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imal regulations are explained in non-legal language in a pamphlet mailed to 40,000 area residents by the Lima-
Allen County (Ohio) Humane Society.
Titled "Your Pets and the Law," the pamphlet explains in simple terms the dog licensing and "leash laws," pointing out
that these laws protect animals from traffic and other hazards as well as protecting the property of other citizens. The
society has a contract for animal control in the county.

There is also a paragraph on general pet care, a warning against approaching wild animals and a listing of the services
the society offers. The back page solicits donations.

The mailing labels were produced by a local company that prints the Lima and Allen County telephone directories.
Society executive director W.F. Bill Reeder reports that the pamphlet has been well received by the community. (Lima-
Allen Co. Humane Society, 1623 Reservoir Rd., Lima, Ohio 45804.)

The Lubbock (Texas) Humane Society distributes a pamphlet to explain the pet overpopulation problem and what the individual
can do to help. The title is "The Pet Crisis in the Lubbock Area," which gets the attention of people who don’t realize
that there is a crisis.

The pamphlet stresses the cost to taxpayers of handling and destroying surplus animals, appealing to non-pet owners as
well as owners. In a section on lost pets, phone numbers of the local radio stations that announce lost and found pets are
listed. (Lubbock Humane Society, P.O. Box 2192, Lubbock, Texas 79408.)

Elkhart, Ind., has a new ordinance prohibiting exotic animal pets. The Elkhart County Humane Society has worked for
passage of the ordinance, which states that exotic and wild animals "however well-trained, declawed, defanged, ostensibly
domesticated, and affectionate to people are nevertheless potentially dangerous."

Fines are $50-$500 for a first offense, and law officers can take possession of wild animals until the owner makes
arrangements for their removal. A cougar purchased as a pet in Elkhart had to be euthanized because of behavioral problems.
(Elkhart Co. Humane Society, P.O. Box 127, Elkhart, Ind. 46514)

Chicago dog walkers must carry and use some device to clean up pet excrement or be fined $25, according to a Chicago
Tribune report. Plastic disposal bags are being made available at City parks, but a newspaper or handkerchief will also
fulfill the requirement.

Police and animal control officers have enforcement powers and are strictly enforcing the ordinance to make citizens
aware of it early.

Sentry dogs in Los Angeles are now under the control of the City Department of Animal Regulation. A new ordinance sets
up an Examining Committee to screen and license sentry dog trainers and develop a system for licensing each sentry dog
working in Los Angeles.

The committee is made up of experienced trainers and an animal welfare representative. The ordinance is intended to protect
the public from buying or renting improperly trained guard dogs. It will also prevent such inhumane training practices
as snapping rags in dogs’ faces, putting electric shock collars on them, and feeding them gun powder (which supposedly
makes them mean). (Los Angeles Department of Animal Regulation, 111 East First St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012)

Animals picked up by humane officers in Ann Arbor, Mich., are housed at the Humane Society of Huron Valley shelter. Persons
who find their lost pets at the shelter but refuse to claim them because of the fees involved are prohibited from owning
a pet for one year. (The impounding fee is $10, board is $4 per day and the ticket fine is $15.)

When owners come to look for lost pets, they must show identification and are let into the kennel area by a buzzer
security system. If an owner refuses to pay to reclaim the pet, his or her name and address are turned over to the Ann
Arbor police humane officers. The officers look for signs of pets when they are in the neighborhoods of those on the
list, and can confiscate pets when they violate the one-year period. (Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill
Rd., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105)

In Franklin County, Va., a circuit court judge has ordered the dog warden to stop the practice of shooting dogs that
remain impounded after five days, according to the Alleghany Humane Society, Inc.

The judge told county officials to use drug injection for euthanasia under a veterinarian’s supervision. The ruling
was the result of a suit brought by concerned citizens and the efforts of Walt Lane, vice president of the Virginia
Federation of Humane Societies, Inc.

A program in Virginia is helping humane investigators and encouraging cooperation between humane groups and the
state veterinarian’s office.

The Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, Inc. and the Virginia State Veterinarian’s Office have developed a home-
study course for humane investigators, which covers the areas of animal control and welfare laws, investigation procedures,
euthanasia and general animal care.

Home study allows volunteer investigators with limited funds to participate and allows the trainees to set their own
dates.

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