

Here are the sample animal issues I have:

The ADVANCED TASER is not specifically recommended for use against animals as its main function. The main reason is that the ADVANCED TASER was created for "human nervous systems" not animals. Moreover, the ADVANCED TASER is designed to hit a standing vertical target which most animals are not. The shot would have to be altered and somehow aimed at the side of the animals where the wide center of mass is located and most animals don't attack from the side. Also, animals tend to recover very quickly compared to humans when hit by TASERS. The civilian range of 15 feet is somewhat limiting, too although law enforcement has cartridges for 21 feet. More research is required.

With that being said, there is still a good chance that the ADVANCED TASER would work on some animals temporarily. We have received several reports of police officers using the ADVANCED TASER on pitbulls during warrant entries and also where a pitbulls have attacked other dogs. It was used successfully in Titusville, FL police against a pitbull who was attacking and nearly killed a police K-9 dog. Kicks, baton strikes and pepper spray was ineffective on this pitbull. The pitbull was hit by the M26 ADVANCED TASER and both probes stuck in the side of the pitbull. It went on its back during the 5-second cycle. A dog handler was near with a pole and a collar and quickly slipped it over the dog's head successfully subduing it (see attached jpeg picture.) The San Diego Police subdued a pitbull that was in a living room attacking another pitbull. The officer on scene was able to shoot probes into the dog and an animal control officer was able to collar the dog successfully. The older AIR TASER with only 7 Watts of power was also used to stop a pitbull that had jumped through a living room of a family and attacked the resident's pitbull. The two pitbulls fought for quite some time until San Diego PD deployed the AIR TASER successfully against one of the pitbulls and was able to be subdued by animal control (there is video of this event on VHS tape if you need it).



Pit\_Bull.jpg

The more information we receive is that the ADVANCED TASER is working well against aggressive pitbulls. We in fact, now recommend that officers "try" the ADVANCED TASER against the dogs and let us know of their success. It is still an unknown area for us as we don't teach animal control tactics. However, the ADVANCED TASER is something that can be tried, but a game plan must be in place as to officer safety, deploying from cover, having lethal cover, and an animal control officer ready to subdue the dog during the 5-second cycle. Safety-wise, the electrical current won't pose a problem to the dogs. However, if a plan of what to do with the dogs is not formulated, the officers will be at risk.

Here are a few more examples where the M26 was successfully deployed against vicious dogs:

1. ANIMAL USE 6/20/02: Steve, just a note for your books...We used the TASER on a dog last night during a drug warrant. It had all the standard elements, a suspect reported to hate police and armed, residence heavily barricaded, aggressive dog etc. On our approach, we discovered the suspect had chained the dog at the only accessible entrance to the residence. The dog was subject first to a distraction device - a Def-Tec #25. We then followed up with the Taser. The dog was hit on the left side chest and side, and received a 5 second cycle. It was instantly incapacitated - it froze in place, then went down after the cycle finished. Following the application, it appeared fine, running under a pick up truck.

We felt the tool was a 10... it worked like a charm. The dog was very aggressive, and drug officers had warned us about it. Officers at the site were obviously very pleased with the result.

We are putting your conference for next year on our budget. As you know, the provincial government recently approved use of the Taser for hostage rescue units and containment teams throughout the province, with the look to future deployment to patrol officers.

Mark Barclay (Cst.)  
Ottawa Police Service Tactical Unit

## 2. GARDENA POLICE ANIMAL USE 5/30/02:

The Taser worked and had the dog on his back. Unfortunately, after the initial 5 sec burst, the dog was able to get up and ran away. We had a similar incident with a similar dog about a month before this one. In that incident, the dog was cornered and hit with 2 full 5 sec bursts. After the second 5 seconds, our dog pretty much gave up. Hope this helps.

Det Brian Juckett, Gardena Police  
BJuckett@GardenaPD.org

More insight: Steve, I would say that the Taser was an effective tool, probably grading it at an 8 or 9 out of 10 in these incidents. If the dog received two 5 second cycles, I think the outcome would have been different. In the most recent incident, the probes hit the dog on the upper back. In the previous incident, they both hit in the left chest area.

Vince Osorio  
Gardena PD

### Los Angeles Market (#2)

05/30/02 KTTV FOX 11 Ten O'Clock News 10:00PM

22:13:36.00 >> ...and after he shot the dog once, the dog ran away and was coming back at you. Night would not stop. It came full charge. It was very angry. Police shoot again. The dog is killed. But as the other two pit bulls are being rounded up, they make a run for it. Police are forced to use their TASERS. Stun guns, to finally stop the dogs. The little boy is rushed to the ER. He is caught but all right. And awfully lucky after animal control gets a closer look at the pit bulls. >> A dog like that could have did quite some damage to that little boy. so the boy is very lucky. And we thank god that it is not -- it wasn't as serious as it was.

15) 0001486999-000

### Los Angeles Market (#2)

05/30/02 KNBC NBC Channel 4 News 11:00PM

23:20:17.38 >>> One of the family's dogs attacked a three-year-old child in the backyard of the family home in Gardena today when the animal control officers got there, the dog tried to attack them. So police had to shoot and kill it. Here are the officers taking away another family dog they managed to tranquilize with taser darts. They took the dog they had to kill away in a wheel barrow. The young mauling victim was taken to a hospital and treated for puncture wounds in the case. Police have investigating the case further tonight.

16) 0001487395-000

### Los Angeles Market (#2)

05/31/02 KNBC NBC Today in L.A. 05:00AM

05:40:19.21 >>> Animal control officers had to tech away the family dog after one of them attacked a 3-year-old. This dog was tranquilized with taser darts. one of the other dog apparently tried to tax animal control officers when they arrived. the police had to shoot and kill the animal. Young mauling victim was taken to the hospital and treated for puncture wounds in the face.

## 3. -----Original Message-----

From: Chief Paul D. Yarbrough [SMTP:TPD501@tallasse.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2002 7:01 PM  
To: Steve@TASER.com  
Subject:

Hi Steve, Actually this the 4th dog we have tased. Three of the dogs were rotties and I am not sure on the last one. The first three were on two separate search warrants on drug houses. One the dog fell and after the 5 seconds he ran off. The other two were in a fence and as officers approached the house they charged them and were tased . probes made contact and they ran off breaking the leads, we never saw them again. the last one was unknown large mutt that animal control has had a hard time catching, they cornered the dog he was tased and they got a noose on him. The Taser worked fine on all dogs that we have tased in the last several months. Hope this helps.

Chief Paul D. Yarbrough (Randy)     FBI NA - 194  
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3. Officer: Cpl. Mike Keltner  
phone: 909-620-2156  
email: Mike\_Keltner@ci.pomona.ca.us  
Department: Pomona Police  
date: 03-30-01  
sex: Male  
Incident: Vicious Dogs  
Weapon: M26  
Level: Darts Fired at Subject  
Tracking: Yes  
Success: Yes  
Shotsfired: 1  
Distance: 3-7 Feet  
Penetration: 2 Skin  
Off\_Injure: None  
Location: Outdoor  
video: no

Description: This is another incident where the M26 was used on a vicious dog. The officer responded with Humane Officers regarding two vicious Rottweiler dogs. While humane was taking one of the dogs the second tried to attack. The M26 was deployed at the dog and the darts struck the attacking dog. The dog did not fall to the ground but instead ran away from the officers. The dog broke the wires and was never again located. The M26 may not have knocked the dog to the ground, but it was still successful as it stopped the attacking dog and prevented injuries.

4. Officer: Sgt. Shan MacAdam  
Phone: 815-235-8252  
Fax: 815-235-8294  
email: stcoesda1@msn.com  
Department: Stephenson Co. S. O.  
date: April 10, 2001  
Sex: Male  
Weapon: M26  
Level: Darts Fired at Subject  
Tracking: Yes  
Success: Yes  
Shotsfired: 1  
Distance: 7-11 Feet

Penetration: 1 Skin  
Probes: Removed at scene  
Off\_Injure: None  
Susp\_Inj: None  
Kinetic: Ineffective  
Location: Outdoor  
video: no  
Attn: Lt. K Eikstadt  
Dept: Stephenson Co Sheriff's Police  
Add1: 15 N. Galena Ave  
City: Freeport  
State: IL  
Zip: 61032

Description: Requested to respond to call of a Pit Bull mauling another dog. Three bean bags rounds had been ineffective. I fired the probes, but only one struck the animal. Even though only one probe struck the animal, it ceased the attack and dropped to the ground. The dog was contained by a noose. The second probe, believed to have been fired under the dog, may have delivered a shock through the ground.

#### 5. DOG USE, BUT NO SHOT TAKEN:

Officer: Deputy R Wilson  
Phone: 815-235-8252  
Fax: 815-235-8294  
email: DISPATCH89@AOL.COM  
Department: Stephenson Co. S. O.  
date: 03/21/01  
age: 45  
sex: Male  
height: 6'0  
weight: 190  
Influences: cannabis Civil:  
Warrant: Yes  
Threat: dogs  
Weapon: M26  
Level: Laser Only  
Tracking: Yes  
Success: Yes  
Off\_Injure: None  
Location: Indoor  
Video: no  
Attn: Lt Eikstadt  
Dept: Stephenson County S.O.  
Add1: 204 W. Exchange St.  
City: Freeport IL.  
State: IL  
Zip: 61032

Requested by narcotics unit to deploy Taser upon execution of search warrant. Suspect was known to have vicious dogs in residence. Upon entry I was asked to lead the team in and to make sure the dogs were not a threat. As I entered the house the dog was in the leaving room and I aimed the Taser at the dog and the owner quickly asked that we not shoot his dog and that he would put the dog away and do anything we asked him to do. The search was completed without incident.

6. Naked Man Fights with Officers, Dog  
by Stacey Burns, The News Tribune

A 25-year-old man ran naked along a Tacoma, Wash., street late Tuesday, first yelling death threats at a police officer and then assaulting a police dog, officers said. He kept fighting despite being pepper sprayed and nipped by the dog.

A sergeant eventually subdued the man with a stun gun so officers could arrest him, police reported.

The incident began about 10:45 p.m. when an officer and his police dog responded to a call about a naked man running south on East A Street. When the officer arrived, the man was standing near a traffic circle in the 3700 block of East A Street, police reported.

The man spotted the officer and started screaming he would kill him, police said. The officer parked his patrol car, called dispatchers and went to talk with the man. The officer asked him what the problem was and whether he could help, police said.

The man again yelled threats and started walking toward the officer. The officer brought out his police dog for protection and continued to talk to the man, who kept walking toward the officer, police said.

The man noticed the police dog and threatened to kill him, police said. Two other officers then arrived. The first officer ordered the man to stop, but he advanced and yelled obscenities, police said.

Within 7 feet of the officers, the man raised his arms and clenched his fists. The first officer ordered the man to stop one more time and, when he didn't, ordered the police dog to take him down.

The man grabbed the dog around the choke collar and picked him up by his front legs, cutting off the animal's airway, police said. The officer knocked the man to the ground, but he continued to hang onto the dog. The three officers freed the dog, who then bit the man on the thigh. The man continued to fight, swinging wildly and getting back on his feet each time he was knocked down, police said.

A fourth officer arrived and sprayed pepper spray in the man's eyes. Still, the man didn't stop fighting the officers, police said.

The sergeant arrived, ordered the officers to back away and used the stun gun to incapacitate the man. Officers handcuffed the man as he thrashed on the ground, police said.

Paramedics took the man to Tacoma General Hospital for treatment of injuries from the dog and the stun gun. Later, officers booked the man into Pierce County Jail on suspicion of third-degree assault and assault on a police dog.

7. Officer Name: Kip Paporello  
Phone: 208-377-6790  
Email: kpaporello@cityofboise.org  
Date: 6/30/2002  
Age: 4 Sex: Male  
Height: 3ft Weight: 120  
Level: Darts Fired at Subject  
Success: Yes  
Shots fired: 1  
Distance: 1-3 Feet  
Hits: 2  
Penetration: 2 Skin  
Duration: 5 sec  
Probes: at scene  
Officer Injury: None  
Suspect Injury: None:

Description:

I'm a M26 Taser instructor for my department and we have just recently been issued 80 M26 TASERS for patrol use. I had been dispatched to a call involving two aggressive dogs that were

actively aggressing people in a residential area. The dogs had not actually attacked anyone at the time of the call. I located the dogs in a front yard of a residence. One was a 50-60 lb. pitbull and the other was a rottweiler that weighted approx. 120 lb. I decided to arm myself with the M26 as I had two assist officers with lethal (shotgun, handgun). I was in the street about 25 yards from both dogs when the pitbull charged. As he got closer he started to slow down and began to bark but kept a distance of 5-6 feet. He then started to walk back to the driveway when I noticed the rottweiler charging down the driveway at full speed. As he got within several feet I realized he was not slowing and appeared intent on attacking so I deployed the M26. It was a point and shoot situation. The top dart struck him directly between the eyes and the second hit him on the right side. He was immediately incapacitated as the Taser caused electro-muscular disruption. Before I realized it he was on his side twitching. Our department policy is that when a Taser is deployed the suspect, or in this case, dog, gets a full 5 second automatic timing cycle (ATC) which is what he got. He didn't howl or yelp but just quietly took it despite the obvious violent muscle contractions. After the ATC he just stayed on his side and appeared to be having further muscle spasms and this continued for approx. 20 seconds. He then sat up and then stood up. It took a few seconds to get his coordination back so he looked as if he were severely intoxicated as he tried to run away. Within a few yards he was at full stride with the pitbull hot on his heels. I removed the spent cartridge. The dogs tried to run past us so I activated the Taser in the stun mode hoping the noise alone would turn them around and it did. They immediately retreated back to the house. The rottweiler had a completely different attitude as did the pitbull. Both were very scared and tried to hide any place they could. Ultimately the owners of both dogs were cited for Vicious Dog At Large and took possession of the animals. The Taser provided a much better alternative to lethal force and the risk of rounds bouncing all over and the obvious mess that would follow. The neighbors were very impressed with the Taser and thanked us over and over. The dog's owners also thanked me and said they would have understood if we had used lethal force but were glad we didn't. A roommate to the rottweiler's owner easily pulled both probes out. This was my departments first Taser deployment.

Videos: no  
Attn: Capt. Maxson  
Dept: Boise Police Dept  
Address: 7200 Barrister  
City Boise State: ID Zip: 83704

HOWEVER, I did just receive this use where it was somewhat unsuccessful:

8. Officer Name: D/S Donald Baumgartner  
Phone: 410-396-7591 Fax:410-545-6410  
Email: dbaum@blazenet.net Dept: Baltimore City Sheriff's Office  
Date: 4/29/2002  
Age: 0 Sex:Male  
Level: Darts Fired at Subject  
Success: No  
Shots fired: 1  
Distance: 3-7 Feet  
Hits: 1  
Penetration: 1 Skin  
Duration: 5 sec  
Probes: at scene  
Officer Injury: None  
Suspect Injury: None  
Description: Initial call was to backup a deputy at an eviction. The evictee was known to be mentally ill, a diagnosed schizophrenic, and had reportedly stated that she would not leave the premises. We forced entry with the landlord's permission. The evictee was not present, but there were five pitbulls. Animal Control was able to remove four dogs without incident. The fifth had managed to hide in a bathroom in an enclosed area under a porcelain bathtub. Efforts to coax him out proved unsuccessful as did pepper spray. Eventually he showed himself but would only

come so far. I used the Taser, striking the dog with one probe. He yelped loudly but scooted back under the tub. Two more five second blasts were applied. He yelped but did not come out. We ended up knocking a hole in the wall from the other side. The dog exited as was snared by Animal Control.

Comments: Yipe Yipe Yipe

Videos: no

Attn: D/S Donald Baumgartner

Dept:

Address: 100 N Calvert St Room 104 Address:  
City Baltimore State: MD Zip:21202

Forward Email: 410-545-6410

Forward Email:

9. -----Original Message-----

**From:** Jami Hill

**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2002 11:12 AM

**To:** Steve Tuttle

**Subject:** FW:

I am going to send you a short version of what happened, and a picture of the animal I used the advanced Taser on. Be advised this looks like a meek and mild, 80 pound lab and I think pit bull cross, but this animal is 80 pounds of pure mean.



Dog Probes  
Face2.pdf

In November of 2002, members of the Le Sueur County Drug Task force, went to a residence in the County, to serve a search warrant for narcotics. After knocking and announcing, no one responded. We had been warned that a extremely mean dog was inside the home. Officers entered the front door and a 80 pound animal with teeth showing, came charging towards us.

Sgt. Dave Struckman, using his M26 Taser made a quick shot and struck the dog in the face . The dog dropped. He was then removed from the room where as officers could safely search the home which did contain three suspects.

The search would have been hampered if not for the use of the M26 Taser. Using lethal force on the animal would have been very dangerous. Using the M26 dropped the animal and did no permanent injury to him.

One of the suspects told us the animal is protection trained. He advised, he was the only one who could take care of the dog. He was the one to remove it and lock it into the porch and received a deep bite for his efforts. Probes were eventually removed by a friend of the owner, and the dog suffered no ill effects from the event.

As you can see by the probes the dog was very close to the officers. I think this shows the confidence we have in your product and how close the dog was.

Sgt. Dave Struckman  
Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office  
dstruckman@co.le-sueur.mn.us

Picture has been mailed to you.

PS. The Sheriff is so impressed with the result of the M26 event we had that all officers who went through the training will be getting an M26 each. This event definitely saved us Officer injury with this animal. Dog bite which can scar lead to major worker comp. events and this definitely saved us a lot of money.

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**10. Use Of Force Report:**

**Officer Name:** Todd Welch     **Dept:** Stephenson County Sheriff's Department Freeport, IL.  
**Phone:** 815-235-8252     **Fax:** 815-235-8306  
**Email:** twelch@justice.com  
**Date:** 3/21/2003  
**Age:** 0     **Sex:** Male  
**Height:**     **Weight:** 1,500  
**Level:** Darts Fired at Subject  
**Success:** Yes  
**Shots fired:** 1  
**Distance:** 11-15 Feet  
**Hits:** 2  
**Penetration:** 2 Skin  
**Duration:** More than one cycle

**Officer Injury:** None

**Suspect Injury:** None

**Other Force:**

**Description:**

I was dispatched to a car vs cow accident without injuries. Upon arrival found that the car had struck two cows. One joined back with the group and they went back to field. One cow had an injured leg and was unable to join herd. While completing report we attempted to contact cow owner. Owner could not be contacted so County Vet was requested. When Vet arrived we discussed two options. Option #1 was to destroy the animal. Option #2 was to restrain the cow to the fence line so that it would not return to the roadway and cause another accident. Vet also advised that if the cow was alive it still had some market value to the owner. We decided to attempt the taser on the cow. The cow weighed approximately 1,500 pounds. I shot the cow from somewhere between 10 and 15 feet. One dart struck the cow in the left front shoulder. The other dart hit about 18 inches lower in the upper portion of the front leg. The cow dropped promptly upon deployment of the taser. After the first 5 second discharge the cow was ready to get right back up, however the vet did not have the cow restrained completely so I gave it a second discharge. After the second discharge the cow layed on the ground for a couple of minutes. Recovery took about 3 minutes after the second discharge. The cow did get back on its feet and was alert and active enough that it would not allow us to get close enough to it to remove the darts. Using the taser in this situation allowed us to control this animal in a manner that did not cause further injury to the animal or further risk to the public by causing another accident.

**Videos:** no  
**Forward Email:** twelch@justice.com     **Forward Email:** 815/235-8294

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Here's another useful one without much details...





Rochester PD MN  
Shoots Deer 6 ...



Deer Usage.pdf



Emu.pdf

Sincerely,  
Steve Tuttle  
Director of Government & Law Enforcement Affairs  
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