

Oklahoma City Animal Welfare



Lost and Found Pets

Lost Pet:

Not being able to find your pet is a very traumatic experience. Here are some helpful tips that will increase your chances of finding him or her.

Visit our Shelter Daily:

OKCAW takes in lost pets and stray animals every day at our shelter located at 2811 SE 29th street. Lost pets and stray animals are held for three days if they have no identification and five days if they are identified in order to provide you with enough time to visit the shelter and find your pet. If no one claims the animal during the holding time, the animal is evaluated for placement options. When you arrive at the shelter to look for your pet, go to the front counter and tell the staff member that you are looking for a lost pet. Bring in ID for yourself as well as for your animal. You will fill out a short form and a staff member will escort you through the building. While you're at the shelter, take the time to look at every cage; this will eliminate the possibility of you passing a cage that your pet may be in. We recommend that you visit at least every two days.

Ask the front desk for a blue "lost card". Make sure to fill this out completely and in detail, and it will be posted on our lost and found board.

Search our Website's Found Pets Database:

Pictures and/or descriptions of animals that have been brought to our Care Centers are posted on our website hourly. To search the database of found animals in our care:

- Go to <http://www.okc.gov/animalwelfare>
- On the left hand side select Search for Pet
- Animal Type: select which animal you are searching for

- Animal Gender: select No Preference
- Animal Age: Select No Preference
- Animal Size: Select No Preference

The last page shows the most recent animals we have received. Please start on the last page and work your way back to the beginning. If you find an animal that resembles yours please write down the animal ID so that one of our representatives can point you in the right direction once you arrive at the shelter.

If you see an animal that fits the description of your lost pet, visit the shelter to reclaim your pet. Please make sure you come in with the animal identification number from the website and pictures of your animals for identification purposes.

File a Lost Pet Report Online:

A report filed with OKCAW will be entered into an online database that searches our computer records and will send you information if there is a match. This report will be valid for 30 days and will continue to send you information if applicable during those 30 days.

When filing the Lost Pet report, please remember to upload a photo of your lost pet (a clear full body photo, if possible). Also, please leave the top check-off box unchecked so to allow a copy of your report to be sent to OKCAW. If you check this box, our Lost and Found will not be able to reach you if a match is made.

- Go to <http://www.okc.gov/animalwelfare>
- On the left hand side select I Lost a Pet
- Click the appropriate link for dog or cat
- Fill out the report with as much detail as possible
- Attach a photo of your pet
- Click the "Submit Request" button



OKC Animal Welfare, 2811 SE 29th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73129

Call 405.297.3100 to report animal welfare concerns

www.okc.gov/animalwelfare

awinfo@okc.gov

Found Pets:

Thank you for taking care of the lost pet you have found. Below is a list of options to assist you in locating the family of the lost pet.

If the animal has identification, contact the owner. Identification comes in many forms, so please check the animal thoroughly for a tag, tattoo or microchip. You can bring an animal to most shelters and veterinary hospitals to scan the animal for a microchip. Some owners write their phone number on their pet's collar. If the animal has an OKCAW rabies tag, call 405-297-3100 during normal business hours or send us an email to awinfo@okc.gov and we will return your message as soon as possible.

Bring to the Pet to OKCAW:

If the animal was found in Oklahoma City, you may bring it to the shelter. OKCAW takes in lost pets and stray animals every day from 9am-5:45pm at our shelter located at 2811 SE 29th St in Oklahoma City. Lost pets are put on hold for three days if they have no identification or five days if there is identification in order to provide the owners with enough time to locate their pets. After three or five days, the animal gets evaluated and made available for placement. Note: If you are a finder of a lost pet and are interested in adopting the pet after the hold period, please be at the facility by noon on the day the hold period is up to adopt. All adoption criteria apply.

Please note that all animals that come into our care are scanned for a microchip. If the animal has a current chip or other form of identification, we make every attempt to contact the owner to reunite them with their pet.

Keep the Pet at Your Home:

If you want to keep the animal during the hold period, please come to the shelter to fill out a green "found card" (ask the front desk for one). We will post this form on our lost and found board in the building. Also, file a found report on our website.

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Other Tips on Locating the Owners of a Found Pet:

Post flyers within a 2-mile radius of where you found the pet. Your flyer should include a detailed description of the animal, pictures and your contact information. Post this flyer with permission in as many places around the neighborhood as possible: pet shops, veterinarian and doctors offices, supermarkets, police precincts, bulletin boards, bus stops, taxi services, laundromats, delivery people, schools, etc. If someone responds to your flyer, make sure you see proof of ownership prior to releasing the pet to the person. Pictures work best. Do not forget to remove all flyers once the pet is reunited with his or her owner.

Place an ad in local and state newspapers, as well as in online publications. Most newspapers do this free of charge. You may also create a Twitter account and/or Facebook Page.



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