



REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER



Did you know?

Last year in America over ten million family pets were lost! ONLY 16.6% of dogs and 2% of cats were reunited with their owners!

Reuniting lost pets with their owners is one of the most rewarding things animal shelters do, but it does not happen often enough. While most people think that it could never happen to them, losing a pet happens much more frequently than they realize. Last year, more than ten

million lost family pets entered our nation's animal shelters. What makes this reality most unfortunate is that only 16.6% of dogs and a pitiful 2% of cats go back home! The rest are either adopted into new homes or euthanized to make room for the continual influx of unwanted and stray animals arriving at our nation's animal shelters. When shelters are struggling so hard to find homes for millions of truly homeless animals, it is unfortunate that they cannot reunite these lost pets with their families. Especially when you consider that the ticket home – an ID tag – costs so little.

Regional Animal Shelter is asking pet owners to please put a personal ID tag, rabies tag (required by law for all pets), dog license tag (required by law for all dogs over 4 months old), microchip, or any device on their pet to better help shelters identify and return lost pets. If your pet has a tag with your address and name on it, they will most likely be given a ride home instead of to a shelter.

Remember that it is not just dogs that need ID. While tagging pets is easy and simple to do, it's something too rarely done for cats. There's controversy as to whether it is safe for cats to wear collars continuously, but with a well-fitting collar, cats are safe from harm. Cats need ID tags as much as dogs, even more so when you consider the 2% return to owner rate!

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

More animals with tags means that more animals will make it home again. With fewer lost animals taking up shelter space, truly homeless animals will have a greater chance of being adopted!

Give your pets ID and help save lives!

Please don't take the chance by assuming only other people's pets get lost or will ever need help. Even the most responsible owners experience unexpected circumstances which cause pets to accidentally stray, becoming lost or injured.