

KCPC VOLUNTEER CORPS

VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR TASKS

EXPAND THE DATABASE

Collect information on Shelters, Vets and Animal Control beyond KC metro to expand the range of Lassie Alerts.

KCPC has been serving the Kansas City metro area since 2003. This past year, however, we have been experiencing an ‘involuntary’ geographic expansion; perhaps by word-of-mouth, since we do no advertising. We welcome this growth – but it creates another problem that we need to solve.

When reports come in from a new area (let’s use Warrensburg MO as an example), we often are requested to generate a Lassie Alert for the LOST pet. We may find, however, that our database does not yet contain many (if any) of the new area’s Shelters, Vets or Animal Control Office information. In order to enhance the reach of the Lassie Alert to these agencies we need to collect all the information we can about them so that the Alerts will reach them too. The two key pieces of information we always require is a **ZIP Code** and an **E-mail Address**. Additionally, we need to include Organization Name, Contact Name, Street Address (including City and State) and their Phone and Fax numbers.

The task of the Database Volunteer is to research and document new agency (animal control, vets, etc.) contact information for a city, region or area and report it back to KCPC for entry to our database. This is done through use of a KCPC on-line form that records the data and sends it directly to the database. This form can be found at:

<http://www.kcpetconnect.com/registerorg.htm>

A good source of the information we need can be found at one very informative website:

<http://www.1-800-save-a-pet.com/cgi-bin/public/shelter-search.cgi>

Type in the ZIP CODE of the city you want to get organization information about; then change the “Distance” field to “Less than 35 miles”; then click on “Go get your pet”. Review the candidates for inclusion by clicking on the name of the organization. Limit your selections to Shelters, Vets or Animal Control Office, i.e., do not include commercial entities.

For questions and clarifications about this procedure please contact us by:

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WE WELCOME YOUR HELP AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR OWN IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES TO THIS PROCEDURE OR TO THE WEBSITE!