

Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE POLICY TO ALLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO
CARE FOR FOUND DOGS AND CATS UNDER CERTAIN GUIDELINES

1 **LAMC SEC. 53.09. STRAY ANIMALS. NOTICE REQUIRED.**

(a) **(Amended by Ord. No. 133,983, Eff; 4/10/67.)** Any person finding at any time any stray domestic animal or any such animal found running at large contrary to the provisions of this article may take up such animal; provided, however, that persons taking up such animal shall, within four hours thereafter, or within two hours thereafter if such animal is attached or hitched to a vehicle, give notice to the Department or to some police officer, of the fact that he has such animal in his possession, and shall furnish thereto a description of such animal and a statement of the place where he found and where he has confined the animal.

In case such notice is given to any police officer, such officer shall immediately notify the Department and shall furnish all the information which has been obtained regarding such animal.

If the taking up of such animal occurs at a time when the Public Pound is not open for the transaction of business, the notice required herein shall be made to the Department within the time herein required after such pound is again open for business.

(b) Any person taking up any such stray animal found running at large or contrary to the provisions of this article shall surrender such animal to the General Manager of the Department or his duly authorized representative upon demand thereof.

(c) No person taking up any animal shall fail or neglect to give notice thereof as required by this section or fail or refuse to surrender such animal to the General Manager or his duly authorized representative upon demand therefo

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Charlottesville Albemarle SPCA

I have found a pet

If you have found a pet in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area, fill out a report at the appropriate link below. Provide as much detail as possible including a physical description of the animal. If you have found a pet in another jurisdiction, refer to the list of regional animal shelters on the “I Have Lost a Pet” page.

[File A Found Dog Report](#)

[File A Found Cat Report](#)

Keep the pet safe. If you are able to house the pet until reunited with their owner, we recommend that you keep them separated from your own pets. A pet may be microchipped or tattooed. Check with the SPCA to get the pet scanned as soon as possible! If you are unable to hold the pet, please bring it to the SPCA.

Help find the owner. After you file a found report with the SPCA, place a [Craigslist](#) ad in the lost and found section or post found dog/cat posters in your neighborhood. Include a photo, a description of where it was found, and the contact information for where the pet is being held.

Re: Allowing Community members to foster found animals and help find owners.

Inbox x Admin Office pets@hsfc.org via humanesocietyo088.onmicrosoft.com 11:37

AM (3 minutes ago)

to me

Good Afternoon,

1.) Do the finders of lost pets have to come to one of your shelters to have the pet scanned for a microchip or can they have it done at their vet without visiting the shelter?

We can scanned here, but it is easier to take any animal to the shelter or a vet.

2.) Do you require the person who found the animal to come to the shelter to get the pet scanned or anything else?

No I do not require them to come here. I ask them to register the animal as "found" on the Fairfax County Animal Shelter and to put up flyers in the area. I will take down the information of the found animal and see if it matches any of the companies that send lost/found animal emails from our area.

3.) If NO to number one, have you had any challenges with the finders?

Not really. We did have one person walk his found dog into our building. We just gave him the information.

4.) Would you say that the program has been helpful, nothing changed or created problems?

Nothing has changed. We reply on the lost/found email system and the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

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Re: Allowing Community members to foster found animals and help find owners.

Inbox x

Jose Ocano

Jul 19 (5 days ago)

to me

Hi there,

I am so happy to to finally be in LA (technically driving down tomorrow).

below are my answers:

1.) Do you require the person who found the animal to come to the shelter to get the pet scanned or anything else?

No we did not. We make recommendations on what to do, but our perspective is that the community is our partner and we trust them. PACC files a "found" report and we let them know our call center is available seven days a week to help guide them through this process.

2.) If NO to number one, have you had any challenges with the finders?

We have not. Finders who are making the effort to contact and engage to the shelter want to do right by the animal and the owner. We had similar advocates and concerned constituents when we were first going to launch the program, but we stood firm in not making policy decisions that were based in fear, myths, and assumptions that people are "bad", "dumb", "don't care", etc.

3.) Would you say that the program has been helpful, nothing changed or created problems?

The program has been very helpful and was a critical first step in programs that partner with the community. We took it a step further and coach the finders after the legal stray time has expired to either keep the pet or re-home it themselves. We make the process simple and non punitive.

The "found animal" program is only one small aspect of what the Pet Support Center does and has actually been something PACC has offered for years, even prior to the launch of the PSC. The PSC is a call center (funded entirely my Petsmart Charities) focused on supporting all members of the community who are seeking support, options and solutions for their pet needs. PSC spends the largest portion of their time talking with owners on solutions to keeping pets in the home and should the owner not be receptive to any of the suggestions, the PSC staff schedule healthy owner surrenders by appointment. since calendar YTD, owner surrenders have decreased by 36% and stray intake by 8%.

Pima County seems different from LA where we don't require actual policies for our practices and programs.

I am happy to link you or someone from your team with the Cynthia who is the coordinator for the

PSC.

Also, important to note, that we build many of our practices from Arizona Humane Society's Pet Resource Center.

Let me know if you have any follow up questions and feel free to give me a call anytime at [520-247-2171](tel:520-247-2171). :-)

<http://support.humanerescuealliance.org/site/PageServer?pagename=lostfoundpet&AddInterest=1047#if>

Humane Rescue Alliance (Washington DC)
Animals. People. Community.
Lost or Found a Pet?

If You Found an Animal

If you have found a lost or abandoned animal, please contact us as we may be able to provide guardian information if the guardian has filed a Lost Report with us.

If you are able to safely house the animal while you wait for a guardian to come forward:

1. Call 202-576-6664 (option 2) and file a Found Report so that we can connect a guardian with you when they call. If you choose this option, we encourage you to bring the animal to the adoption center to be scanned for a microchip and to be photographed for the website.
2. File a lost report online with this [form](#). Upon submitting, call 202-576-6664 to confirm receipt, then send a photo of the pet to dispatch@humanerescuealliance.org.
3. Many forms of ID tags are traceable so please alert a representative to any ID, vaccination or microchip tag you see. If we are able to identify the animal remotely by researching an ID tag, and you elect to retain the animal while we locate the guardian, a photograph of the pet can be submitted to dispatch@humanerescuealliance.org in a jpeg format.
4. Flyers placed in your neighborhood can aid in reuniting a pet with his/her guardian as well as posting on Craigslist under the lost/found community page.

If you need the animal to be housed at the shelter:

1. Drive the animal to the New York Avenue Adoption Center located at 1201 New York Avenue, NE. Be prepared to report landmarks or crossroads where the animal was found.
2. If you cannot transport the animal, contact DC Animal Care & Control dispatch line at 202-576-6664 (option 1).

Animals are held for a period of five days before they become the property of the Humane Rescue Alliance.

Help Your Pet Get Home

Always keep a current identification tag on your pet. If your dog or cat wears a tag that has his or her name, your name, full address, and phone number, your lost pet will stand a better chance of getting home. Your pet's I.D. tag is the best ticket home!

Remember to update your pet's tag when you move. And be sure to keep a current photo of your pet in case he or she ever becomes lost. We also offer microchipping services.

It is important to always keep a current rabies and license tag on your pet, in accordance with local laws. DC requires that all dogs are annually licensed and that they are vaccinated for rabies and DHPP.

Prevent Your Pet from Straying

Dogs and cats who are spayed or neutered roam less. Learn more about [spay/neuter services](#) offered by the Humane Rescue Alliance.

Re: Allowing Community members to foster found animals and help find owners.

Inbox x

Nicolette Delmuro

9:11 AM
(2 hours ago)

to me

Hi Brenda,

Happy to help! We don't require finders to bring lost animals into our shelter. We do ask that they complete a 'lost report,' which you can see on our website, so if they take the animal to a vet to get scanned, they can enter the microchip number in the report. I'm not sure what types of challenges you'd be referring to - if you want to share what you're running into, I can speak more to that.

Very rarely do people want to foster found animals in their home. If they do, most times we find they just keep the animal without consulting us, and put up posters/flyers in their neighborhood.

Kindly,

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 8:16 PM, Brenda Barnette <brenda.barnette@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Nicolette,

I am working on a program for our City to allow people who find dogs and cats to registered them with Los Angeles Animal Services, foster them, have them scanned for a microchip and post notices with pictures to help locate the owner.

I see from your website that you have a similar program and that individuals foster found animal and help look for the owner.

Could you please answer a few questions about your program?

- 1.) Is the finders of a lost pet required to come to one of your shelters to have the pet scanned for a microchip or can they have it done at their vet without visiting the shelter?
- 2.) If NO to number one, have you had any challenges with the finders?
- 3.) Would you say that the program has been helpful, nothing changed or created problems?

Is there anything else I should have asked?

If you have a copy of the policy, I'd love to see a copy.

Thanks for your time,

Brenda

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I've Found a Pet. What Should I Do?

Thank you for your help in attempting to reunite a lost pet with their family! If you find a lost pet, you may:

1. Bring the animal to the shelter.

HSPPR does its best to match lost reports with animals coming into the shelter. Stray animals are held for 5 days before HSPPR takes ownership. On day 6, the animals may be made available for adoption. In some cases, seriously ill animals or animals with severe behavior problems may need to be humanely euthanized. Interested in adopting the pet you found if the owner doesn't come forward? Find out about our Choice Hold Program.

2. Call us to pick up the animal.

Due to local ordinances, we are unable to pick up stray cats and cannot pick up stray dogs outside of the city limits of Colorado Springs, Fountain or Monument. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Call (719) 473-1741 and we can dispatch an Animal Law Enforcement officer to your address. Please note wait times may vary depending on the current number of cases officers are responding to.

3. Temporarily care for the pet in your home.

Please be sure to file a Found Pet Report immediately, which remains active for 5 days. If the animal is wearing a license or rabies tag, we may be able to trace the owner. Call (719) 302-8723 to speak with a customer service representative. In addition to completing the found report, we suggest you also check with neighbors and area veterinarians, hang signs in the neighborhood, place

ads in local papers and post notices on social media sites such as Craigslist. There may be additional Lost of Found reports at the Humane Society and not yet published online. Please be sure to come in to review all reports in our Lost and Found area.

4. If you find wildlife:

HSPPR is not licensed to accept wildlife. If you find orphaned or injured wildlife, including deer, birds, rabbits, turtles or tarantulas, please contact the Division of Wildlife at 719.227.5200.

Schull, Shyanne <SSchull@washoecounty.us>

5:15 PM (5
minutes
ago)

to me, Washoe311, Carol

Hi Brenda,

I have responded to your inquiries below. We do not have a policy for handling this however we do have a process that we follow.

It appears that you have a similar program and that individuals can list found animals through your website.

Could you please answer a few questions about your program?

1.) Do the finders of lost pets have to come to one of your shelters to have the pet scanned for a microchip or can they have it done at their vet without visiting the shelter? **If an individual comes to into the shelter with a found pet we always scan for a chip and whether it has a chip or not, we highly encourage people to leave the pet at the shelter. Worst case scenario, if finder does not want to leave found pets we will do a found report before they leave. Some finders do go directly to their vets to have the pets scanned, and they attempt to contact owner on their own (Either with owner information they have gathered through microchip or by doing a found report). Again we advise that if they cannot contact owner to bring found pet in or call to have an officer pick up.**

2.) Do you require the person who found the animal to come to the shelter to get the pet scanned or anything else? **In Nevada pets are considered property, therefore we always tell a finder they need to bring the pet into the shelter if owner isn't located. If they are interested in adopting we give animal id number, just in case it becomes available after 5 day stray period.**

3.) If NO to number one, have you had any challenges with the finders? **There are some challenges as many finders are reluctant to leave an animal at the shelter, and although they do a lost report on our website we still come across many pet owners that do not have access to the internet. It is also hard to track how many go back home.**

4.) Would you say that the program has been helpful, nothing changed or created problems? **For the most part uploading pictures of found pets has been helpful as many pet owners become aware there pets are at the shelter because they visited our website.**

Could you please answer a few questions about your program? Same as above

1.) Do you require the person who found the animal to come to the shelter to get the pet scanned or anything else?

2.) If NO to number one, have you had any challenges with the finders?

3.) Would you say that the program has been helpful, nothing changed or created problems?

Is there anything else I should have asked?

If you have a copy of the policy, I'd love to see a copy.

Sincerely,

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Tamara Egley <tegley@hsppr.org>

Aug 2
(1 day
ago)

to me

Hi Brenda,

This is Tamara from HSPPR. I am so sorry that it has taken me so long to respond to your email. I was on vacation and have finally caught up on email. We do not require finders to come here to have animals checked for microchips. We do recommend that they go to their vet and have the animal scanned. Of course, they are welcome to come here and we will gladly scan. We do try to encourage they go to a veterinarian as we have a very busy lobby. We find that overall people want to help and will do the right thing by returning animals to their owners.

There are times when finders decide they aren't going to return an animal for reasons such as, the pet seems neglected or abused or if they were a good owner they pet would not have been running at large. In these cases we try to educate to bring pet here so Animal Law Enforcement can look at case and follow up if needed. We also advise that the pet will never legally be theirs and rightful pet owner can take legal action. If a pet owner comes forward and lets us know that finder will not return pet we advise them to file stolen property report with Police and that it is a civil situation as we are not in custody of the pet. This does not happen often.

We have found that this is a very helpful process with lost reporters and found reporters being able to connect and keep us out of the loop and pets out of the shelter.

I wish you well and if you have any other questions please feel free to ask.

Tamara

Humane Society of Pikes Peak Region, Co.