# College Station, Texas anion animals headed by Dr.

A group of small animal owners and breeders have formed a new state-wide organization to offer information, provide education and sponsor research beneficial to all companion animal

The non-profit group, Texas mals (T.A.C.A.), will benefit owners of small pets normally kept in the home, such as dogs, cats, birds, fish and some domesticated wild species.

Dr. E. W. Ellett of College Station was selected president and board chairman of the organization by the 14-member founding committee meeting in Austin early this year. Dr. Ellett is chief of the Small Animal Clinic at A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, yet his involvement in T.A.C.A. is strictly as an interested individual.

T.A.C.A. is the first organization of its kind in the nation and is offering charter memberships

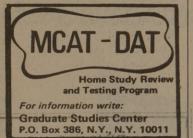
## Wirasnik rejoins EES

Charlie J. Wirasnik will rejoin the Engineering Extension Service's Police Training Division Monday after serving as chief of the Wharton Police Department the past two years.

Chief Instructor Ira E. Scott said Wirasnik will be an extension staff instructor, conducting law enforcement training courses throughout the state. The police division, a part of extension programs offered by A&M, has seven full-time staff instructors.

Wirasnik first joined the training program in 1967, after serving as chief of the Irving Police Department for eight years.

He is a 30-year veteran of the U. S. Navy Shore Patrol and a former police chief in Kingsville.



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during 1972, Dr. Ellett reported. The founders believe there are many reasons for joining T.A. C.A., including a growing and desperate need for an official organization to benefit small animals and their owners.

Therefore, the committee de-Association for Companion Anis veloped a state-wide membership campaign, with all major metropolitan areas assigned to volunteers for charter year enroll-

Dr. Ellett said applications and are encouraged to join T.A.C.A.,

brochures that fully explain T.A. C.A. should be available from most pet stores, grooming parlors, veterinary offices and local Chamber of Commerce offices.

Potential Texas membership T.A.C.A. was estimated by Dr. Ellett at nine million persons. This means a one per cent membership would bring a substantial 90,000 members, he pointed out.

Individuals presently in dog, cat, kennel and exotic pet clubs

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"If you have a pet, you belong in T.A.C.A.," is the organization's membership drive theme.

One particular interest of the organization is small animal disease research. The state at present does not directly support small animal research and money from other sources is very limited, Dr. Ellett noted. T.A.C.A. members will devote substantial posium featuring experts in

effort to alleviating this inequity,

The T.A.C.A. president said programs for young people in pets, owner-breeder assistance in group. Organizers hope to aug-

T.A.C.A. membership benefits pected to begin in late June in include a monthly newsletter to the large urban areas. each member, an annual sym-

privileges, eligibility to hold office and an information service

T.A.C.A. is not responsible to

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Memberships are \$6 per adult, \$10 joint adult membership and ships at \$25.

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