

Sheriff partners with SPCA

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Dear Editor,

As the sheriff of Phillips County, I'd like to advise our county's residents about the new relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Humane Society and SPCA (Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals), which recently began providing assistance in our county.

The Colorado Humane Society and SPCA will focus on investigating reports of animal abuse and neglect among companion animals (dogs and cats) and horses.

Thanks to a collaborative work agreement, Colorado Humane's experienced and well-trained animal welfare investigators will work alongside our officers, ensuring animal concerns in our county are handled competently and quickly and at no cost to you, the taxpayers.

I can assure you the Colorado Humane Society and SPCA is not focused on commercial livestock, nor is it part of an animal rights movement. It is an independent, Colorado-based organization and does not receive any support from national or government groups.

In these difficult economic times, it is good to know our community has the support of organizations like the Colorado Humane Society and SPCA to help companion animals whose owners are unable or unwilling to provide adequate care.

So why should you care about the welfare of these animals in our community? It's a proven fact that people who abuse animals frequently commit crimes against people. That's something—animal lover or not—that everyone should be concerned about.

If you have any questions or know about a potential case of animal neglect or cruelty, I encourage you to contact the Colorado Humane Society and SPCA at 800-249-5121 or visit www.coloradohumane.org

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