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FOUND A STRAY? HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Due to the current distemper outbreak and shelter closures, we're asking the community to safely hold healthy animals. Here's what to do if you've found a stray.

1 Check for health & safety

Only hold dogs that are healthy and non-aggressive. Call 817-392-1234 for sick, injured, or dangerous animals.

2 Help find the owner

Post on lost and found pet pages, check local lost pet reports, and hang flyers near where the dog was found. Many pets are reunited this way! **If you're a pet owner looking to reclaim your pet,** please call 817-392-1234.

3 Get help from an Animal Control Officer

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Contact us to schedule an Animal Control Officer off-site visit. During your temporarily holding period, an officer will scan for a microchip, administer vaccines, and register the stray animal. **Only bring animals to the shelter in emergencies** to help prevent the spread of distemper and protect shelter animals.

4 Hold for 4 days

If it is safe, please hold the dog for at least **four days** to help increase chances of reunification.
If the dog becomes sick, injured, or aggressive, contact the city Call Center immediately for guidance.

5 Next steps if no owner is found

After four days, the shelter will begin looking for placement options including rescues, foster homes, or adopters. Please notify us if you find the owner!

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