



FOUND PET TIPS



1. **Secure the dog with a leash or lead.** Many cats live outside, so they should be left alone unless they appear to be injured or sick.
2. **Go through the neighborhood asking people if they know who owns the pet.**
3. **Scan for a microchip** – your local veterinary office personnel can do this for you free.
4. **Post found pet signs** with bright poster board in the area where you found the pet. Include 5 words that can be read in 5 seconds at 55 mph.
5. **If you are unable to locate the owner, the next best thing is to take them to the shelter.** If you decide to search for the owner for a short period before taking him/her to the shelter, the owner may miss your found pet post and give up looking at the shelter.
6. **Post flyers;** the shelter, veterinary offices, pet supply stores, groomers, dog parks, grocery stores, the post office, and community centers.
7. **Post on the internet;** lost/found pet sites such as helpinglostpets.com, lost/found social media pages, Craigslist, Nextdoor.com and your local newspaper.
8. **Contact local rescue groups.** Give them information about the pet you found so they can post on their social media page. Rescues in Amarillo include; Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society, Texas Panhandle Pet Savers, Lost Pets of Amarillo, Panhandle Paws of Hope, and ASPCA.