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MOLLY FIRST CHOICE OF TOP TEN DOG NAMES IN 2012

West Olive, Michigan -- From Ottawa County Treasurer, Bradley Slagh

Last year's first choice name for a licensed dog dropped to third choice in 2012. This year Molly (spelled in multiple ways) was the name picked most often. Close behind in rank order were Lucy, Bailey, Belle, Buddy, Zoie, Sadie, Roxie, Lilly, Sammy.

"The responsibility to name the animals goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden, and some dog owners seem to enjoy handing out interesting names" said Slagh. Several unusual monikers that caught our attention this year were Voo Doo, Watch Out, Cow, Ranger Rick, Little Foot, and Wednesday

From the other interesting statistics in the year-end reports are the breeds of the most licensed dogs. The top three breeds in order for 2012 are again; Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, and Shih-Tzu.

Michigan law requires that all dogs have a valid rabies shot and a current county license. Ottawa County dog licenses are available on-line at the County Treasurer's website, by mail, or in person at the County Treasurer's Fillmore and Grand Haven Office, also at participating veterinarians and government unit offices.

Veterinarians selling County dog licenses along with providing animal health services are: Southkent Vet Hospital, Hamilton Vet Clinic, Georgetown Animal Hospital, Jelsema Vet Clinic, Chicago Drive Vet Clinic, Haven Animal Hospital, Prelesnik Animal Hospital, Harborfront Hospital, East Holland Vet Clinic, Mapleview Animal Hospital, Ottawa Animal Hospital, and Zeeland Vet Hospital.

For answers to questions on dog licenses, visit the Ottawa County Treasurer's website at <http://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Treasurer/> or call the Office at (616) 994-4501.