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# MSPCA Academy

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## Law Enforcement Officer

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Animal Cops: A Day in the Life of an MSPCA Law  
Enforcement Officer

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# Agenda

- About the MSPCA Law Enforcement Department
- About Me
- A Typical Day in the Life of an MSPCA Officer
- MSPCA Law Enforcement Impact

# About the MSPCA Law Enforcement Department

## At-A-Glance

- Six commissioned animal cruelty investigators who enforce the Massachusetts felony Animal Cruelty Statute
- A POST certified academy whose offers boast powers and we:
  - File for and execute search warrants
  - File animal cruelty charges
  - Educate pet owners and provide pet-care assistance, services and resources



# About Me

## At-A-Glance

- Began my career at the MSPCA's Brockton adoption center, which is now the Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts
  - Worked as a summertime police officer on Martha's Vineyard for two years, as well as a campus officer at a local college
  - Started role at the MSPCA in 2004; live with my husband and three dogs, including a foster puppy we adopted from an animal control officer

# My Typical Day at the MSPCA

- Complaints received online or via phone to our Law Enforcement officer, then dispatched to an officer who responds
  - I'm typically dispatched to XXX complaints per day—even though I'm often still following on the previous days' cases
  - Answer calls from DA's and appear at court dates
- Regularly collaborate with local police department and/or local animal control to gather as much information as we can: vet records, witness interviews, etc.
- Re-checks to ensure the situation has improved

# MSPCA Law Enforcement Impact

## Public Education

- We *always* want to make the situation better for the animal and the owner so with education, hopefully we can keep the animal and owner together
- Education makes people more aware of the laws and proper animal care

## Public Resources

- Law Enforcement is not just about enforcing laws—or dropping the anvil on the law
- Often able to secure assistance for pet owners that they otherwise would not have
  - Low-cost spay and neuter
  - Vaccines
  - Food and litter and more

## Case Closed: Dior





# Case Closed: Molly, Boots and Mischief



# Thank You For Participating

The mission of the MSPCA-Angell is to protect animals, relieve their suffering, advance their health and welfare, prevent cruelty, and work for a just and compassionate society.

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