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Saved in Idaho
Of Animals
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assistance them &elvea. people or authorities within the stricken area must request persistence that hay wu air dropped and trucked to stranded many attempts to communicate with people in the area as well as government agencies met with little success. He wu infonned state and federal government agencies. At first, his calls to indirectly, "uid Dantzler. "But I do think it wu only through our was little time to ammge safekeeping for pets and livestock. "The longer we nayed there, the more
animals found and injured animale were . . . .
One poster was entitled "Animals Found". It directed people to come to the temporary
shelter to pick up their lost pets. Dantzler also had the assistance of The
National Live Trap Corporation of Tomahawk, Wisconsin. He phoned their president and asked for the loan of wire cages to house pets. The National Live Trap Corporation had the cages shipped in immediately. Lonnie Johnson, Executive Director of The Humane Society of Utah also sent people and equipment to the scene. Ill and injured animals were euthanized. Cats and dogs were given shots of canine and feline distemper vaccine. Eventually, nearly 200 tons of hay found its way to stranded livestock. Pets were brought to the shelter by owners without housing. Other "found" pets were brought by both officials and citizens alike. The temporary shelter soon became the focal point of all animal relief measures. Euthanasia was one of Dantzler's biggest problems. Apparently some local cowboys were "putting down" injured and ill animals when they came across them. Some authorities seemed to be afraid of euthanizing an animal without the owner's permission. Dantzler finally established a humane procedure agreed upon by all authorities. Basically, upon recommendation of Dantzler and the Bonneville group, The Civil Defense officials gave the C.K. livestock euthanasia. Pets were euthanized at the temporary shelter by injections of sodium phenobarbital. "The longer we stayed there, the more cooperation we experienced," said Dantzler. "Once the citizens and authorities discovered we were serious people with a real role in the disaster, they began to work hand in hand with us. Even after the waters had receded, the local authorities went to the Bonneville Society for help in rebuilding municipal animal shelters."