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Lost Pets Resources

HSoP sees roughly 400 stray pets annually, and we want to get as much resources out to pet owners as possible about lost and found pets. Many of these pets are returned to their owners, but often times stray pets are not claimed. Accidents happen, and here is some information to help you if your beloved pet goes missing.

Lost Pets:

- **Prevention:** Many pet owners feel certain that their pet won't leave their side, but accidents happen. Here are some ways to ensure your pet is easily identifiable should they accidentally escape:
 - Have a few current photos of your pet. Photos are a great way to identify if a lost pet is yours! It also works as proof of ownership, should that be required.
 - Have a current name tag on your pet. Name tags are great at reuniting pet owners with their pets quick! This is a great way to have your pet returned to you, without them being turned in to a shelter. Always make sure the information on the tag is current.
 - HSoP offers engraved name tags for \$8.00.
 - Have your pet microchipped and make sure the information stays current. Microchips cannot be lost or removed from your pet, so they are permanent identification to show the pet belongs to you!
 - HSoP offers microchipping services for \$30.00. Not sure if your pet is chipped? HSoP can scan your pet, and even get you in contact with the company to ensure your information is accurate and current.
- **Contact your shelters and rescues:** This is a quick task to make sure that your local shelters and rescues can alert you if your dog arrives in their care. While you may only think to call your closest shelter, found pets can be transported to other facilities by their finders. This is not a malicious act, but it does happen. Be sure to reach out to all local shelters and rescues!
- **Make Flyers:** HSoP has a bulletin board in our entry way that is dedicated to lost/found pets. Please bring a flyer to us, and we will post it for all of our visitors to see.
 - **Reminder:** There is a Moscow City Ordinance that prohibits flyers being hung on City Property (light poles, power poles, etc.) Always ask a business first if you can hang your flyer.
 - Give flyers to your local mail person, newspaper delivery person, neighbors, etc.
- **Social Media:** social media has proven to be one of the quickest ways to reunite pets with their owners! We are lucky to have quite a few Facebook pages dedicated to owned pets in our area. You can post your pet's photo, description, last known location, etc. to these groups to have your community help. These pages are filled with animal lovers who can offer advice, resources, and help to reunite pets with their owners. Be sure to join these groups:
 - "Moscow and Surrounding Areas Lost/Found pets"
 - "Lost and found pets of Moscow, Pullman, and surrounding areas"
 - "Zeus's Friends Lost and Found Pet Network"
 - "Lost and found pets of Troy, Deary, Bovill, and surrounding areas"
 - "Potlatch/Princeton Area Lost/Found Pets"
 - "Pullman Area Lost/Found Pets"