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# **Animal Control Report 6 May through 2 June 2020**

**Town of Newport, NY**

**Andrew Topham, ACO**

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**1. Received a call from Craig Fehlhaber (left message on my phone) on 12 May regarding cow slaughtering incident he witnessed at the ZUT farm (spelling?)**

**Returned his call on 15 May. Knowing that I have no jurisdiction regarding farm animals from a previous conversation, he felt it prudent regardless to let me know what he had witnessed, and I will paraphrase:**

**Craig said he saw a vehicle pull up into the driveway of the ZUT farm, and there were up to three occupants. A short time later a young Amish girl walked a young calf up to the vehicle, and the calf was dispatched by having its throat slit. It was then butchered on the spot, bagged, and placed in the vehicle.**

**He felt this was exceptionally cruel behavior, and hence took photos of the incident and forwarded them to a Herkimer County Sheriff.**

**He was going to forward the pictures to me, but has not done so.**

**No further communication since that day.**

**2. Phone call, 17 May 2020 at 4:04pm from Cody Lewis Route 28, Newport.**

**Mrs. Lewis called to relay her concern that 2 stray dogs were frequently visiting her property. One was described as a larger light brown dog, maybe a lab mix and the other was a smaller unknown mixed breed dark brown dog.**

**She explained that the previous evening, 16 May at 11 pm., the dogs showed up on her porch.**

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The following day 17 May, both dogs ran up the driveway causing her fiancé to run into the house.

I took her information and told her I would investigate. After searching the area by vehicle for approximately 45 minutes, I was unable to locate either dog. I told Mrs. Lewis that should they return, she should not hesitate to call me.

3. Spoke with Annette Holowka from NY State AG & Markets Animal Control. Meeting with her on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June at the Newport Town Office to get compliance inspection of my vehicle and equipment. Will further discuss any additional actions I might be able to take to assist in situations such as mentioned above.

No other

End Report.