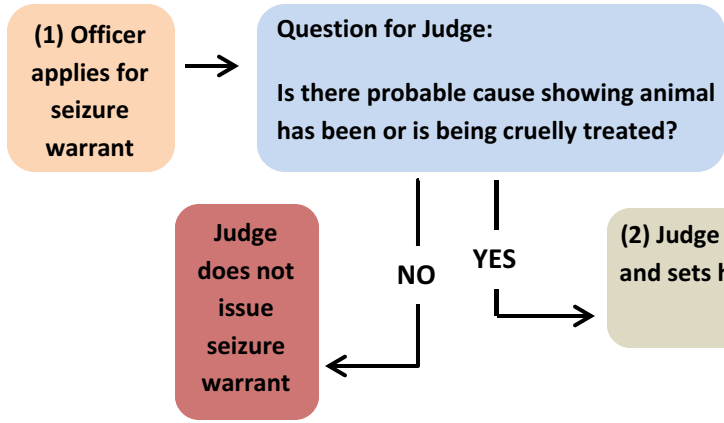


Cruelly-Treated Animal Hearing Process

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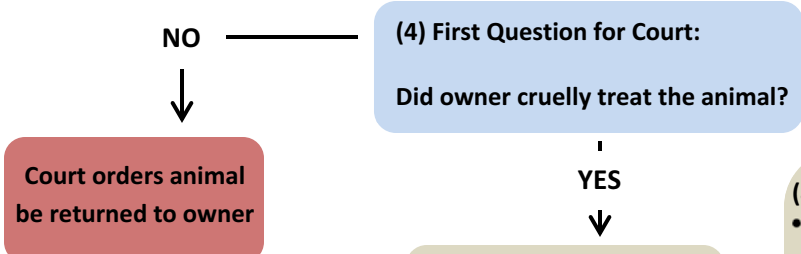
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(2) Judge issues seizure warrant and sets hearing date for within 10 days

(3) Officer executes seizure warrant, impounds animal, and gives owner notice of hearing

THE HEARING:



(5) Court orders owner divested of ownership of the animal

(6) Second Question for Court:
What happens to the animal?

(8) Court orders owner to pay court costs, including:

- Administrative costs of
 - investigation
 - expert witnesses
 - conducting any public sale if so ordered*
- Costs incurred by municipal or county animal shelter or nonprofit animal welfare organization in
 - housing/caring for animal during impoundment
 - humanely destroying animal if so ordered*

*this will depend on answer to second question.

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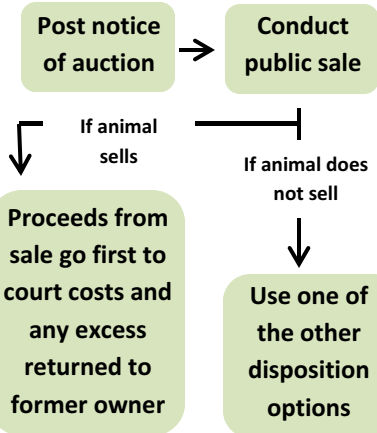
(7a) Order animal sold at public auction

May order animal be spayed/neutered at buyer's cost

(7b) Order animal given to a municipal or county animal shelter or a nonprofit animal welfare organization

May order animal be spayed/neutered at receiver's cost

(7c) Order animal humanely destroyed if in best interest of animal or public health and safety



(9) Third Question for Court:
What are the estimated costs likely to be incurred by the municipal or county animal shelter or nonprofit animal welfare organization to house and care for the impounded animal during an appeal process (25 days maximum)?

(10) COURT ENTERS JUDGMENT and sets appeal bond (see back side)

(10) COURT ENTERS JUDGMENT AND SETS AMOUNT OF APPEAL BOND

(11) Fourth Question for Court:
Set the amount of the appeal bond equal to the sum of:

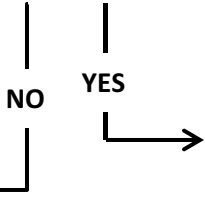
- (a) the amount of the court costs ordered under step 8; and
- (b) the amount of the estimated costs determined under step 9

**Court may not require a bond in an amount greater than or in addition to this amount*

THE APPEAL:

Owner makes decision whether to appeal
Does owner appeal?

Court shall move forward with ordered disposition from step 7



(12) Owner has 10 calendar days to appeal and file cash or surety bond in set amount

(13) Court then has 5 calendar days to deliver clerk's record to county court or county court at law

(14) County court then has 10 calendar days to consider the appeal
**Appeal is de novo*
**Appellant is entitled to jury trial on request*

County court decision is FINAL

If owner appeals, animal may not be sold, given away, or destroyed unless necessary to prevent undue pain or suffering during pendency of appeal

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