Dogs pose problem at U of Montana

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MISSOULA--

Kenneth Read, University of Montana sanitarian, has asked dog owners not to let their animals run loose because greater numbers of the pets seem to be causing problems on the Missoula campus.

"We have noticed more dogs running loose on the campus this fall, and many of them are apparently unlicensed," Read said. "Many of the dogs don't have collars, so we can't tell whether or not they have had their rabies shots."

Read said dogs pose a particular problem in the University Center, where a considerable amount of food is served each day. He said state law prohibits domestic animals from being in public places where food is stored, prepared or served.

"It is very difficult to keep dogs out of the University Center," Read said. "And if they continue to be a problem it will be necessary to have the animals taken to the Missoula Animal Shelter."

Read said cooperation of dog owners in keeping their pets at home or on leashes when away from home would be a big step toward reducing the campus dog problem.

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