

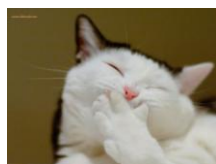
WHEN YOU LOSE A PET OR FIND A PET

The pain of losing your pet is indescribable. You never thought it could happen but, sadly to say, it does every day across this county. You do everything you can to prevent it, building fences, keeping doors closed, using a leash, trusting others to utilize the same care you would in watching your pet for you, yet it still happens.

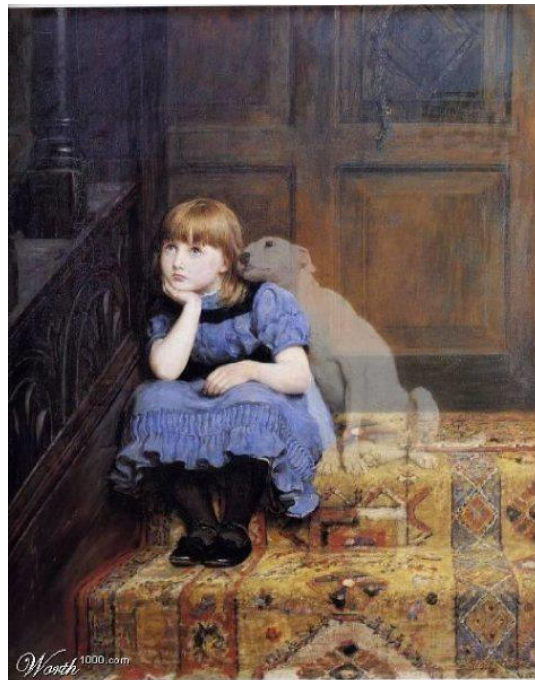
Should your pet become lost having it microchipped and registered is the best way to confirm proof of ownership. Your pet is considered personal property by law so being able to provide proof that you are the pet owner can make a world of difference in getting your family member back home.

Washoe County does not have a feral dog population so all dogs are the property of someone. *If you find a dog, you do not have the legal right to keep it, get it vaccinated, spay / neuter it or give it to someone else.* It is someone's pet and keeping it at your home is not the best way to find the owner. Bring the pet to our facility where all the procedures are followed to get it back home. If you desire to have the dog as part of your family, you can be the first in line to adopt the dog after the five day stray hold period. This hold period gives the owner a chance to find their family member here and take it home. If no one comes in to claim it, then the finder has the first right to adopt it.

Always remember that just because a dog is wandering around thin, injured or appears abused does not mean that no one is missing it. There are a number of reasons that it is running loose or scared. Don't be quick to judge why it is out there, just be quick to bring it to us so that we can start the process of getting it back home. Visit our website for more information: www.washoeanimals.com



Next month - Secrets about cats



Where is my buddy? I miss him so.

Interesting Dog Trivia

- The name of the dog on the Cracker Jack box is Bingo.
- The Beatles song Martha My Dear was written by Paul McCartney about his sheepdog Martha."
- The canine nose works one million times more efficiently than the human nose.
- The average dog has 42 permanent teeth.



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DISASTER PREPARATION

Planning ahead can save your pet's life in an emergency!

Emergency situations can happen at any time and although we can't always be fully prepared for every emergency, we can prepare an emergency kit to help your pet through a disaster. Some suggested items include:

- First aid kit
- Portable radio, flashlight & extra batteries
- Vaccination records
- Veterinarian's information
- Medications & dosage instructions
- Pet carriers & cages
- Leashes/non-nylon hangers/leads or rope
- 2 weeks supply of food/water
- Can opener
- Non-spill food/water bowls
- Cat litter & box
- Newspaper/paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Duct tape
- Permanent marker
- Bleach/disinfectant solution
- Water buckets

