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RICHLAND POUND

## Mayor: City 'proactive,' weighs new contacts

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Richland Mayor Lucy Henson called the *Daily Guide* on Friday and discussed the Richland pound and the recent decision by the city not to accept help from the Pulaski County Humane Society.

In response to questions concerning why Richland chose not to let PCHS take the dogs after their five-day hold, Henson said, "(The) city of Richland had an agreement with the humane society to do that.

"Earlier in the year, the board of aldermen reconsidered that position, looked at it from all angles and decided it was time to terminate that agreement that we had

with them and that is what we have done."

After PCHS reappeared at July's board of aldermen meeting to request to take the dogs again for adoption after their five-day hold, Henson said, "The board of aldermen told them that they would take that under advisement, that they would look at it and consider it, and get back with them.

"On Tuesday night, they were again at the board of aldermen meeting, which is perfectly acceptable. Everybody is welcome to come to the city council meetings for Richland. At that time, the board voted to leave things the way that they were."

In the July meeting Henson had stated that the city would be

going back to the policy of "putting the dogs down."

But Friday Henson said she had received more information that would lead to additional discussion.

"We are currently looking at the situation. I've had several organizations contact me wanting to be of assistance to the City of Richland and we're evaluating the situation. No decision will be made without it being a decision of the board of aldermen.

"We have not destroyed an animal as of yet," she said, adding she wants the public to know that the board will be considering the options that are being offered.

She pointed out, "We have not put an animal down since 2008."

That year is when Louise Zweerink first began a program of funneling unclaimed dogs to shelters and foster homes, eventually gaining the support of PCHS.

Zweerink eventually had to turn the whole program over to PCHS for personal health reasons.

When asked why the city severed ties with PCHS, Henson said, "Those things were discussed at the meeting and they're not something I'm willing to go back and rehash. I can't see that that's going to do anybody any good. There's no sense in stirring all that up again."

Henson said that the city is "wanting to be more proactive instead of reactive" and apologized for not responding to earli-

er calls and emails from the *Daily Guide*.

"The animal that is down there now, is being well cared for, it's being fed, it's being watered, its medical needs are being met, and we are doing that.

"It is our city pound and our city employees are taking care of it."

Henson told the *Daily Guide* that Richland passed its most recent inspection by the Department of Agriculture and was only required to make one change.

"We were just re-inspected and there was only one thing that they wanted and that was tag numbers on the kennels and that's been done," Henson said.

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Interstate 44 between mile markers 168 and 169 - Roadway maintenance and repair in the westbound lanes will take place on Sunday, Aug. 21. One westbound lane will be open to traffic through the work area.

Route 133, one mile north of Route BB - Culvert pipe replacement will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 24. One lane will be open and crews will flag traffic through the work area.

Route BB between Route 133 and Route U - Culvert pipe replacement will take place Monday, Aug. 22, and Tuesday, Aug. 23. One lane will be open and crews will flag traffic through the work area.

Route PP between Route 28 and end of state maintenance - Partial surface overlay will take place Monday, Aug. 22 and Tuesday, Aug. 23. One lane will be open and crews will flag traffic through the work area.

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For those citizens who are wondering what the fate of the two dogs who have been in the kennels at the pound for over 115 days will be, Henson said, "Any decision will be made by the board of aldermen and, as you know, the next meeting is the third Tuesday of September."

The meeting is at the Richland city gym, adjacent to Warren Senior Center, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

As for the two dogs PCHS has dubbed Princess and Sarah, it looks like another 32 days before those citizens who have asked will find out their fate.

PCHS president Kim Fuhr made the following

statement in response to Henson's statement. "I am glad that they are considering all options. All we ever cared about, from the start, was that something in the best interest of the dogs take place.

The dogs that are there now and the dogs in the future, whether that be through us or any other organization. That's all we care about. We're not looking for extra dogs, we're just trying to help. It's part of our mission statement to help the municipalities of the county and that was how this all got started years ago."

Fuhr said PCHS is only interested in saving the dogs from being destroyed when there is an organization willing to take them and try to find homes for them.

Laughlin, downtown parking and traffic flow plan championed by Ed Conley, city expansion with a capital improvement plan championed by Mike France, and a city energy au-

Regional Training Institute, a unit on post that specializes in training, provided a four-stop, round-robin of training stops, as well as a look into the everyday obstacles soldiers must overcome.

"They were looking for some fun Army training and to experience what that might consist of," said Sgt. 1st Class James Brown, who helped coordinate the training. "We were having drill this weekend and it worked out."

About 20 Guardsmen helped run or supported four stations, which included an indoor weapons simulator, an obstacle course, riot control equipment training and a tactical movement and grenade toss competition. The players were issued body armor vests, elbow and knee pads and rubber M-16 rifles to use at the stations.

Brown said the training was well received.

"I think they got a taste of what our guardsmen go through in common soldiers tasks, dealing with shoot, move and communicate," said Brown, who lives in St. Robert. "They loved it and were motivated."

Not only was the training fun for the players, it was also fun for the guardsmen.

"It's always great to be able to work with outside entities like that," he said. "It's good to be able to represent what we do not just to our own community, but people who are going to be elsewhere in jobs all over the world in a few years."

Mykines enjoyed the team building aspects of the training.

er prizes for the winners of the obstacle course and grenade toss. The players also had "Illinois" T-shirts for the Guardsmen, as well as a soccer ball signed by the team.

"It's an honor to come here and have them show us around and show us what they do," Mykines said. "We owe these guys everything and they put their lives on the line, so it's the least we can do. The respect goes up even more, if that's possible."

Although mutual respect was shown, the ladies from the Land of Lincoln had to endure some good natured verbal jabs from the pro-Mizzou Missouri Guardsmen.

"We gave them a little bit of a hard time when we found out they were from Illinois," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Stallo, who lives in Marceline. "In my scenario with the riot gear, we kept telling them that Mizzou rocks. So they kind of got fired up about that and that made for good training."

The team then returned to its buses and went to one of the dining facilities on post for a military style meal. After lunch, the team observed Army combatives training before heading home.

Rayfield said the training was exactly what she had hoped for, with the additional benefit of her players getting to see life through a soldier's eyes.

"One of the things you want to do as a college coach is expose your players to different experiences," she said. "I think in terms of what our military does - what they are all about and



Sgt. 1st Class James Brown, of the Missouri National Guard's 140th Regiment Missouri Regional Training Institute, assists University of Illinois senior defender Caitlin Dombart on a weapons simulator during training at Fort Leonard Wood.



Sgt. 1st Class Eric Stallo, of the Missouri National Guard's 140th Regiment Missouri Regional Training Institute, helps University of Illinois senior defender Caitlin Dombart secure her shield during riot gear training at Fort Leonard Wood.



