Mercy plans to buy 11 Michigan nursing nomes

Farmington Hills-based Mercy
Services for Aging (MSA) has announced an agreement to buy 11
Michigan nursing homes, one each in Detroit, Pontiae, Battle Creek, Warren, Fraser, Royal Gak, Hamtramek, Jackson and Grand Haven and two In Muskegon.

The announcement was made Nov.

THE NURSING homes, which will THE NORSING homes, which will work closely with local Mercy hospitals, complement Mercy's existing efforts in care for the aging, McCutcheon said.

The decision to buy also supports

Mercy Health Services' overall strategy to develop "community health care systems." based on their own changing needs.

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These systems are comprised of an array of health and related ser-vices, coordinated by a single pro-vider. People in local communities can choose from among the services,

MERCY'S SERVICES for older adults span the needs of the whole person, said Gerald Bruen, executive vice president of MSA.

"We describe this as a 'continuum

services and spiritual and education

programs."

Details of the acquisition are expected to be finalized in December. Mercy Health Services, parent company of Mercy Services for Aging, is the sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy — Province of Detroit in health care.

Now that cold weather is here, be sure pets are cared for

An indoor pet needs only a few ex-tra precautions against cold. His out-door trips should be of a shorter du-ration, of course. For extended stays outdoors such as a walk, a coat or sweater may be in order — expecial-ity for a short-haired breed.

Keep a towel handy to dry him off when he comes inside. Be sure to wipe his feet thoroughly, as rock salt can cause paw irritation.

Outdoor pets are really the ones ost affected by the cold. While the lichigan Humane Society





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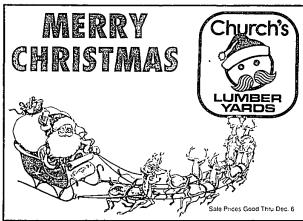
Have the house elevated 4-6 inches off the ground to allow the flooring to dry.
 Have the doorway facing southeast away from prevailing winds.
 Have a flap over the door to keep out drafts.

 We see clean straw as an insulating material and change it frequently.

Now for the dog himself. As with humans, animals expend more calculated to the control of the control o

the animals food intake by 15-20 per-cent during cold weather.
Food and water dishes should be-checked frequently and replaced if frozen. When the temperature or wind chill factor is 0 degrees or be-low, consider bringing the pet inside





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