

## **ANIMAL SEIZURE POLICY**

An animal is considered to be seized and held for cause when the animal is withheld against the owner's will. GCHS will work with local law enforcement agencies when a seizure takes place. Reasons for seizing animals may include the following

- There are reasonable grounds to believe the owner has mistreated the animal(s) in violation of s.951 WI Statute – “Crimes Against Animals.”
- The animal may be used as evidence in a pending prosecution.
- A court has ordered the animal be withheld from the owner for any reason.

The animal information will be entered into the GCHS animal records system as seized and will be placed on hold. Fees may be incurred by GCHS while the animal(s) is in its' custody. Payment of fees, including veterinary services will be determined by the court.

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