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News From Ottawa County Treasurer Bradley Slagh

MOST POPULAR DOG NAMES FOR 2014

West Olive, Mich. —

“Snoopy” and “Lassie” may be some of the most familiar dog names in American culture but not the most popular when people license their dog in Ottawa County, as the Ottawa County Treasurer announced today that “Bella” and “Buddy” were the most used names on licenses purchased in 2014.

In addition to Bella and Buddy, Max, Sadie and Bailey round out the top five most popular licensed dog names in Ottawa County during 2014. Following is a list of the top 10 dog names in order of usage.

Top Dog Names in 2014
BELLA
BUDDY
MAX
SADIE
BAILEY
MOLLY
CHARLIE
MAGGIE
LUCY
DAISY

“Licensing your dog is one of the most important things you can do as a pet owner” said Ottawa County Treasurer Bradley Slagh. Michigan law requires the County Treasurer to issue dog licenses for the County. A license lets everyone know that your pet is not homeless, or a stray, and helps reunite pets to their homes. A license also helps to protect the public from rabies, since licensed dogs must have a proof of vaccination.

Michigan law requires all dogs to be licensed and to have a license tag on their collars while in public (except for specific activities), yet the Ottawa County Treasurer's office estimates that less than 50 % of all dogs in the county are licensed.

In addition to compiling the list of top dog names, Slagh's office also compiled a list of the more creative names licensed in 2014. "We have a number of dogs licensed in Ottawa County with names that are a bit more out of the ordinary" Slagh said. A list of those names follows:

Most Creative Dog Names	
KIRA	Pugslee
Little Chubby	Drago
Maximillion	Juniper
Yuri	Yuna
Sage Rose	Quinton
Mystee	White Lightening
Vincent	SYLVIA
	PAPAYA PEPPERMINT

Information about licensing your dog in Ottawa County is available on the Ottawa County Web site at https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Treasurer/dog_licenses.htm. Dogs must be licensed at four months of age. In Ottawa County dog licenses can be purchased at any time but are issued to expire the month of the dogs' rabies vaccination. New licenses are available for either **one** or **three** years and will expire in the month of the rabies vaccination. Owners have the ability to purchase licenses through participating veterinarians, some units of government or on-line through the County Web site. A list of those participating in license sales is available on-line at https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Treasurer/dog_licenses.htm.

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