



## SO YOU'VE FOUND A PET? NOW WHAT?

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- ***Don't assume the animal is a stray or has been dumped. It could be someone's pet. Try to find the owner!***
- First things first: **Have the animal checked for a microchip.** Any veterinarian or animal control officer can do this for you with a scanner. The Helotes Humane Society also has a scanner. There is no charge for this.
- Look for identification tags that indicate an owner or the last veterinary clinic the animal was vaccinated at. Call them to find the owner.

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- If you can keep the pet while you try to find the owner, move to STEP 3
- If YOU CANNOT keep the pet you've found, move to STEP 6

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- Create flyers of the found pet with a description, photo and your contact information. Remember that breed descriptions might not always be accurate so include size, sex, and color of the animal. Post the flyers in the neighborhood where you found the pet and give to local veterinarians, animal control officers, and the Helotes Humane Society.

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- Post the animal on the Craigslist Lost & Found pet page and the Helotes Humane Society's website Lost and Found Page. Check local papers.
- (See other suggestions for posting on the opposite side of this flyer.)

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- Check with the homeowners in the vicinity that you found the animal to see if it is theirs or if they know who it belongs to. Contact the homeowners association in the neighborhood the pet was found to see if someone has reported it missing.

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- **FOUND ANIMALS** should be taken to the Animal Control Facility or Officer in the area in which it was found. **This will give the animal the best chance at being reunited with its rightful owner.** Below are contacts for all local agencies. When the Helotes Humane Society has space available, we do from time to time take in animals from these agencies.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Helotes Animal Control: 210.659.5909\*
- Leon Valley Animal Control: 210.684.1391 ext.229
- Grey Forest Animal Control: 210.695.3261 ext. 1
- San Antonio Animal Care Services: 210.207.4738
- Bexar County (unincorporated portions of the County): 210.335.9000

\*Helotes Animal Control **will not** accept pets once they are turned into a vet's clinic or business. Animals found in Helotes City Limits should be brought in to Helotes Animal Control.