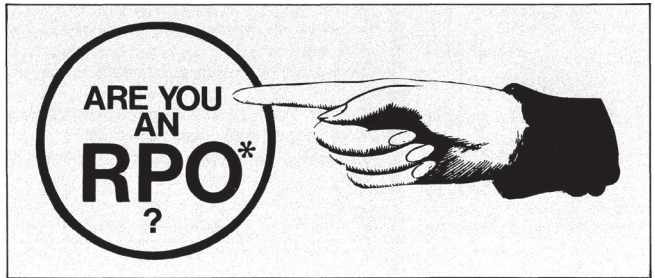


For samples of RPO material, write Phyllis Johanson, Responsible Pet Ownership Council, P.O. Box 1419, Portland, Ore. 97207



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Eileen McShane, council member and Madison Co. (N.Y.) dog warden leaves copies wherever she goes, and as a result, has been asked to speak before many local groups.

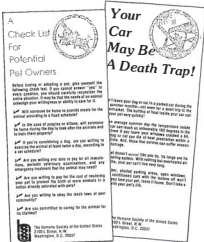
She says the Council itself was difficult to organize at first because each of the member groups - veterinarians, departments of health, animal control agencies, humane societies - felt it had the worst problems. However, cooperation is good, and the Council has even written to state legislators to offer assistance in drafting legislation.

In Portland, Ore., the Responsible Pet Ownership Council distributes materials with the theme "Be an RPO - Responsible Pet Owner."

The group was organized by a veterinarian, Dr. R. J. Plamondon, and includes city and county officials, animal welfare groups, kennel clubs and the area veterinary association. Each member group pays \$15.00 a year, and some have made large individual donations.

Council Secretary Phyllis Johanson says that having a pivotal figure like Dr. Plamondon was essential in getting the diverse groups to come together. The membership is growing, with some out-of-town groups joining. □

Publications (free & inexpensive)



The Humane Society of the United States is offering humane societies and animal control agencies 100 free copies of each of two flyers - titled "A Checklist for Potential Pet Owners" and "Your Car May Be A Death Trap" (on the danger of leaving animals in closed cars during hot weather). The flyers can be used as postcards, handouts or newspaper ads. The reverse side has been left blank for your organization's name, address and phone number.

Make your request on the letterhead of your group to SHELTER SENSE, HSUS, 2100 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. (Additional copies after the first 100 are \$1 per 100.)

ALSO AVAILABLE - Responsible Animal Regulation, a discussion of regulation and control for city and county officials and humane societies...\$1 per copy. Order from the address above. □