



FACA Policy Statement

Taser & Stun Gun Use on Animals

In 2002, the Florida Attorney General stated that while section 828.27, Florida Statutes, authorizes a city or county to adopt an ordinance authorizing its animal control officers to carry a device to chemically subdue and tranquilize an animal, provided that the officer has successfully completed training as prescribed in the statute, the statute does not authorize the city ordinance to permit such officers to use nonchemical stun devices and tasers.

FACA supports this ruling and at this point does not take a position on revising state law to address these devices due to the lack of credible data as to their safety or effectiveness.

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