

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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