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Help! I Found a Pet!

Many people think that as soon as you find a pet it should be taken to a shelter. By fostering the pet while looking for the owners yourself, you are leaving a kennel open for a dog or cat in need. You are saving lives!

- 1. Walk the Animal Around the Neighborhood.** A few good things can happen from this. One, someone may be actively searching for their animal and you could run into them. Two, you may pass someone who knows who the pet belongs to. Three, the pet may lead you to his own home.
- 2. Check for a Microchip.** A microchip is something implanted in a dog's skin which links you to owner information when scanned. Most vet offices and shelters have microchip scanners and are happy to check for you.
- 3. Notify Local Shelters.** Animal Care and Protective Services is the city of Jacksonville's shelter, and where most sheltered strays end up. You can call or stop by ACPS to report a found pet. You should also call, e-mail or stop by JHS to report your found pet. Our phone number is (904) 493-4584 and you can e-mail us a picture to petsafetynet@jaxhumane.org.
- 4. Use Social Media.** Everyone is on Facebook these days- use that to your advantage! Post a picture of the pet with the area he or she was found in and your contact information. Ask people to share it.

Try posting here:

facebook.com/LostandFoundPetsNEFlorida

facebook.com/jaxanimals

jacksonville.craigslist.org/laf/

jacksonville.craigslist.org/pet/

Check their listings daily!

- 5. Add Pet to Finding Rover.** Finding Rover uses facial recognition to help you find your pet. Click on "Found Pet", upload a photo, add where the pet was found, and click search. Lost animals that look like the pet will show up.
- 6. Distribute Flyers.** Post them around where the pet was found. The bigger and brighter, the better! People are much more likely to notice fluorescent colors. You can put your flyer in a sheet protector and tape it to a large piece of fluorescent poster board to make it stand out. Use a flyer generator if you need help: jaxhumane.org/lost.

If you have any questions, please contact JHS Pet Help Center at (904) 493-4584