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Know your neighbour

Alberta residents are custodians of thousands of animals but sometimes life circumstances get in the way of our ability to attend to those animals. Knowing your neighbour is important says Ken Dean, Director of Animal Protection Services for Alberta SPCA.

“We get calls throughout the province everyday and it’s very important for us to contact the proper owner of the livestock. One of the things we see is if livestock owners are renting, leasing pasture, working off the farm or traveling out of the area, it would be extremely helpful if they would have their contact information with the landowners, neighbours or family members that still reside in the area,” says Dean.

He suggests providing home, work and cell phone numbers. He also suggests providing the name of the veterinarian so if the SPCA is called to the property on what might be a downer animal, the veterinarian is familiar with that herd or that particular animal.

Dean adds, “It can be extremely helpful if livestock owners would have this information available to other people who are nearby. That’s where we would start our canvass as to who owns these animals.”

In addition to the SPCA, Dean says there are other sources to contact for assistance including the local RCMP Detachment, the Alberta Farm Animal Care ALERT Line at 1-800-506-2273 and the Alberta Ag Info Centre.

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Dean refers to the helpful forms of information that would go along way to resolving problems:

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Providing the proper information is extremely helpful, adds Dean:

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In addition to the SPCA, Dean says out there are others ready to provide assistance:

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The ALERT Line number is 1-800-506-2273. The Ag Info Centre is another source when assistance is needed.

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