NEWS RELEASE
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- Media Note: Interim City of Eugene Animal Services Program Manager Kelly Darnell is available for interviews after 12:30 p.m. today. Please call the Public Information Office at 541.682.5197 or 541.682.5124 to arrange.

Greenhill Humane Society and the City of Eugene on Track for a Smooth Transition in Animal Services

Several changes will take place in animal services for Eugene starting this Sunday, July 1. With a fresh contract in place between the City of Eugene and Greenhill Humane Society, Greenhill is ready to begin operation of the public animal shelter at 3970 W. 1st Ave. Eugene. Greenhill staff have been shadowing Lane County Animal Services staff this week to learn more about how they operate the facility on a day to day basis and on July 1 both Greenhill staff and volunteers will be in place to work with those animals currently in the shelter and all incoming animals.

This Sunday will also mark the beginning of service for the City of Eugene’s two new animal welfare officers. Their work will include returning lost dogs to their owners, addressing issues of animal abuse and neglect, and enforcing licensing and leash laws. Both animal welfare officers are coming to the City of Eugene from Lane County Animal Services and have a combined experience of more than 35 years. The officers will be equipped with new technology to help them send and receive information more efficiently from the field, which is expected to increase the number of animals returned home without entering the shelter.

Central Lane 9-1-1 will be handling all incoming calls regarding enforcement and dispatching Eugene’s animal welfare officers in the field. This is the same highly-skilled team that handles the community’s 9-1-1 calls. A dedicated line for animal services has been established.
And finally, the City of Eugene will begin selling City of Eugene dog licenses. Although up-to-date licenses on Eugene dogs purchased from the County will remain valid until they expire, all future and new licenses for Eugene dogs will be official City of Eugene dog licenses.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In Eugene to report a:
- Found animal
- Lost pet
- Animal at large
- Animal abuse

Contact Animal Services Direct Line 541-687-4060, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

PUBLIC SHELTER AND ADOPTION

The public shelter operated by Greenhill will remain in the same location at 3970 W. 1st Ave. in Eugene. Stray animals that are in the care of the public shelter can be seen by visiting the shelter during its hours of operations or on-line at www.green-hill.org under the Lost & Found tab.
- Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 541-689-1503
- www.green-hill.org

LICENSING

A new City of Eugene dog license can be purchased:
- In person at Eugene Police Department front counter located in Eugene City Hall at 777 Pearl Street, Room 107. Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- In person at the Public Shelter located at 3970 W. 1st Ave. in Eugene.
- Through many local veterinary offices.

To renew a license that has expired:
- Renewal letters for dogs inside the City of Eugene that have county licenses coming up on their expiration date will be mailed out to owners and payment can be returned by mail.
- Starting this fall, dog owners will be able to renew online at www.eugene-or.gov/animalservices

How much does a license cost?
The cost for a typical license will stay the same and ranges from $15 for a one-year license to $35 for a three-year license for a dog that has been spayed or neutered.

MORE INFORMATION
www.eugene-or.gov/animalservices
For more information about animal services provided in unincorporated Lane County, please call 541-682-3645.

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