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Clarification on injured animal call

THE COLONY, Texas — At about 8:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, The Colony Police Department received a report of a dog hit by a vehicle in the area of Main Street and Nash Drive. The animal was injured and a member of The Colony Animal Services was dispatched to pick up the dog and bring it to The Colony Shelter.

In order to provide immediate emergency care, an interested party known to shelter staff offered to take the animal to an after-hours veterinarian located in Denton. The Shelter Manager agreed to this and the dog was taken to said veterinarian. This was done to provide immediate treatment for the animal; however, no adoption or transfer of ownership occurred.

By state guidelines the duty of the shelter is to stabilize and medicate any injured animal to abate pain it may be suffering, or euthanize the animal. In this situation the shelter staff chose the path of stabilizing the dog until it becomes the property of the city, which by ordinance occurs after 72 hours.

The city has learned that incorrect and misleading information was posted on social media that the animal in question would not have received help until Monday. Shelter staff members are on duty seven days a week to evaluate and treat, if necessary, any animal in the shelter. Shelter staff members routinely work directly with veterinarians, transporting animals for treatment, and also with affiliated rescue organizations and volunteers who take injured animals for treatment outside of the shelter when needed.

At the time of this release, the animal's owner has not been determined as it has no collar or discernible microchip. The 72-hour period has passed since the animal came into the possession of the shelter and without any contact from a possible owner, shelter staff members are working to find an appropriate rescue organization to transfer the animal for the continuation of its care and rehabilitation.

For more information, call The Colony Animal Services at 972-370-9250.

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