

Dear Residents:

Effective January 1, 2010, the Delaware County SPCA is charging all Delaware County Municipalities \$116 for every stray animal taken to their facility up from \$25/animal in past years representing a 364% increase. As a result of this significant increase, **Lansdowne Borough is requesting that residents finding a stray or lost dog or cat please call Delaware County Animal Control at 610-522-1113, rather than taking the animal to the SPCA.** The borough contracts with Del Co Animal Control to handle animal related complaints and they will try to return the animal to its rightful owner or take the animal to a no kill shelter, with the SPCA used as a last resort. Please be reminded that DCAC is patrolling the borough to remind animal owners of our leash laws as well as pet waste “clean up” requirements. Lansdowne Police Department will also be enforcing the State Dog Law and local ordinance pertaining to dog violations. Although warnings will be issued for a 1st offense, **Citations may be issued** to repeat offenders.

REMEMBER:

- **Dog owners are required to keep their pets leashed at all times when outside. (i.e. residential neighborhoods, parks, and *all* public areas of the borough.**
- **Dog owners must *immediately* clean up after their pets whether on their own property as well as private or public areas.**
- **Residents are not permitted to allow any canine to cause a disturbance to residents by barking, yelping, howling for extended periods of time, whether inside a residence or outside. Please do not leave your animals outside unattended for prolonged periods of time.**
- **If your cat trespasses on neighboring properties, causing a nuisance or damages, you will be required to restrain your cat. Refrain from feeding stray cats. If you provide food the animal is your responsibility.**
- **If you see an animal running at large or need to register an animal related complaint contact Del Co Animal Control at 610-522-1113 or the Borough at 610-623-0700. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to be considerate of others and keep Lansdowne clean and safe for all residents. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

Sincerely,

Craig Totaro, Borough Manager