordinated Election Duties

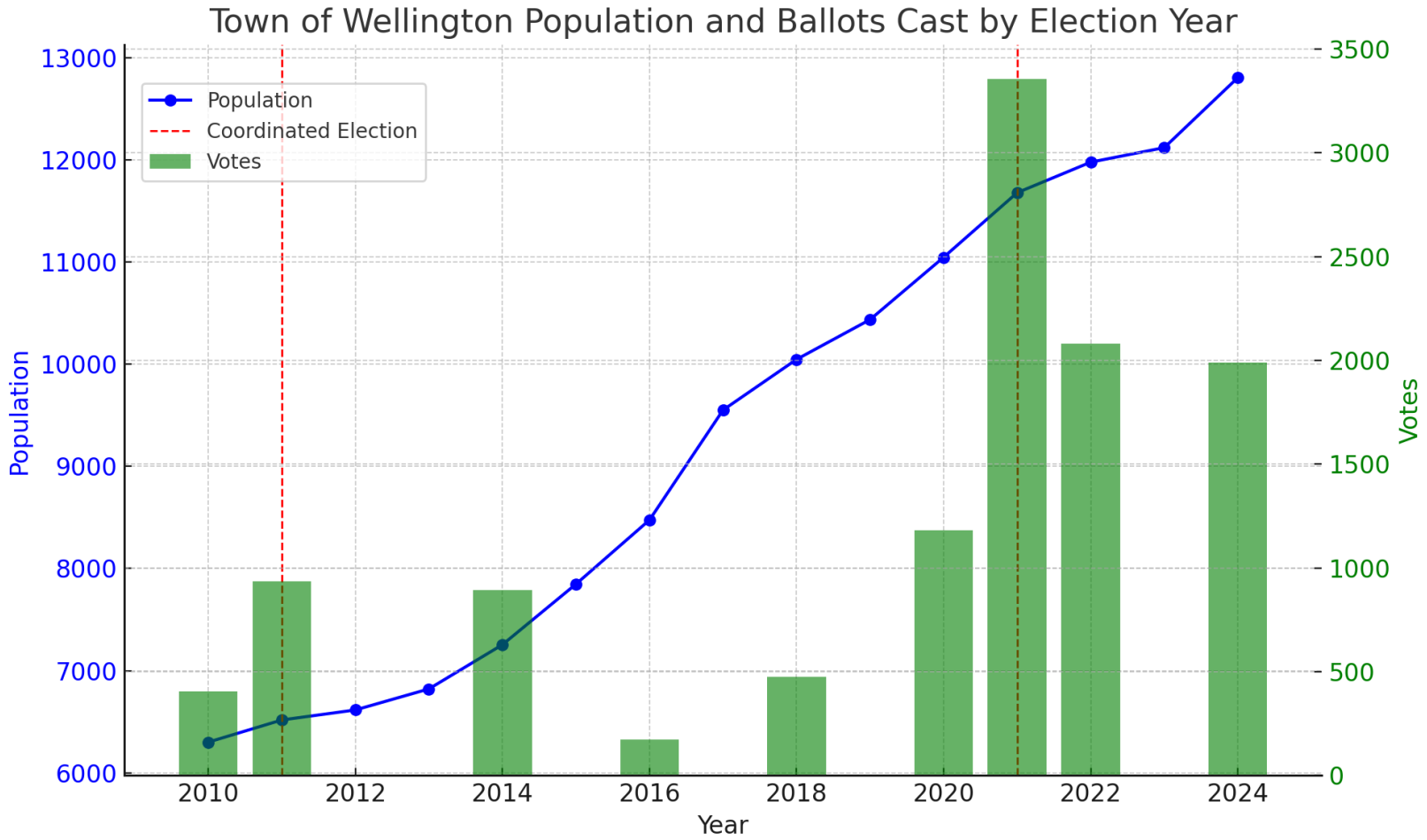
- County Clerk and Recorder
  - Voter Registration and Poll Book
  - Ballot and Ballot Issue Notice Preparation
  - Supervision of Election Judges
  - Logic and Accuracy
  - Counting and storage of ballots
  - Public Notice
  - Voter Service and Polling Center Operation
- Town Clerk
  - Call and Notice of Election
  - Verification of Petitions
  - Campaign Finance Filings
  - Ballot Proofing and Certification
  - Ballot Issue Notice Summarization
  - Pays costs to County Clerk and Recorder for ballot mailing, counting, and recounts

Wellington Elections (Last 14 Years)

- Regular Elections were held in Wellington in 2010, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024 (2012 cancelled)

- Coordinated Elections were held in Wellington in November of 2011 and 2021

Wellington Elections (Last 14 Years)



Average Participation by Election Type (Last 14 Years)

- Poll Place (n=4): ~6.4%
- Mail Ballot (n=3): ~13.8%
- Coordinated (n=2): ~21.5%

Benefits of Coordinated Elections

- Increased Participation – with General, State, and other municipal elections taking place in November, voter engagement is often higher than standalone municipal elections.
- Potential Lower Financial Burden on Taxpayers – all participating entities share the cost of the election when coordinating with the County for ballot measures, often minimizing costs to the municipality.
- Access to Additional Resources and Redundancy – Larimer County has access to additional resources to assist with voting services for electors, election judging, and ballot verification, counting, and auditing
- Lower Cost of Administrative Overhead to Staff – local election activities demand most of local election staff's capacity for ~4-6 months per election. Coordinated elections preserve capacity by partially shifting administrative overhead to County elections team.

Drawbacks of Coordinated Elections

- Ballot Confusion/Fatigue – when numerous entities participate in a coordinated election, there can be many questions and issues on the same ballot.
  - On the other hand, voters receive customized ballots that contain only questions or issues relevant to their voter eligibility

- Higher Cost Ceiling Potential – fewer measures on a ballot and correspondingly fewer participating entities means that costs may be increased for the remaining parties; recount costs are higher.

- Fewer Opportunities to consider TABOR Issues – TABOR issues can only be placed on ballots for Regular and Coordinated Elections; if the Regular Election becomes a Coordinated Election, one opportunity for TABOR consideration is lost every 2 years.

What Impact Does Moving the Election Have on Current Terms of Office?

- C.R.S. 31-10-109 states that current terms cannot be shortened
- If voters approve the change, Trustees whose terms expire in April would be extended to November

What About Even or Odd Years?

- Even years means the municipal election would be coordinated alongside Federal and State General elections (more coordinated ballot measures – usually lower costs)
- Odd years would be held with State off-cycle and County elections (fewer coordinated ballot measures – relatively higher costs)

How Do You Move the Regular Election to November?

- C.R.S. 31-10-109 permits statutory Towns to ask voters whether the Regular Election date should be changed from the first Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November

- The measure can be referred to the Ballot by the Board of Trustees or via other initiated measures specified in C.R.S. 31-11-101 et seq

What are the Required Steps?

- Consult with County Clerk and Recorder: Official Notice of Intent to Coordinate a Special Election in 2024 November Election due by July 26, 2024 – IGA signed August 27, 2024 – Ballot finalized early September 2024
- Refer or initiate a measure to the voters during a Regular or Special election
- If the measure passes, establish new election dates and/or terms via ordinance
- Example: If measure passed in the November 2024 Election (coordinated), the next Town Regular Election would be coordinated in November 2026 or 2027
- Other:
  - The same process can be used to return to April elections
  - The Town could still conduct its own elections if no opportunity for coordination exists (i.e. off-cycle Special Election)

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Considering Program Options

Regular Election Program Options

- Option 1: Maintain Status Quo
- Option 2: Request Use of Larimer County Elections Resources and Infrastructure
- Option 3: Coordinate in Even-Numbered Years
- Option 4: Coordinate in Odd-Numbered Years

Decision Points for the Board

- Refer a measure at the November 5, 2024, Election to change the date of Town's Regular Elections to November?
- If the Regular Elections are moved to November, should they be held in even or odd years?
- Should Town's elections be coordinated when feasible?

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Questions?

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: June 18, 2024
Subject: Senate Bill 24-131 Overview

- **Presentation: Dan Sapienza, Town Attorney**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Executive Summary

In the 2024 Legislative Session of the Colorado General Assembly, SB24-131 was passed, which expands prohibitions of carrying (whether openly or concealed) firearms and other weapons in certain buildings and places, namely government buildings, schools, and polling places. A provision of the law allows a local government to opt its local buildings out of the prohibition. This Work Session discussion is intended to gauge the interest of the Wellington Board of Trustees in "opting out," as allowed in the statute.

Bill Summary

SB24-131 has three main sections, one of which is of particular note to the Town of Wellington. First, the law increases prohibitions around carrying openly or concealed any firearm at schools, universities, and seminaries. The Town cannot modify this prohibition, as the prohibition is a state law, punishable as a class 1 misdemeanor.

Second, the law expands prohibitions around firearms near polling places. While prior to SB24-131 it was unlawful to carry a firearm openly at a polling place or within 100 feet of a polling place or drop box, this new law expands that to include a prohibition on concealed carry of firearms in these locations.

Third, and most impactful to the Town of Wellington, SB24-131 makes carrying a firearm in a government building or adjacent parking area a class 1 misdemeanor. This applies to a number of state government buildings, all courthouses or buildings used for court proceedings, and local government buildings where 1) the governing body's chambers are located, 2) a meeting of a government body is taking place, and 3) the office of any elected member of the governing body or the chief executive of the town is located.

Notably, nearly all prohibitions of SB24-131 apply to all firearms, whether carried openly or concealed, regardless of whether a person has a lawful concealed carry permit. Also, the law has exceptions allowing the carrying of firearms by law enforcement in their official capacity, security personnel employed at the facility, a member of the armed forces when engaged in official duties, or, when in a parking lot of a covered building, a person with a concealed carry permit.

The Opt-Out Provision

Per the terms of SB24-131, as codified at C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(4)(b):

A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE, REGULATION, OR OTHER LAW THAT PERMITS A PERSON TO CARRY A FIREARM AT A PLACE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

The subsection (1)(b) referenced in this opt-out language is specifically regarding local government buildings where 1) the governing body's chambers are located, 2) a meeting of a government body is taking place, and 3) the office of any elected member of the governing body or the chief executive of the town is located.

This law does not grant a local government the authority to permit a person to carry a firearm at the many other locations mentioned in the bill, even if they are within the Town or within a Town Building. This means the Town cannot permit firearms in courthouses or portions of buildings used for court proceedings, schools or universities, or within or near polling places or ballot drops.

Application to the Town of Wellington

The local government buildings indicated in SB24-131 would apply to the Leeper Center, used for the Board of Trustees chambers, and the Municipal Services Building, used for the Town Administrator office. SB24-131 prohibits the open or concealed carry of firearms in these buildings, unless the Town Board of Trustees desires to pass an ordinance authorizing the carry of firearms in these locations.

If desired, such an allowance (opt-out) cannot apply to these buildings when used for court proceedings, or during elections if within 100 feet of a drop box or when used as a count facility. The allowance would be time and use-limited, depending on the current use of a building.

Example draft code language. This is the broadest possible opt-out of SB24-131, allowing any person to carry open or concealed:

2-X-15: Permissive carry of firearms in municipal buildings

a) Pursuant to C.R.S § 18-12-105.3(4)(b), it shall not be a violation of C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(1)(b) or any successor section of the Colorado Revised Statutes for any person to carry a firearm in any Municipal building or its adjacent property including parking lot.

b) It shall be a violation of C.R.S § 18-12-105.3(c) to carry a firearm within any Municipal building or portion of a municipal building, including adjacent parking areas, used for municipal court proceedings (i) while municipal court is in session, or (ii) while any law enforcement personnel, defense counsel personnel, or municipal court personnel are engaged in any activities in connection with a municipal court proceeding whether or not the court is in session.

The opt out could also limit who is allowed to carry in those buildings, for instance, limited to staff and elected officials or only allowing concealed carry (or both), but not open carry.

Example narrower language. Here only staff and town officials are permitted to carry and in these cases, only a concealed handgun with a permit.

2-X-15: Permissive carry of firearms in municipal buildings

a) Pursuant to C.R.S § 18-12-105.3(4)(b), it shall not be a violation of C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(1)(b) or any successor section of the Colorado Revised Statutes for a member of the Board of Trustees or an officer or employee of the Town who holds a valid permit to

carry a concealed handgun or a temporary emergency permit issued pursuant to state law to carry a concealed handgun in any Municipal building or its adjacent property including parking lot.

b) It shall be a violation of C.R.S § 18-12-105.3(c) to carry a firearm within any Municipal building or portion of a municipal building, including adjacent parking areas, used for municipal court proceedings (i) while municipal court is in session, or (ii) while any law enforcement personnel, defense counsel personnel, or municipal court personnel are engaged in any activities in connection with a municipal court proceeding whether or not the court is in session.

Notice Requirements

Other than for polling places, the new law has no requirement for posting notice, however, it would be advisable to provide notice to the public of when and where the law may apply. Example language should be added to the above example code sections:

During times when this prohibition is in effect, a sign stating the following will be conspicuously posted on the entryways of such building with a size font that is clearly legible:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON MUNICIPAL COURT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

PURSUANT TO 18-12-105.3(1)(c), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, ALL FIREARMS ARE CURRENTLY PROHIBITED WITHIN THIS BUILDING.

Discussion Points

1. Does the Board of Trustees want to permit the carry of firearms in Municipal Buildings?
    - The Leeper Center
    - Municipal Services Building

2. If the board wants to permit the carrying of firearms, are there limits to who or how?
    - Employees, elected officials, or everyone?
    - Concealed carry with permit or open carry?

3. In addition to elections and court times, are there limits to when that are desirable?
4. Any additional notice we would like to provide?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. SB24-131 Signed

SENATE BILL 24-131

BY SENATOR(S) Jaquez Lewis and Kolker, Cutter, Fields, Sullivan, Gonzales;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brown and Lindsay, Froelich, Amabile, Bacon, Boesenecker, Daugherty, deGruy Kennedy, Garcia, Hamrick, Hernandez, Herod, Jodeh, Joseph, Kipp, Lindstedt, Marvin, McCormick, Parenti, Ricks, Rutinel, Sirota, Story, Valdez, Weissman, Willford, Woodrow.

CONCERNING PROHIBITING CARRYING A FIREARM IN SENSITIVE SPACES RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AS PLACES AT WHICH LONGSTANDING LAWS PROHIBITED CARRYING FIREARMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) The second amendment to the United States constitution protects the right of persons to keep and bear arms, and the supreme court of the United States has held that states may, consistent with the second amendment, regulate carrying firearms in sensitive places;

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(b) Colorado currently regulates carrying firearms in specified sensitive places, including certain government buildings, schools, and public transportation facilities;

(c) The sensitive spaces described in this act are places where children and other members of the public congregate; and

(d) The sensitive spaces described in this act are sensitive places at which the state can regulate carrying firearms consistent with the second amendment.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-105.3 as follows:

18-12-105.3. Unlawful carrying of a firearm in government buildings - penalty - definitions. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY CARRY A FIREARM, WHETHER LOADED OR NOT LOADED, IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THEIR ADJACENT PARKING AREAS:

(a) ON THE PROPERTY OF OR WITHIN ANY BUILDING IN WHICH:

(I) THE CHAMBERS, GALLERIES, OR OFFICES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR EITHER HOUSE THEREOF, ARE LOCATED;

(II) A LEGISLATIVE HEARING OR MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS BEING CONDUCTED; OR

(III) THE OFFICIAL OFFICE OF ANY MEMBER, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS LOCATED;

(b) UNLESS PERMITTED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION, ON THE PROPERTY OR WITHIN ANY BUILDING IN WHICH:

(I) THE CHAMBERS OR GALLERIES OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNING BODY ARE LOCATED;

(II) A MEETING OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNING BODY IS BEING CONDUCTED; OR

(III) THE OFFICIAL OFFICE OF ANY ELECTED MEMBER OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNING BODY OR OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED; OR

(c) A COURTHOUSE OR ANY OTHER BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING USED FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(a) A PEACE OFFICER CARRYING A FIREARM PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101 (2);

(b) A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD WHEN ENGAGED IN THE LAWFUL DISCHARGE OF THE MEMBER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES;

(c) SECURITY PERSONNEL EMPLOYED OR RETAINED BY AN ENTITY THAT CONTROLS OR OPERATES A PLACE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND SECURITY PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-216.7 (5) WHILE ENGAGED IN THE SECURITY PERSONNEL'S OFFICIAL DUTIES;

(d) LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, DEFENSE COUNSEL PERSONNEL, AND COURT PERSONNEL CARRYING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS PART OF THE LAWFUL AND COMMON PRACTICES OF A LEGAL PROCEEDING; AND

(e) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN OR A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE 12 WHO IS CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN THE ADJACENT PARKING AREA OF A LOCATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

(2.3) (a) ON AND BEFORE JANUARY 4, 2025, SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (2.3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2025.

(3) A PERSON COMMITS UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IF THE PERSON VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS

SECTION. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

(4) (a) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ENACTING AN ORDINANCE, REGULATION, OR OTHER LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-214 OR 29-11.7-104 THAT PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM CARRYING A FIREARM IN A SPECIFIED PLACE.

(b) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE, REGULATION, OR OTHER LAW THAT PERMITS A PERSON TO CARRY A FIREARM AT PLACE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

(5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM SECURELY STORING A FIREARM IN A VEHICLE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, THAT IS AT A LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

(6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "GOVERNING BODY" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-102.

(b) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY CITY, COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, OR ANY DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105.5, **amend** (1)(a), (1)(b)(II), (3) introductory portion, (3)(d.5), and (3)(h); **repeal** (3)(d); and **add** (1)(a.5), (3)(i), (3)(j), and (4) as follows:

18-12-105.5. Unlawfully carrying a weapon - unlawful possession of weapons - school, college, or university grounds - definition. (1) (a) A person shall not knowingly and unlawfully and without legal authority carry, bring, or have in the person's possession a deadly weapon as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(e) THAT IS NOT A FIREARM in or on the real estate and all improvements erected thereon of any public or private elementary, middle, junior high, high, or vocational school or any public or private college, university, or seminary; except for the purpose of presenting an authorized public demonstration or exhibition pursuant to instruction in conjunction with an organized school or class, for the purpose

of carrying out the necessary duties and functions of an employee of an educational institution that require the use of a deadly weapon THAT IS NOT A FIREARM, or for the purpose of participation in an authorized extracurricular activity or on an athletic team.

(a.5) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY CARRY A FIREARM, EITHER OPENLY OR CONCEALED, IN OR ON THE REAL ESTATE AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED THEREON OF ANY LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER; PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH, OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL; OR ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SEMINARY; EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING AN AUTHORIZED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OR EXHIBITION PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ORGANIZED SCHOOL OR CLASS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE NECESSARY DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF AN EMPLOYEE OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT REQUIRE THE USE OF A FIREARM, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATION IN AN AUTHORIZED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY OR ON AN ATHLETIC TEAM.

(b) (II) A person who violates ~~subsection (1)(a)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a.5) of this section commits a ~~class 5 felony if the weapon involved is a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901~~ CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

(3) It ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT an offense under this section if:

(d) ~~The person, at the time of carrying a concealed weapon, held a valid written permit to carry a concealed weapon issued pursuant to section 18-12-105.1, as said section existed prior to its repeal; except that it shall be an offense under this section if the person was carrying a concealed handgun in violation of the provisions of section 18-12-214 (3); or~~

(d.5) The weapon involved was a handgun, ~~and~~ the person held a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun or a temporary emergency permit issued pursuant to part 2 of this ~~article, except that it shall be an offense under this section if the person was carrying a concealed handgun in violation of the provisions of~~ ARTICLE 12, AND THE PERSON IS CARRYING THE CONCEALED HANDGUN:

(I) ON THE REAL PROPERTY, OR INTO ANY IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED THEREON, OF A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY GRANTED PURSUANT TO

section 18-12-214 (3); or

(II) IN A PARKING AREA OF A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SEMINARY; OR

(h) The person has possession of the weapon for use in an educational program approved by a school, which program includes, but ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT limited to, any course designed for the repair or maintenance of weapons; OR

(i) THE WEAPON INVOLVED IS A FIREARM; THE PERSON CARRYING THE FIREARM IS EMPLOYED OR RETAINED AS SECURITY PERSONNEL BY A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SEMINARY; AND THE PERSON IS CARRYING THE FIREARM WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL DUTIES AS SECURITY PERSONNEL; OR

(j) A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER IS ON THE SAME REAL ESTATE AS ANOTHER BUILDING OR IMPROVEMENT THAT IS NOT A SCHOOL AND THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PERSON IS CARRYING A FIREARM ON AN AREA OF REAL ESTATE OR ANY IMPROVEMENT THEREON THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED AS A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER.

(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER" MEANS A CHILD CARE CENTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303 (3), THAT IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD OR IS EXEMPT FROM LICENSING PURSUANT TO SECTION 26.5-5-304 (1)(b), AND THAT OPERATES WITH STATED EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. "LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303 (7).

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-724, **amend** (1)(a)(III), (1)(b)(I), (3)(a), (3)(b), and (3)(c) as follows:

1-13-724. Unlawfully carrying a firearm at a polling location or drop box - exception - legislative declaration. (1) (a) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(III) ~~Openly carried~~ Firearms in or near a polling location or drop

box may intimidate, threaten, or coerce voters, affecting Coloradans' exercise of their voting rights; and

(b) The general assembly further declares that:

(I) Regulating ~~openly carried~~ firearms at polling locations and drop boxes is substantially related to the general assembly's interest in ensuring all Colorado voters have the right to vote in an environment that is safe FROM GUN VIOLENCE and free from intimidation;

(3) (a) It is unlawful for any person to ~~openly~~ carry a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h), within any polling location, or within one hundred feet of a drop box or any building in which a polling location is located, as publicly posted by the designated election official, on the day of any election or during the time when voting is permitted for any election. The designated election official responsible for any central count facility, polling location, or drop box involved in that election cycle shall visibly place a sign notifying persons of the one-hundred-foot no ~~open~~ carry zone for firearms required pursuant to this section.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to ~~openly~~ carry a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h), within a central count facility, or within one hundred feet of any building in which a central count facility is located, during any ongoing election administration activity related to an active election conducted by the designated election official, as publicly posted by the designated election official.

(c) This ~~subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (3) does not apply to:

(I) A person who ~~openly~~ carries a firearm that the person owns on the person's private property that is within the one-hundred-foot buffer zone or while traveling directly between the person's private property and a place outside the one-hundred-foot buffer zone; ~~or~~

(II) A uniformed security guard employed by a contract security agency, as defined in section 24-33.5-415.4, acting within the scope of the authority granted by and in the performance of a contractual agreement for the provision of security services with a person or entity that owns or controls the facility, building, or location subject to this section; OR

(III) SECURITY PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-216.7 (5) WHILE ENGAGED IN THE SECURITY PERSONNEL'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1)(c), and (2) introductory portion; and **add** (2)(b.5) as follows:

18-12-105. Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon - unlawful possession of weapons. (1) A person commits a class 1 misdemeanor if ~~such~~ THE person knowingly and unlawfully:

(c) Without legal authority, carries, brings, or has in ~~such~~ THE person's possession ~~a firearm or~~ any explosive, incendiary, or other dangerous device on the property of or within any building in which the chambers, galleries, or offices of the general assembly, or either house thereof, are located, or in which a legislative hearing or meeting is being or is to be conducted, or in which the official office of any member, officer, or employee of the general assembly is located.

(2) It ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT an offense PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION if the defendant was:

(b.5) CARRYING A CONCEALED FIREARM AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-724, 18-12-105.3, OR 18-12-105.5; OR

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-214, **amend** (3.5) as follows:

18-12-214. Authority granted by permit - carrying restrictions - local authority. (3.5) A permit issued pursuant to this part 2 does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun:

(a) Onto the real property, or into any improvements erected thereon, of a LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-105.5, OR A public OR PRIVATE college, ~~or~~ university, ~~if the carrying of concealed handguns is prohibited by the governing board of the college or university~~ OR SEMINARY IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-12-105.5;

(b) IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-12-105.3; OR

(c) AT A POLLING LOCATION, DROP BOX, OR CENTRAL COUNT FACILITY, IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-724.

SECTION 7. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

SECTION 8. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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