

more responsible dog ownership in Britain.

Dog wardens would make sure every dog was registered and given an identification number.

Innocent stray and lost dogs could be identified and returned to their owners.

The owners of savage dogs, or dogs that cause any kind of nuisance could be traced and held responsible.

But being able to trace dogs to their owners isn't the only benefit of dog registration.

Dog wardens would also take on an educational role.

They'd teach existing and potential dog owners how to look after their dogs properly.

So, long term, a more caring attitude would develop towards dog ownership in Britain.

And it's for all these reasons that we believe dog registration is the key to the problems we currently face.

We're not alone in this belief.

Numerous public organisations who regularly encounter the problems of stray dogs agree with us.

A recent independent academic survey agreed with us.

And already we've seen dog registra-

tion and licensing schemes work in other countries. Isn't all this evidence enough for our cause?

The cost of dog registration.

Apart from a registration fee paid by dog owners, dog registration needn't cost the country anything.

Dog wardens' wages could be paid out of the money raised by the fee.

And so could the scheme's organisational cost.

In fact, when you look at what stray dogs cost Britain every year, dog registration could actually save a great deal of money.

Summary of costs:

Present costs for strays:

(dogs registered with police only).

Keeping, destroying or re-homing 240,000 dogs. £6 million
Dog warden service. £6 million
Road accidents caused by dogs. £50 million
Hospital treatment of other injuries. £7 million
Injuries to livestock. £1 million

Total Costs about £70 million

Costs of registration system and dog warden service.

Total annual cost of registration system. £11 million

Total annual cost of dog warden service. £31 million

Total Costs about £42 million

Saving to society of registration and dog warden service: up to £28 million

If you're convinced, convince your MP.

In Parliament, there's good reason for dog registration.

Over 300 M.P.s from all parties support it.

In fact, last year a vote on dog registration came within just 100 votes of winning.

The next vote may be even closer. If you believe in dog registration, contact your M.P. today.

Because as every day passes, 1000+ unwanted dogs die.