



PRESS RELEASE

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MUNICIPAL HUMANE OFFICER / ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS

As of May 1, 2018, the Berkeley Heights Police Department will be responsible for all investigations of animal cruelty in the Township of Berkeley Heights in accordance with the newly enacted New Jersey Animal Cruelty Law, codified as *N.J.S.A. 4:22-1(F), 25-28*.

Specific Berkeley Heights Police Department officers will be designated as municipal *Humane Law Enforcement Officers* (HLEOs) by the Chief of Police and will be authorized to conduct investigations and make arrests for animal cruelty-related offenses.

The phone number to call for all suspected or confirmed animal cruelty offenses within the borders of the Township of Berkeley Heights will be the direct number to the Berkeley Heights Police Department communications center:

(908) 464-1111

Follow this link for further information: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/vph/>

Chief John DiPasquale