



## Advocate for a Humane Chicago

D.A.W.G. (Dog Advisory Work Group) is a partner of the City of Chicago's Court Advocacy program, which is a part of the CAPS community policing effort. By monitoring and attending court cases that involve cruelty against animals, D.A.W.G. Court Advocates show police, court officials and offenders that community members want safe, humane neighborhoods and enforcement of laws holding abusers of all kinds accountable.

What does the presence of Court Advocates mean? It means citizens are taking a stand against violence and abuse and representing victims who cannot represent themselves. It means support for law enforcement and their community partners who intervene in these crimes. It also sends a message to offenders that we will not tolerate such crimes in our neighborhoods. Your presence, observations and awareness help ensure that these crimes against animals are treated seriously.



## Help Create Safe, Humane Neighborhoods



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**Stand Up for Those Who Can't**

**Show You Care**



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## How You Can Help

### Attend Court

Begin by going to court with an experienced D.A.W.G. Court Advocate or attending a CAPS Court Advocacy training session. Then start monitoring specific court cases online, by phone or by mail. Attend cases as little or as much as your schedule permits. *All participation helps!*

Typically, our group follows five to 10 cases weekly across Chicago and Cook County. Case outcomes are reported to our volunteer coordinators, who in turn report the information to broader audiences. You can share court successes, insights, questions and ideas for greater impact at monthly D.A.W.G. Court Advocacy meetings.

To sign up or get more information on court advocacy, please call 312.409.2169 ext 3 or email [courtadvocacy@dawgsite.org](mailto:courtadvocacy@dawgsite.org).

### Get Informed and Connected

The more you know, the more you can help. Attend D.A.W.G. meetings, which are held at 6:00 pm on the fourth Monday of every month January through October. Meeting dates in November and December are announced. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held in the Community Room at the 18th District Police Station, 1160 North Larrabee in Chicago (Larrabee and Division). Besides expanding your knowledge, you'll also connect with other people who share the same passions and willingness to help as you.

### Become Active

Every little action you take can have a significant impact in creating safe, humane neighborhoods! Abuse, exploitation and neglect of animals are signs of dangerous living conditions for people and animals. But you don't have to go to court to help. Make a difference by participating in community events and your local CAPS meetings. Spread the word to other concerned people. *Attend a D.A.W.G. meeting to find out what you can do!*

***Abuse, exploitation and neglect of animals promote violence in our neighborhoods and families. You have the power to help stop the suffering and create safe, humane communities.***

