

## City of Rancho Cordova

# COVID-19 RESPONSE TO FOUND ANIMALS

## Changes to Helping Found and Stray Animals

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Due to the stay-at-home Sacramento County Public Health Order issued on March 19, 2020, the Sacramento SPCA is ceasing all public-facing services. Under normal circumstances, the Sacramento SPCA takes in found and stray animals in Rancho Cordova; however, due to the County's Public Health Order, these processes have changed.

### If you've found a healthy cat (not injured or emaciated):

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**PUT IT BACK** where you found it. It most likely has an owner and was just enjoying a walk around the neighborhood!

### If you've found a sick or injured dog or cat:

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If the animal will allow you to, take the animal to a local veterinarian or animal shelter for immediate medical care. If they are determined to be healthy, keep this animal with you while doing the following to locate the owner:

- **YARD SIGNS:** Make a big sign for your front yard. Keep it simple: FOUND DOG/CAT/RABBIT along with size, type (if known), color, and sex.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Post a picture of the animal and a FOUND notice to local "lost and found pet" Facebook pages, Craigslist, Nextdoor and any other city or neighborhood-specific social media group available.
- **FAXED NOTIFICATIONS:** Go to <http://www.lostmydoggie.com> and choose the free option and enter the information and photo. This information is immediately faxed to animal shelters, veterinarian offices, and rescue groups. Many owners have been found this way!
- **NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS:** Print flyers from <http://www.lostmydoggie.com> and yes, they help cats too! Post flyers on telephone poles or other neighborhood boards. Note, if a pet is missing, the owner is most likely walking or driving the neighborhood searching for them so signage will still work.

### Who to Contact for Additional Information

Please contact the Sacramento SPCA at 916.504.2851 if you need emergency (limited) supplies to care for your new houseguest.

Contact the City of Rancho Cordova's Animal Services at 916.851.8852.