

CHAPTER 343

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

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343.20 DEFINITIONS.*[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 5. Animal control officer. "Animal control officer" means an officer employed by or under contract with an agency of the state, county, municipality, or other governmental subdivision of the state which is responsible for animal control operations in its jurisdiction.

History: 1989 c 37 s 1**343.29 EXPOSURE OF ANIMALS; DUTY OF OFFICERS.**

Subdivision 1. Delivery to shelter. Any peace officer, animal control officer, or agent of the federation or county or district societies for the prevention of cruelty, may remove, shelter, and care for any animal which is not properly sheltered from cold, hot, or inclement weather or any animal not properly fed and watered, or provided with suitable food and drink. When necessary, a peace officer, animal control officer, or agent may deliver the animal to another person to be sheltered and cared for, and furnished with suitable food and drink. In all cases, the owner, if known, shall be immediately notified, and the person having possession of the animal, shall have a lien thereon for its care and keeping, the reasonable value of the food and drink furnished, and the expenses of the notice. If the owner or custodian is unknown and cannot by reasonable effort be ascertained, or does not, within five days after notice, redeem the animal by paying the expenses authorized by this subdivision, the animal may be treated as an estray.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1988]***History:** 1989 c 37 s 2