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McHenry County Animal Control launches new “Found Animal Sign Program” to reunite lost pets with their owners

MCHENRY COUNTY, IL – McHenry County Animal Control (MCAC) is excited to announce the launch of its new "Found Animal Sign Program," aimed at helping reunite lost pets with their families more efficiently. The program, which will place "Found Animal" signs at or near the location where stray animals are found, is designed to increase visibility and awareness within the community.

Through this initiative, MCAC hopes to provide a proactive and community-centered approach to locating lost pets and connecting them with their owners. The "Found Animal" signs will include the following information:

- Date the animal was found
- Type and description of the animal
- Contact information for MCAC

All stray animals will be held at MCAC for a 7-business day hold to give their owners the opportunity to reclaim them. Stray livestock will be housed at an off-site farm but posted online during this period.

Once an animal has been reunited with its family or the stray hold expires, an Animal Control Officer will promptly remove the sign. However, if a sign is left near a property and the homeowner would like to assist, MCAC encourages them to call before removing the sign and leave it in an accessible area for the Animal Control Officer to retrieve. If the stray hold has ended, individuals may also return the sign to the MCAC office in Crystal Lake after confirming the animal's status.

The program also invites the community to help further by:

- Leaving the sign in place for others to see
- Taking a photo and sharing it on neighborhood or community social media groups
- Contacting MCAC or the animal's potential owner if they recognize the pet

Community involvement is crucial to the success of this program. MCAC encourages everyone to take a moment to share what they see, whether it's a sign or a pet, to help reunite animals with their families.

For more information about the Found Animal Sign Program or to learn more about how you can assist in the effort to reunite lost pets with their families, please contact McHenry County Animal Control at (815) 459-6222 or visit mcdh.link/animal-control-adoption-center.

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