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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Busy weekend for Animal Protection

(Kahnawake – 6, Ohiarí:ha/June 2013) The Animal Protection Department would like to report to the community that on-call staff brought in 9 dogs over the weekend of June 1st & 2nd. Interestingly, most of the dogs captured were not strays, rather, animals with owners.

Animal Protection would like to stress the importance of being a responsible pet owner by not allowing your dog to roam loose. It is understood that accidents can happen as children leave gates/doors open, or the chain/clip on a collar will break. If this occurs, proper identification for your dog is essential so owners can be notified as quickly as possible. Proper ID is also part of being a responsible pet owner.

Proper ID includes:

- Animal Protection tag
- Vet vaccination/Rabies vaccination tag
- Dog tags (with dog's name, owner's name and contact info.)
- Microchip

Further, having proper ID on your pet enables Animal Protection to contact owners immediately and if dogs are reclaimed right away, the fees may be waived.

Animal Protection is planning a <u>Micro-chipping</u> clinic for those owners who are interested. For more information about this form of <u>permanent ID</u> please call Animal Protection at (450) 632-0635.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

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