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STRATFORD PERTH HUMANE SOCIETY UPDATE:
RECENT DOG AT LARGE ISSUES

STRATFORD, ONTARIO: The Stratford Perth Humane Society (SPHS) is asking local residents to please contact them directly with any concerns, questions or sightings of a large, black and white dog, running at large within the City of Stratford. They are also asking the public to NOT engage or approach the dog or owner, or post personal information online.

In the recent weeks, a large black and white dog has been seen running at large at night and into the early morning hours. SPHS officers were contacted many times and went out each time to try to secure the dog, but the dog was gone.

SPHS then issued a notice to please not approach or chase the dog, as they were trying to secure the pet. It was then discovered that the dog was owned and was returning home to a Stratford residence.

Officers have been following all legal courses of action to rectify the situation. Provincial Animal Welfare Services was also brought in for welfare concerns after the dog was hit by a car. The dog has been seen at large since, and SPHS continues to take all legal courses of action available at this time, and the case remains ongoing.

There have been many instances of people posting personal information online, sharing inaccurate information, making comments about stealing the dog, as well as approaching the owner. We ask that the public let the officers complete their job and go through the necessary legal steps.

Please be advised that, by law, a pet cannot be taken away from an owner simply because it is running at large. There are very few instances where a pet can legally be removed from an owner in Ontario, and within these instances there is a process that needs to be executed first. These courses of action involve legal proceedings and the involvement of the court system, which can take time.

SPHS is asking that the public please continue to report sightings to 519-273-6600, and contact their Manager of Animal Services directly with any questions or concerns at 519-273-6600 ext 227.

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