



Young-Williams
Animal Center

Attention Friendly Finders!

Would you be interested in fostering the animal(s) you've found beyond their 3-5 day stray hold to help aide in their adoption journey? If so, please submit the Foster Application listed below.

What's the Difference?

Friendly Finder is holding the animal you've found while on their stray hold (3-5 days) while trying to locate the owner. Generally, found animals are within a few miles of their home. YWAC will provide resources for you to help try to find the animal's home. We will also post the animal on our Lost & Found page. **The animals are not surrendered into our care**, but in our system as "Lost/Found" and with the finder. **Friendly Finder is NOT a part of our foster program, meaning we are not entitled to continue providing care for the animal past the stray hold if you decide to keep them.

Fostering can begin **once the animal is surrendered into our care**, and the person interested in foster has completed the foster application and been approved. The animal would need to come back to Intake to officially be entered into our system as in our care and linked to you as the foster. When an animal is in foster care with YWAC, we will provide supplies to care for the animal and their medical care. **The animal would legally be property of Young-Williams Animal Center**, so they would need to come back to us as requested for medical, rechecks, adoptions, etc.

YWAC Foster Sign-Up

Young-Williams.org/Foster

or scan the QR code below



You will create an account with Digital Cheetah
then submit the Foster Questionnaire within.



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How the Friendly Finder Program Works

WHAT WE DO TO FIND THE OWNER:

After you bring the lost pet to the shelter initially, we'll work with you to get the animal's profile created and a photo posted on our website, in addition to making sure it is vaccinated and receives flea and tick preventives. With your help, a Petco Love Lost report will be submitted. In addition to filing this lost report, we are:

- Posting the pet on our website.
- Monitoring Lost & Found Facebook groups, Nextdoor and other community websites for potential matches.

WHAT TO EXPECT IF THE SHELTER LOCATES THE OWNER:

If the owner of the pet comes forward, we will ask you to return the pet to the shelter within 24 hours. We will then set up a time for the owner to pick up the pet.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOCATE THE OWNER:

If someone reaches out to you claiming to be the owner of the pet, get the person's name and phone number in case you need it later. The following questions will help you confirm ownership of the pet:

1. Ask the owner when and where the pet was lost. Does this match with when and where you found the pet? (This may not always match exactly, but it is a good start.)
2. If the pet was found wearing a collar, ask the owner to describe the color and pattern of the collar.
3. Ask the owner to send vet records or rabies licensing via text or email.
4. If the pet is microchipped, does the information on the microchip match the owner's information?
5. Ask the owner to provide pictures of the pet with the owner or family members.
6. Once ownership is confirmed, contact our Intake Department at 865-433-9922 to notify the shelter that the owner has been found.
7. Next, schedule a time to meet the owner at the shelter to complete the paperwork. Do not hand over the pet to the potential owner. The owner must reclaim the pet at the shelter. This will help us ensure the pet is going back to the lawful owner, keep accurate ownership records, and register the microchip correctly.
8. If you are uncomfortable with confirming proof of ownership, please obtain the potential owner's information and send it to the Intake Department – we are more than happy to lead reunification efforts!

WHAT TO EXPECT IF AN OWNER IS NOT LOCATED:

One of our Intake Specialists will schedule an appointment at the end of the stray hold to bring the animal to the shelter or see if you'd like to adopt or sign up to foster the pet. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email lostandfound@young-williams.org.