



LOVABLE PUP -- This little pup is male, about 3 months old, and can be adopted at the Hoke County Dog Pound. He'll be a nice pet for somebody, says William Hales, county dog warden. Hales can be reached through the County Health Department by people interested in adopting animals at the pound.



NICE PET -- This male German Shepherd can be adopted at the Hoke County Dog Pound. County Dog Warden William Hales says he's friendly and will make a good pet. The dog is 6 to 8 months old. Anyone interested is advised to call Hales through the Hoke County Health Department. Other good dogs are available for adoption at the pound.

You and Your Pet

Responsible Pet Ownership Matter Of Caring, Common Sense

A recent column question concerning the propriety of cats stalking on neighboring property has been followed by mail from readers wanting to know how to be good owners, readers complaining about the pets next door and readers advocating a live-and-let-live attitude. The facts are:

When you take a puppy or kitten into your home you must be prepared to assume certain responsibilities in fairness to your pet and your neighbors. It's called being a good citizen.

Ownership responsibility includes providing the proper environment -- shelter, water, nutrition.

If you do not plan to breed your pet, consideration must be given to sterilization procedures to prevent over-population which leads to unwanted pets dumped by the side of the road, unnecessary expense to the taxpayer to take care of the unwanted animals, dog bites and damage to property.

You must be prepared to accept medical responsibility for treatment of your pet. Basic are control of external parasites (fleas, ticks, lice) and internal parasites (heart, tape and roundworm).

Felines need immunization against respiratory diseases and rabies; dogs should be vaccinated for parvovirus, distemper, leptospirosis, infectious hepatitis and rabies.

You must be willing to control your animal. It is unfair to him to expect him to cope with the fast-paced motorized human world -- it makes him feel insecure -- as it is unfair to expect your neighbors to put up with property destruction, increased noise level and littering on their patio.

Dogs should receive obedience training. As cats won't respond to such training, the only practical course is to keep feline pets indoors.

City cats adopt very well to apartment living which is making them increasingly popular pets. In fact, felines do much better in their own little world, achieving a longevity not reached by outdoor cats exposed to the cruelties of the world.

Protect your animal, be responsible for his behavior, and he will develop into the king of pet -- and neighbor -- people love to be around.

January Museum Show Features Four Artists

The Fayetteville Museum of Art will show the work of four North Carolina Artists who were awarded \$5,000 fellowships from the North Carolina Arts Council January 2-23.

On view will be mixed media works by Victor Faccinto, paintings by Maud Gatewood, hand-blown glass by Robert Levin, and

photography by Elizabeth Matheson.

The fellowships are the first in a program of the North Carolina Arts Council for North Carolina artists who have at least five years of professional experience and wish to develop new directions in their work.

Visual artists may apply for

fellowships during even-numbered years, and writers, composers and choreographers may apply during odd-numbered years.

Accompanying the show will be a tape/slide program featuring biographies and commentaries on the works of the four fellowship award winners.

The tape/slide program may be viewed by appointment (for tour groups) and will be shown Tuesday - Friday at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. January 2-23.

To book a tour or for more information, please call the Fayetteville Museum of Art, 485-5121.



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