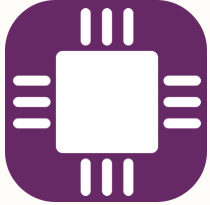


arf Lost Pet Prevention

Even the most responsible pet owners can lose a pet due to unforeseen circumstances! Take precaution and follow these prevention tips just in case:



Microchip and ID tags

An up-to-date microchip and ID tag is the best way to ensure your pet makes it home. Make sure your microchip is registered and updated if your information changes. Need an easy and free ID? Use a Sharpie to write your phone number on your dog's collar!



License

Dogs and cats with a current license or identification tag attached to their collars are held at Animal Services Centers for a full 10 days instead of the 3-4 days unlicensed strays are held.



Confinement

There is no better protection for your pet than to be kept indoors, in a fenced yard, or enclosed kennel area. Take extra precautions around holidays like the 4th of July when fireworks and other loud noises may spook them. Regularly check any fencing to make sure there are no holes or loose boards a pet could escape through (especially after storms), as well as screens and windows. Always transport your cat in a secure carrier. Do not let your pet run loose. It is illegal in the state of California to let your dog roam unattended unless in designated off-leash areas.



Spay and Neuter

Decrease your pet's urge to wander in search of a mate. Spaying and neutering dramatically reduces, and can eliminate, the attraction of males to females. The pet most likely to be hit by a car is an intact male dog!

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