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On March 24, 2020, the Ontario Police Department received notice that AniCare (K-9 Kennel service provider) will no longer be providing full services to the public or police department due to the COVID 19 concerns and their closure is described as “until further notice.”

Effective today March 25, 2020, OPD will adopt the following temporary protocol for responding to calls for service related to: Dogs at- large, vicious dogs, and found dogs.

- 1) OPD will not respond to dogs-at large and found dog calls. (Exceptions are: reports of dogs creating a legitimate public safety hazard).
- 2) OPD’s Kennel will only be used to shelter a vicious dog if picked up by OPD staff.
- 3) OPD will direct the public to seek out dog rescue facilities or adequate third-party shelter for found dog(s) on a voluntary basis or will be directed to lodge the dog at their own risk.
- 4) OPD will not accept public drop offs of found dogs.
- 5) OPD will call AniCare staff for the kenneling of a “vicious” or “dog bite” confirmed dog with AniCare staff reserving the right to accept or decline services to OPD.

This change in agency protocol will be reevaluated as information comes in regarding AniCare’s future operating plan and as we possibly procure a new service provider should AniCare shut their doors long-term or permanently.

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