

Kildonans Amalgamate Dog Pound Facilities

Dogs in this area are going to have to be more careful when they go for their morning stroll.

An agreement has been signed between North Kildonan and East Kildonan to share facilities for a new dog pound and employ a new dog catcher.

Although the new catcher is not hiding around the corner waiting to pounce on every pup, his work has been so effective to date that North Kildonan is now receiving complaints that too many dogs are being picked up.

"You just can't win," Mayor David Pekary told *The Herald*.

The agreement is set up on a 70-30 basis with East Kildonan assuming 70 per cent of the cost and North Kildonan 30 per cent. This is based on the population figures.

East Kildonan will be patrolled approximately three days a week and North Kildonan two.

Ald. Stan Dowhan complained at a meeting of East Kildonan Council last week that dogs which are picked up are kept only 72 hours.

"This is not good enough," he said. "There are lots of dogs at large that are not causing any trouble."

"If people would abide by

the bylaw and keep their dogs on a leash or in their own property, then we wouldn't need a pound," Mayor Ruta commented.

Dog owners may retrieve their pets during the day at 150 Burnett avenue, phone 339-0710, evenings phone 339-2048.



COMBINE SERVICES: It was April 1st when Mayor David Pekary (left), of North Kildonan, and Mayor Michael Ruta, East Kildonan, signed an agreement to work jointly on combined dog pound facilities. The canine population didn't think it was a bit funny and it wasn't long before a number of dogs realized it wasn't an April fool joke. — Photo by Ralf Lilje-Gren.