

Lost, found, lost again

Dog's disappearance mystery to owners and police

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The Farmington Hills Police Department is feeling sheepish over its botched attempt to return to Bert and Christine Koski their lost German shepherd, Angel.

On July 17, an officer answered an animal complaint called in by Mrs. Lorena Williams, of 28289 Old Home-

stead, who noticed a dog had fallen into her swimming pool.

The 10-year-old mixed German shepherd was hanging by its two front paws to the side of the pool in nine feet of water.

"The animal had been there for 20 minutes and was very frightened," said Capt. Russ Conway of the department's patrol and traffic division, who is handling the case.

"It was transported to the station and put in a pen since it had no license, collar or registration tags."

Angel Koski, who felt about as content in the pen as she had in the pool, worked her way out of the pen.

"Somehow, there was a defective latch on the pen," Conway said. "There's a two-pronged latch that clamps around the gate post. Well, the bolts holding the clamps worked loose as the dog jumped against the fence, and it opened."

WHEN THE KOSKIS called the Farmington Hills police Monday morning, they were told no dog fitting Angel's description had been found.

In talking to some of her neighbors, she was able to trace Angel as far as the Williams' pool and again called Farmington Hills police.

"They were mistakenly told their dog had been taken to the county, which turns dogs over to the humane society," said Conway.

"I can see where the error was made

because there was another shepherd in the book," he said.

The Koskis discovered the truth following a fruitless trip to Oakland County and began searching Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake (the Police Department's location).

"We searched up and down streets Saturday and Sunday. It was terribly hot," said Christine.

Bert Koski said "I had to find out myself they weren't telling me the truth, but since then the police — especially Capt. Conway — have cooperated in the best way possible.

As a matter of fact, it was Conway who contacted the Observer with a picture of Angel with a kitten between her paws and another of the gentle shepherd frolicking with raccoons.

Anyone catching a glimpse of a forlorn shepherd with a beige belly and black and brown saddle and face are asked to call the police department at 474-8181.



Angel is missing, and Bert and Christine Koski are befuddled over their dog's fate. Despite being held by police for a time, the dog has disappeared.

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