

# Where the pets are

## More common among larger households

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outdoors writer.

Older population, fewer pets.  
That's what the American Veterinary Medical Association learned when it commissioned a study by Charles, Charles and Associates last year.

Americans own 55 million dogs and 52 million cats, little growth during the past year.

Pet ownership is more common among households with three or more family members, CCA found. Fully 50 percent of dogs and 48 percent of cats belong to households with children and parents.

Pet ownership is also more common in non-metropolitan areas.

Multiple pet ownership is more common than you would guess. More than 30 percent of dog owners had two or more dogs,

### outdoors

40 percent of cat families had two or more cats.

More than two-thirds of households with fish, caged birds and rabbits also owned dogs.

THE NEXT tattoo clinic for dogs will be held by the Breeders Action Board Sunday, Aug. 19. Call Betty Miles, at 754-1249 in Warren, for an appointment and directions to her house at 28678 Palomino.

If your dog roams around the woods like our zany huntress, it can lose a collar and license. A tattoo on the inner thigh helps in

identification. The tattoo number is registered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. By law, animal dealers, research labs and pounds must check animals in their possession for tattoos.

The breeders cover costs by charging \$8. It's painless and takes just a few minutes.

Do them a favor and take Rover for a walk. If you know what we mean, before taking him in for a tattoo.

A CAT SHOW runs 9-6 Saturday and 9-5 Sunday at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

It's the 60th show of champions and household cats sponsored by Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers Inc. More than 500 prize cats worth more than \$1.5 million will be on display.

Admission charges of \$3 (general) and \$1 (seniors and children) will support charitable and research programs for animals.

## SEMTA manager realigns top staff

Albert Martin, acting general manager of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, has announced the realignment of a number of top staff functions for the seven-county public bus agency.

Among the changes:  
Ronald Stewart has been appointed manager of the Oakland Division. The 10-year SEMTA veteran was recently superintendent of transportation for Oakland. He replaces Mack Metivier, who was named manager of transportation.

Sidney Alexander has been named executive assistant to the acting general man-

ager. The one-time Huntington Woods councilman and mayor was previously manager of operations administration.

Richard Buck of Pleasant Ridge was named manager of downtown people mover administration. He was formerly executive assistant to the general manager.

Mary Jo LaPorte of Livonia was named acting director of human resources and personnel administration. A 12-year SEMTA veteran, LaPorte was most recently coordinator of labor and employee relations.

Robert Osborne of Dearborn is the new

manager of operations administration. He will be responsible for budget, administration of contracts and personnel with the operations department.

John Saunders was named acting director of public relations. The Franklin resident was previously director of market development for 10 years.

Doreen Tyrell of Royal Oak was named controller of the downtown people mover project and will be responsible for auditing and financial analysis reporting and policy development. She has been at SEMTA five years as a staff auditor and budget analyst.

## LIT registers for fall classes

Aug. 21 is Lawrence Institute of Technology's first day of regular registration for first-term day and evening baccalaureate classes. It is also the first registration day for evening associate studies classes.

Located at 10100 W. Ten Mile, Southfield, LIT is Michigan's largest private college, with 6,200 students.

Day baccalaureate students may register from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 20 and 31.

Those enrolling in evening baccalaureate programs may register Aug. 22 and 24.

Students enrolling in the evening associate program may register Aug. 21 and 23.

Students in both evening programs may register 6-8:30 p.m. They are advised to apply for admission well in advance of registration. For registration information and admission requirements, call the college at 3565-0200.

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## Reassigned teachers get help

Reassigned teachers are invited to a two-day workshop sponsored by the Oakland and Wayne County Intermediate School Districts. The classes will be Aug. 21 and 22 on the Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College, Farmington.

Teachers will have two days to discuss issues they face because of reassignment. They will also be assisted in developing individual plans for dealing with these issues in the fall.

Participants will work with experienced teachers in the area of their reassignment. For registration or information about the workshop, call Carolyn Gilbreath at Oakland Schools, 858-1991.

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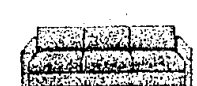
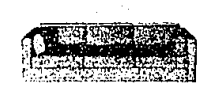






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