

Return ticket for Fido

If Fido wanders out of his Troy backyard into Birmingham, there's now a way to get him back home quickly.

Beginning this month, all dogs with 1984 licenses will have their numbers, owner's names and addresses fed into an Oakland County computer.

When police pick up a stray, they'll be able to run a check through the computer and locate the dog's owner. The system will also be able to search for lost dogs.

CARL ANDERSON, manager of Oakland County Animal Control, handles 12,000 lost dogs each year. Only 3,000 are returned to their owners. The rest are either adopted or "put to sleep."

The new computer system especially will help aid injured animals who are found after 5 p.m., when Oakland County Animal Control records are not available.

"Now, licenses can only be checked when we're open," explained Anderson, adding that no veterinarian will treat an animal without the owner's permission.

"Now we can treat an injured dog on the road immediately."

THE NEW SYSTEM was suggested by Dee Heinzler, chairman of the Oakland County advisory board on humane matters.

While she and her husband were waiting Cincinnati, Ohio, they rescued a terrified dog trapped in evening rush hour traffic. Within a half hour, they found the owner because police identified the dog's license number by computer.

Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy helped make the idea reality here. Lansing, Grand Rapids and Genesee County all already have similar set ups.

"Prior to this system, there was no way to have a list of all dogs in various shelters and exchange information. This tracking method enables both shelter employees and police to identify licensed animals immediately," Murphy explained.

UNDER THE new system, police in one community can check the county law enforcement computer to see if the dog is in another city's shelter. A stray can also be returned immediately to its owner, who previously would have had to pick it up from a shelter and pay \$7.50 daily boarding fees.

Anderson believes the new service gives people a lot more for their license fee, which is \$5 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$7.50 for others.

"This is the dog's ticket home," he said firmly. "Now we can show better service for the money. This is a great tool of animal control as well as management."

But he stressed that unlicensed dogs really have little chance if they stray.

"It's a big problem," said Anderson, adding that many dogs are killed because their owners are not located. "Only 1 percent are vicious. We hate to put them away."

"And a whole lot of cost comes in because people don't purchase licenses or put them on their dogs' collars."

1984 LICENSES are now on sale in area animal control shelters, township treasurer offices or the Oakland County Treasurer's Office. After March 1, a delinquent charge will be added.

Communities served by the Oakland County Animal Shelter on Brown Road are: the cities of Auburn Hills, Lake Angelus, Pontiac, Rochester, Troy and the townships of Holly, Groveland, Brandon, Oxford, Addison, Oakland, Orion, Independence, Springfield, Rose, Highland, Waterford, White Lake, Avon, West Bloomfield, Commerce, Milford, South Lyon, Wolverine Lake, Orchard Lake and Lake Orion.

Communities with their own shelters and animal control divisions are Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Clawson, Royal Oak, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Southfield and Bloomfield Hills.

Independent shelters also housing lost and strayed animals are Michigan Animal Rescue League, Birmingham Humane, Oakland Humane and Michigan Humane societies.

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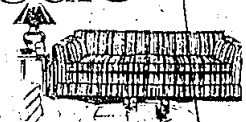
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