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Sheriff’s Office Estray Unit Animal Sales Goes On-Line

The Texas Agriculture Code Estray Law allows for the impoundment and sale of livestock in cases where the animals are abandoned or the owner cannot be found. In the past, livestock that have been impounded and are up for auction had been taken to adjoining counties livestock auction barns.

Beginning this month the Travis County Sheriff’s Office has expanded the way abandoned livestock are sold. The Sheriff’s Office Estray Unit will be selling livestock to the public though an on-line auction, thus saving the time and transportation costs to get the animal(s) to the sale. The company that will be handling the auction is Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.

Go to http://www.tcsheriff.org/lawenforcement/estray.asp for more information about the Travis County Sheriff’s Estray Unit, listing of abandoned animals or a listing of animals for sale.

The first on line auction is scheduled to begin Monday January 17, 2011.

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