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Personnel Training and Safety – Pepper Spray/Citronella

Guideline Statement

Pepper Spray and Citronella may be used as non-lethal deterrents to deal with aggressive dogs, wildlife, or hostile people in accordance with specific training. Pepper Spray or Citronella should never be used on cats.

Basis for Guideline

Chemical deterrent sprays are viable alternatives to lethal force when dealing with some aggressive animals and may provide a level of protection against hostile people. NACA recognizes that these chemicals do not work on all species of animals or people in all situations.

Guideline Recommendation

NACA recommends that no Animal Control Officer be permitted to carry or use Pepper Spray or Citronella Spray without proper animal related training. NACA further recommends that any agency approving the use of these items must have a written policy regarding their use and insure proper training.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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