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**SUMMER 2016** 

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE LOST OR FOUND A PET?

It is really important that if you have a FOSTER animal and they go missing, contact NASAP for your foster contact immediately so we can help find them.

For your own FUREVER friends here are some tips to help recover lost or find the owners of found pets.

There are a few things you need to do to give the biggest chance of returning your pet to you.

#### Міскоснір

They are around \$45 at any vet and that includes an account for PetLynx. For another \$39 you can"register" your pet and build a profile online with all of their information, as well as yours. But make sure to keep it up to date. When a NASAP animal is adopted the microchip is pre-registered, the cost is included in the adoption fee.

#### Τάττοο

Tattoos typically only happen when the animal is under sedation during a spay, neuter or dental. Also tattoos are coded by province and individual vet clinics rather then having a national database so it's a slower process to relocate.

#### CITY OF EDMONTON TAG

Registration of your animal is a requirement in the City of Edmonton, and it costs \$35 a year per pet. They provide you with a tag, that must be worn at all times or a fine could be issued. Please check with your local county as all areas may not be the same. As for any area please keep your information up to date.

#### Pet ID

You can buy tags at any local pet store. Put your pet's name and your phone number on them. If you are feeling fancy you can get custom tags on etsy.ca or canadianpettags.ca.

#### SPAY/NEUTER

Pets who have been spayed/neutered will hopefully lose their urge to roam/mate.

#### Lost

1. Look around the house to see if they are just hiding. Then look around the yard and neighbourhood (garbage is a place that my dog likes to go). Ask people that you see if they have seen your pet. I know it is scary, but please stay calm. For lost cats a helpful tip is to put their litter box outside so they can locate their scent and hopefully find their way home.

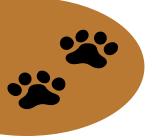
2. Call 311. Bylaw officers may have had a report of your pet, or they may already be in their care. Animals found in the City can be held for 3-10 days.

Here is the website of found pets in the City of Edmonton.

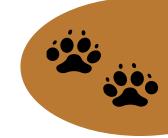
http://edmontonacccpets.shelterbuddy.com/

3. Contact your local veterinarian or 24-hour animal hospital.

4. PetLynx – A 24-hour online service. If pets are "registered" you are contacted by email when a pet matching the description of your animal is located.







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5. Social Media – With how widely used the internet is now a days, it could be useful to post a picture of your lost pet on Facebook, and check the "Found Pets" page on Kijiji.

# FOUND PETS AT THE ANIMAL CARE

## and Control Centre

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Found Pets Search – The Found Pets Search is a public database of the dogs, cats and small pets currently being held for safe-keeping at the Animal Care and Control Centre.

#### FOUND

Finding an animal can be tricky; a lot of times they will not come to a stranger. Please, if they come to you try and help. If they are scared or timid they may run if you attempt to capture them. This could cause them to run into the road, or venture further from their comfort zone. Treats could be an efficient tool to lure them to you. Please take caution.

1. Veterinarian or Animal Hospital – If you are able to safely bring the found, or even injured animal, to the nearest vet, please do. They will check for microchip and administer any emergency attention required.

2. Look Around – A number of times pets are not far from their homes if you are not able to lure the animal to you. Sometimes if you knock on a door or two in the surrounding area, the owners can easily be located.

3. Call 311 – If the animal is wearing a license tag Animal Care and Control can retrieve the pet and return them home (one free trip home every 12 months). If your are not able to reach the animal to check for tags, contacting Animal Care and Control can often be the best chance at ensuring that stray/found animals get off the streets.

#### FOUND A DEAD ANIMAL

This is heartbreaking and most people just want to not see it. That animal however, may be someone's beloved friend, so please contact 311 with the address of the deceased. Animal Care and Control will safely pick up the animal and contact any known owners.

# **ORPHANED KITTIES**

On May 11, 2016 NASAP was contacted by a technician from the Leduc Veterinary Hospital. Their client from a local farm had 5, 3-week old kittens whose mother had not returned and was likely deceased. Kittens that age are so very fragile and their health is precarious at the best of times (i.e. even when they have an attentive, healthy mother cat to feed, warm and clean them).

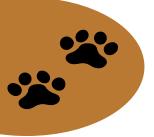
Without a mother their chances of survival are drastically reduced. These kittens were far too young to be on their own and it was hoped that NASAP could help provide the supportive care they desperately needed. When the kittens arrived, they had already spent at least a couple of days alone. They were underweight and dehydrated. They had to be bottle-fed around the clock

by Jennifer Semchuk and then by Anne Hudson, two NASAP foster homes that regularly help to care for kittens with special needs. Unfortunately, because of their rocky start and depleted state, they took turns becoming gravely ill. They were rushed to Calgary Trail Pet Hospital where Dr. Collen Pratt and her family volunteered to take over their care.

Dr. Pratt was able to bring them back from the brink of death several times with fluids, dextrose and constant supportive care. Sadly, one kitten (Mango) could not be resuscitated and did not survive. During this time, NASAP contacted other rescues including the Whitecourt Homeless Animal Rescue Foundation (WHARF) to see if they had any mother cats that were still nursing and could serve as a surrogate mother. Luckily they did have











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one with kittens that were already eating solid food on their own.

The surrogate mother cat, Linda, was transferred to NASAP and after a bit of convincing she started to clean and nurse the kittens. Even with Linda and Dr. Pratt's help, the kittens were not out of the woods and they still required around the clock care and hand-feedings for several additional weeks.

The remaining four babies (Max, Felix, Zoey and Pebbles) have now all beaten all the odds and they are little balls of feline energy. They have finally grown and are the size of normal 8 week old kittens. They are extremely lucky and spoiled babies that are now looking for loving, indoor forever homes. NASAP sincerely thanks everyone that worked so diligently and selflessly to care for these babies. Without the generosity of our partner vet clinics and foster homes, there would be fewer of these heartwarming success stories!

#### Dre

Dre came to NASAP because his family was becoming increasingly allergic to him. He suffers from severe environmental allergies. He suffered from hair loss to over half his body and scaly itchy rashes to over 75% of his body with constant ear infections. He also had multiple skin tags and engorged nipples due to steroid treatment for these allergies.

Since coming to NASAP he has a whole new life! Calgary Trail Vet Hospital has been amazing reviewing his medical history, changing his diet and medications to better manage his allergies. In less than a month his hair grew back, his nipples have shrunk and his skin tags are smaller. His only symptom that continues is his ear infections.

However, his foster family is diligent about his care and keeping him healthy! He is more active and playful with his foster sister. He has done extremely well with training – reinforcing crate skills, leash skills and basic tricks. He is very eager to please. He is still learning about big dogs as he becomes protective and dominant. But he is great with kids



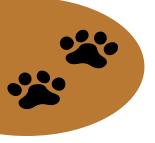
and adults and loves cuddle time! He is looking for a very special forever home who will continue his treatment plan and provide him with all of the love and cuddles he deserves. Apply for him on our website!

Age: 7 years old

Breed: French Bulldog X

Weight: 19 pounds







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# **INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD!**

GENEIEVE HORVATH President Been on the board 13 years. Favorite Colour: Purple



JENNIFER GRAYDON Board of Director Cat intake member 10 years Favorite Colour: Green



#### Iona Haggard

Vice President

Number of years: I think I came onto the board in 2006... that makes it 10 years

Favorite color: Blue

#### CHERISE FREDERICK

Dog intake member and treasurer Dog foster home for miss gremlin Since October 2013 Favorite Colour: Blue

JACLYN GALLOP Secretary 7 years with NASAP Favorite Colour: Orange



KELLY DAWSON Board of Director (first year) Foster home/volunteer (five years) Favorite colour: Tabby!



JUDY MILLS 2nd year on board Assisting with dog intake Fostering Cookie Favourite Colour: Pink





