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Polk Itemizer

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Livestock at large forum scheduled

DALLAS -- A forum on "livestock at large" in Polk County will be held Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas.

Polk County has a new ordinance that provides for a violation of a county ordinance rather than a violation of the state statute, which carries a stiffer criminal penalty. The 2012 county ordinance, its implementation and relationship to ORS Chapter 607 (Livestock Districts) will be discussed by Sheriff Robert Wolfe, District Attorney Aaron Felton, and Kim Hug from Oregon Department of Agriculture livestock identification.

All unincorporated areas of Polk County, plus all incorporated cities, are designated a "livestock district." This means "no person owning or having the custody, possession or control of an animal as defined in ORS Chapter 607 shall permit the animal to run at large or go upon the land of another."

The forum is sponsored by the Polk County Livestock Association, Polk County Farm Bureau and OSU Extension.

For more information: OSU Extension Office, 503-623-8395; Jim Clawson, 503-623-1920; or Ray Steele, 503-838-5893.

Stray dogs ran horses
through this fence on
Friday evening just
after midnight on
April 12th 2013.

