

**March/ April 2024 DCO Report**  
Ovid, Lodi, Covert, Romulus

**Mar 2, 2024 Romulus-** received a call from a dog owner wishing to surrender his dog due to it biting him. He stated that he had called numerous shelters in an attempt to surrender it and they wouldn't take him. I explained that I am unable to take a surrender, due to the fact that we house them at the shelters. I explained his options of reaching out to rescues and other shelters, but explained they probably wouldn't take him due to his biting. He said he would talk to his vet about putting him down.

**Mar 3, 2024 Covert-** Received a message regarding a dog who had been hit by a car and had taken off. Posted to the DCO Facebook page and it was reported to me that the dog was found safe and was at home.

**Mar 4, 2024 Romulus-** received a message regarding a dog that was showing up at the 5 Points Composting Building. I went out to 5 Points and was directed to the Composting building. The officer there stated that the dog randomly showed up and they showed me the dog house and food they left out for him. I also went to the Ag Park, and left a note for them to call me. The dog has been seen there as well and also eats food there. We are hoping to get him coming to either place more frequently, so we can set a have a heart trap to capture him. As soon as he sees people, even from a distance he takes off and hides.

**Mar 5, 2024 Lodi-** Barking Complaint in Lodi. Spoke with the complainant, and they explained where they thought the barking was coming from and that it happens daily. I went to the location of the alleged barking, and the dogs in that home were inside the residence. They were not barking when I knocked on the door. The dog's owners stated that she only lets them out to use the bathroom and they will occasionally bark to come back in or if there is a squirrel outside. I explained why I was there and she was very understanding, but denied that her dogs are outside all day.

**Mar 6, 2024 Romulus-** Received a call regarding the 5 Points Dog ( I'm calling him Depot). He was spotted running inside the fence between 5 Points and The Ag Park. Caller stopped and tried to call him to them and he took off into the wooded area behind the fence. No sightings when I went out to see if I could locate him.

**Mar 11, 2024 Romulus-** Received a call regarding dogs running at large on Beaujon Rd. I went out and didn't see any dogs loose on Beaujon Rd nor on West Blaine Rd. Assumed dogs returned to their owner.

**Mar 13, 2024 Lodi-** Received a call about a dog running at large at Lodi Point State park. It had gotten on a picnic table and had eaten a visitor's lunch. Upon arrival the dog was no longer at the park. As I was going to leave the visitor pointed out the dog that was now with a woman walking. I approached the owner and she stated that it was her dog. Her boyfriend then arrived

and loaded the dog into the truck and stated that he gets loose sometimes. I explained that the dog needed to be on a leash, especially in a state park. I explained that the dog had eaten a visitor's meal and they weren't the least bit concerned.

**Mar 17, 2024 Romulus-** Received a call regarding dogs that were possibly being neglected in Willard (Romulus) on Pleasant St. Upon arriving at the home, I spoke with the dogs(9 of them) owner who stated that the dogs were not being neglected and that they were licensed in the town she previously lived in (Clyde Ny). I told her I was concerned regarding the smell of the home and that I would follow up with the town of Clyde regarding the licenses. She stated she was in the process of moving, due to the place she was in being sold.

**Mar 18, 2024 -** Followed up with Clyde and only 4 of the dogs are licensed. I called and spoke with the owner and explained that she needed to get the remaining dogs licensed. She said she still didn't know where she would be moving to, and that she would as soon as she did.

**Mar 24, 2024 -** I have attempted to contact the owner of the Willard dogs repeatedly, and she is refusing to respond to calls and messages. She is no longer residing at the Pleasant St address. The dogs were moved to her friend's house, which she also refused to tell me the location or town of.

**Mar 28, 2024 Ovid-** Received a call and facebook message regarding 3 puppies that were "found" in a wire cage. The finder couldn't give an exact address or even street name as to where they were found. I went to the finder's home and found 3 male cattle dog mixes in a small wire cage together. I explained to the finder that next time she should call the police so we can photograph and document the location and condition. I then called Beverly's who said they sounded like the same dogs an Amish Farmer tried to sell them earlier in the week. They explained they do not buy dogs, but they would accept them as an owner surrender to ensure they were safe and taken care of. They were taken to Beverly's and I will continue investigating this as a possible neglect/ abandonment case.

**Apr 4, 2024 -** Spoke with Daylin at Beverly's and she stated she was going to mark the 3 puppies as owner surrenders, so that the town wouldn't be billed. This was done because we couldn't get confirmation as to where they were found or if they were in fact from the Amish Farm in Ovid. Beverly felt that as an owner surrendered, it would help not deter the Amish community from reaching out to surrender dogs in need.

**Apr 7, 2024 Ovid-** Dog bite complaint on Co Rd 139 in Ovid near Shledrake Point. Upon arrival I spoke with the complainant and the dog's owner. A dog bite form was filled out and sent to the Health Department. Owner was issued tickets.

**Apr 8, 2024 Romulus-** Received a call from a State trooper regarding a dog bite that happened at Button Grove Winery, during the Eclipse. I told him I would head that way and he told me the person whose dog had bit someone had left. He gave me contact information for

both the dogs' owner and the biting victim. I spoke with both and filled out a dog bite form. Both were from out of town and had already headed home. The victim was going to go to Urgent care where she lived to have the bite cleaned and treated. The dogs' owner did send proof of rabies vaccinations for the dog.

**Apr 13, 2024 Ovid-** Received a call from the 911 Center regarding 2 dogs (rottweiler/ rottweiler mixes) that were found on Rte 96, just South of Center Rd. The Sheriff had both dogs secured and was waiting for me. Upon arrival, we got both dogs loaded into my van and I took them to my house to post them on Facebook. They were later taken to Beverly's and last I knew had not been claimed.

**Apr 15, 2024 Romulus-** Depot sighting outside of the Fence on Rte 414. This was at the house on the right just before the split off. As soon as he saw the homeowner (who was inside) he bolted. I drove to the area in hopes of seeing him, but no luck.

**Apr 17, 2024 Lodi-** Received a call from a dog owner whose dog jumped from their car on the way back to their house from Lodi Point. They were driving in the area in hopes of seeing the dog. She was later found at the Cemetery and was reunited with her owners!

**Apr 22, 2024 Romulus-** Report of dogs loose on Beaujon Rd. Once again went to the area and didn't see any sightings of them. I did see dogs by their home with their owner, but none in the road.

**Apr 26, 2024 - Romulus-** Depot sighting, heading towards Hollow Creek Groceries. Upon arriving in the area, Depot was walking towards Hollow Creek Groceries. I slowed and called, tossed some treats out. He stopped and watched me for a few minutes. He then went off to the grocery store. When I pulled in there, he took off into the woods behind hollow creek. I drove around the block, just in time to see him ducking in along the fence and going towards the Ag Park. Gate was locked.

Ovid and Lodi Town court has been canceled for the Month of May and will resume in Ovid in June. All tickets being issued, will be issued for June and July.

Any towns that have a leash law, (not just in the village), should be sure to post that on the town websites. Most of the dog complaints about dogs running at large are due to owners thinking they are in the country and do not need to keep their dogs on leashes or on their property.

On a personal note, I have applied for and accepted a full time position at the Ovid Library. I will be stepping down as the dog control officer for Ovid, Lodi, Covert and Romulus, effective June 30th 2024. I greatly appreciate of the support i have received from all 4 towns during the last couple of years. Once new Dog Control Officers are hired, i will meet with each of them and hand over all the materials i have for each town, including gear and tickets/paperwork.

