What to Do if You've Found a Kitten or Cat

FOUND KITTENS

1. Don't kit-nap them. See The Animal Foundation <u>website</u> for the best ways to proceed.

FOUND AN ADULT CAT

- 1. Does the cat have an ear tip? Please leave it where it is, as it likely lives there or will return home on its own. Even if the cat does not have an ear tip, do not take the cat into your home or move it unless it is sick or injured. You may place cat food and/or water out for the cat, but do not feed cats or kittens milk.
- 2. Does the cat have a tag or other contact info? There may be owner or veterinarian contact information on its collar.
- **3.** Snap a few good photos of the cat, including the face and body. Make sure to leave the collar on and feature identifying marks. Don't alter the appearance of the cat this includes grooming.

City of Las Vegas: 702-229-6444, option #2

North Las Vegas: 702-633-9111

Clark County: 702-455-7710

City of Henderson: 702-267-4970

The Animal Foundation Lost & Found: 702-955-5932 lostandfound@animalfoundation.com

- 4. Upload a photo of the cat's face to the Petco Love Lost app or <u>website</u>. This tool uses facial recognition to match lost and found pets. If an owner has posted a photo of their lost cat, Petco Love Lost will connect you.
- 5. Make a Found Cat Report with PetHarbor, which is shared with local shelters, HERE.
- 6. Make a Found Cat Report with Helping Lost Pets <u>HERE</u>. This will share the report on social media, place the report in a national lost and found pet database / interactive map, and create a free found cat flier for you.
- 7. Share the flier on Nextdoor and post fliers in the neighborhood in which the cat was found. Cats are generally found within a few hundred feet of where they live! Post the fliers with animal hospitals, pet supply stores, community bulletin boards, community mailboxes, etc.
- 8. Walk around the neighborhood where the cat was found with the flier created on the Helping Lost Pets website to see if anyone recognizes the cat. Knock on neighbors' doors to see if they recognize the cat. Again, most cats are found close to where they belong.
- **9. Take the cat to an animal hospital or pet supply store** to scan for a microchip. Even if there is no owner information, a microchip may have additional information that can help track the owner. Be sure to document the microchip number and manufacturer for further research, if needed. Be sure to return the cat to where it was found.
- **10. Still unable to find the owner?** Call **702-955-5932** or **email** The Animal Foundation to make sure they have all needed information and for further assistance. Tell them if the cat is sick or injured.
- 11. When the cat is reunited with the owner, be sure to remove fliers and update any reports/posts you made.

