

time we see a dog go out spayed or neutered, we think, There's ten litters we won't have to put to sleep."

Tri-Agency is funded by Eugene, Springfield and Lane County licensing, impounding and adoption fees. The county and the two cities make up any deficits. Tri-Agency has 30 employees, including 12 deputized officers who investigate local animal cruelty and abuse, and answer citizen complaints of barking or biting dogs or dogs killing stock.

Volunteers aid in the adoption program, spay-and-neuter clinic and in the lost and found program.

As of January 11, the agency reported 122 dogs returned to their owners, 26 adopted and 169 put to death.

Those dogs who have to be euthanized are given an injection of sodium pentobarbital, usually into a vein in the leg. This fast,

painless method has replaced the use of decompression chambers in Lane County. Last May, Lane County voters passed a measure which eliminated their use.

Tri-Agency has a door-to-door licensing education program. The agency is trying to help the public with a problem it has created, stresses Prevost. "If everyone was a responsible pet owner, we wouldn't have to exist."

When someone brings in a litter of puppies to a private agency such as Greenhill, which accepts gift animals, they don't see the hundreds of other litters, and think that "Oh, they're so cute, they'll find a home." Only one in ten puppies or kittens is adopted, and the rest are destroyed.

"It's one thing putting a sick or old animal to sleep. But when you

have a puppy that wags its tail while it's dying..." Prevost drifts off.

The main office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Surgeries are performed in the mornings, and rabies and distemper shots are given from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on a walk-in basis, for \$3 each.

The cost for spaying a female dog is \$25, a female cat, \$20. Neutering a male dog costs \$15, a male cat, \$12.

Licensing of spayed or neutered dogs is \$4.75 a year, for dogs not spayed or neutered, \$9.50 per year.

The agency's telephone number is 687-DOGS, and the spay and neuter clinic's is 687-3643.



Interpersonal group offered

Several openings are still available in an interpersonal counseling group offered at the University.

The sessions will be led by University Counselor Bob Gilbert and will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information contact Gilbert at 686-3227.



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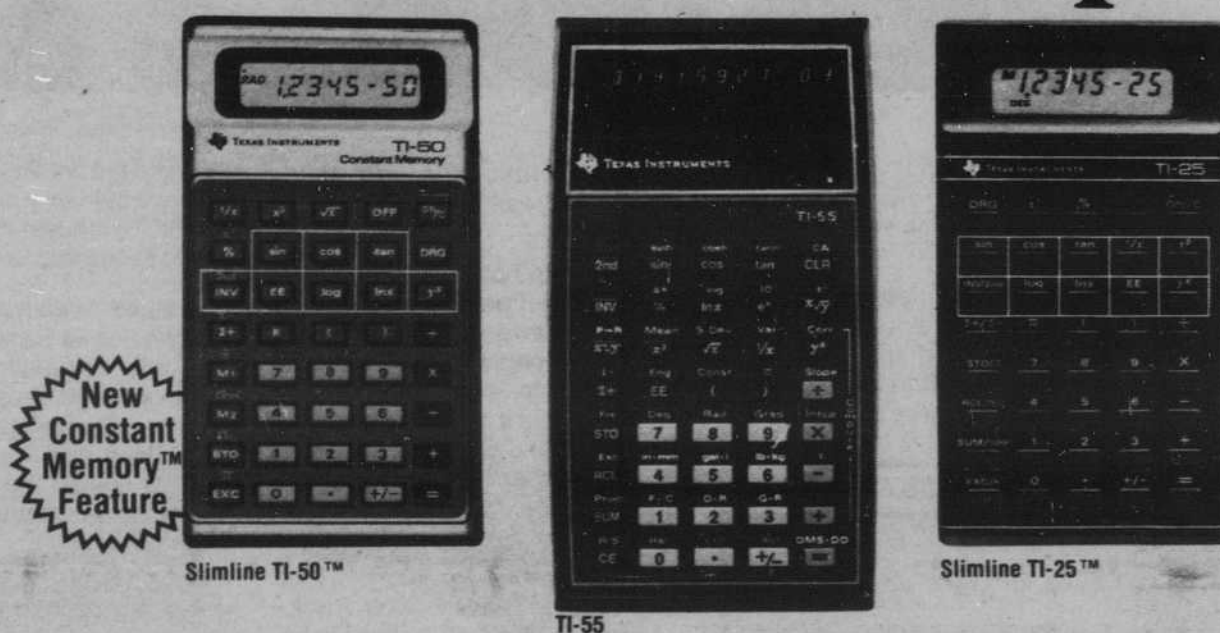
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