

SHELTER SENSE

A Publication for Animal Sheltering and Control Personnel

Utah drivers must assist injured animals

Drivers who hit animals in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County must stop to help them, according to animal control ordinances passed in both jurisdictions last September.

Motorists are required to try to locate the animal owner. Failing that (or if the victim is a wild animal), the driver must contact the city or county animal control department or the Humane Society of Utah to make arrangements for the animal.

The maximum penalty for leaving the scene is \$300 or six months in jail. A public information campaign is underway to encourage witnesses to animal hit-and-run accidents to note the appearance of the car and driver and the vehicle license number so these drivers can be apprehended. Two such cases have been brought to court.

Brice Nelson, executive director of the Humane Society of Utah, reports that community reaction is generally favorable. People who express concern about handling an injured animal are advised to leave it alone and contact the authorities.

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*Curtiss Clumpner of
Humane Society of
Utah aids an animal
injured by a driver.
Under new ordinances,
drivers must stop to
help animals they hit.*



Cats to be registered



Birth control for pigeons

Shelby Dow, director of Salt Lake County Animal Control, acknowledges that the ordinance will result in more work for the city and county in answering the emergency calls, but regards cooperation with HSU as a good arrangement.

He comments that the accidents are generally not the fault of the drivers, but of the pet owners for letting animals run loose. □

Jefferson Parish, La., which includes six municipalities, now requires cats to be registered and vaccinated against rabies. I. Richard Collord, III, animal shelter director, reports that although registration tags are not required, they will be issued also and owners will be encouraged to have their pets wear them.

The ordinance also directs that the animal shelter department will handle registrations, receiving revenue which went to the health department before 1978. Area veterinarians also issue licenses with vaccinations, and they will deal directly with the animal shelter department.

Enforcement now depends on "nuisance cat" complaints, but stricter enforcement measures are being developed.

The parish council passed the ordinance last September because of concern about rabies spread. Collord said the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta is strongly in favor of rabies vaccinations for cats, and gave support to the ordinance. □

Avitrol Corporation has announced the acquisition of "Ornitrol," a birth control agent for pigeons carried in whole kernel corn.

Ornitrol controls reproduction by making eggs infertile, but does not injure the pigeons. However, the treated corn should not be accessible to other birds, domestic animals or poultry, or wildlife.

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