Dog owners protest end of perpetual care

By DIANE HUBEL and CARL STODDARD
Every dog has his day—but perpetual care seems to be another matter.

At a pet cemetery at Ten Mile and Grand River Avenues in Farmington, the owner has sent out letters telling people that perpetual care for departed pets will cost stl a year.

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A group of people, who have pets buried at the cemetery, are upset over the whole thing and have sought to have legal action brought against the owners. So far, they've been unsuccessful.

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MRS. HERBERT BENSON,
of Royal Oak, said she and several
other persons received letters telling them they had a delinquent account with the cemetery and giving them 15 days to settle the
account.

the cemetery. She said she is in charge of it.

IN A LETTER to the plot owners, she said it was explained that the cemetery did not offer perpetical care and that a fee would have to be charged for maintenance.

"There was an operpetual care fund at al!," Mrs. Collins said. "I think that somewhere in the background there was a misunderstanding or something.
"Human cemeteries are tax free—but in a proceeding of the company of the company

pay for a burial. Period."
But Mrs. Benson doesn't think that's right.
She said she still has a deed signed by Dr. Houghton, who owned the order of the proper of the prop

of the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Mrs. Sherie Parelli, an investigator with the prosecuting attorney's
office, said the Consumer Protection Division has looked into the
matter, but found no indication
that a crime had been committed.
"Our attorney who reviewed the
case said it appears to be more of
a civil matter than a criminal action," she said!

"As a civil matter, it is not in our
jurisdiction. We have only limited
facts. Before we begin any formal
action we have to prove that there
has been a deliberate attempt to
defraud these people."

MRS. PARELLI said the majority of people who have filed the
complaints against the Collins had,
entered into contracts with the
previous owner.
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"Many of them are people who have had their pets buried there for years," she said. "Apparently, Dr. Collins bought the land from the former owner."

Mrs. Collins said she and het husband went oan attorney and have been acting on his advice.

She said they made arrangements with a pet cemetery in Taylor for people to transfer their pet remains. If the person has paid the mainteanne fees up to the present, she said, they may also get back all the money they paid out.

Mrs. Benson said she told the Collins that she wanted her dogremains moved, that she wanted her marker and that she didn't want to pay for the cost of moving the saimal.

"It wife signed a paper saying the remains. If any, would be moved." Mrs. Benson said. "Now they tell me there is a water table two feet under.
"I think they're going to use that as an accuse. I think they are going to say there aren't any remains and just go ahead and cover up the land."

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SHE SAID THAT she was present when they buried her dog and she didn't see any water, even at the four feet deep plot where here dog was laid to rest.
Mrs. Collins said she has no knowledge of what transpired be-

fore she and her husband acquired the property.

"It's a situation that has two sides," she said.
Mrs. Collins said persons with questions about the cemetery could contact her by writing to Box 561 in Farmington Hills.
The cemetery is located near Ten Mile and Grand River Avenue.

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