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From catching dogs to llamas, Pickering Animal Services has had one busy first two weeks.

As of January 1, 2006, the City of Pickering has been the sole provider for Animal Services in Pickering. So, what does this mean for Pickering Residents?

This new service is responsible for reuniting lost pets back with their family, yearly cat and dog licensing, enforcement of all animal related bylaws and educating the public on the importance of being a responsible pet owner.

So far Animal services is off to one great start says Lindsey Brenner, Supervisor of Animal Services, as she shares a few of her success stories with us;

Earlier this week with the help of local farmers and fellow city employees; Steve Forsey and Don Woolley, Pickering Animal Services was able to successfully catch and reunite a lost llama back to its home in north Pickering.

And, the excitement is not over there!

Thanks to the help of residents living near Springview Drive, the scraggily black dog known in the area as "Jack" who has been seen by many wandering the Pickering streets has safely been picked up, and taken to a local shelter to be evaluated. Ms Brenner says "without the help of residents like Ryan Wilkinson and Griffen Beatty, both students from Highbush Public School, we would never have been able to get close, let alone safely remove Jack from our streets. Ms. Brenner believes that working with the community is the key to providing a successful service and she looks forward to continue working together to better the lives of the people and pets of Pickering.

Attached are photos of the llama rescue and a picture of the group of boys who helped bring "Jack" to safety. (L-R)

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