Dear Friend:

This is the first issue of a new publication for you -- the professional in the animal control and shelter field.

I know from my visits with you at your locations and at animal control workshops that you are interested in improving your work and that you need information on:

• how to make your animal control programs more effective.
• how to work out an adequate budget for your needs.
• how to improve conditions for both animals and people in your community.

SHELTER SENSE will bring you information and resources, with details about programs and ordinances that have been successful in communities around the country.

We will bring you articles on shelter management and animal control, with how-to-do-it guidelines for handling the tasks of today's animal control or humane society worker.

And perhaps most important: we invite you to share your ideas with us -- to write us about the programs that have worked for you.

There has been little communication between animal control and shelter workers; therefore, good ideas and workable programs have not been shared. SHELTER SENSE is your vehicle for sharing information and learning from others.
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.

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