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Coulee Region Humane Society's monthly e-newsletter.

National Lost Dog Awareness Day- April 23rd

National Lost Dog Awareness Day started in 2014 as a canine-focused day aimed to bring attention to all dogs that are lost each year, while also celebrating the thousands of lost dogs successfully reunited with their families. With the advancement of social media, many lost dogs are being reunited with their families.

As the stray holding facility for La Crosse County, we see lost dogs almost everyday. As soon as a stray dog enters our facility, it is immediately checked for any identification tags, scanned for a microchip, and compared to all the dogs in our lost files. If we haven't found any matches, we post a photo of the lost pet on our Coulee Region Humane Society Lost Pets Page where members of the public are able to see the animal and where it was found.



We also check Craigslist and Facebook daily to see if there are any possible connections. Because we know and understand how much of an important role pets play in our lives, our goal is to reunite the lost pet with their owner as fast as possible. Today is a great day to make sure you're taking appropriate steps now in the event your dog goes missing.

What you can do now:

- **Keep updated photos of your pet**-Always have clear, non-blurry photos of your pet with their distinguishable characteristics, such as spots or markings, present.
- **Microchip and register your pet**- Many vets offer micro-chipping but it's important to register the microchip with your information. Simply having a chip does not help. Depending on the chipping company, you may need to register online and pay a fee.
- **License your pets**-Besides being required by law, licensing your dog can often help people find your contact information.
- **Have identification tags on your pet at all times**- If you move or get a new phone number, don't forget to update your pet's tags too!

- Make sure your voicemail inbox isn't full- Too many times we've tried contacting potential owners of a stray dog and are unable to leave a message letting them know we have their dog. We call repeatedly but oftentimes never get a response.

What you can do if your dog goes missing:

- Call all local shelters and rescues within a 60 mile radius- If you live in La Crosse County, call us at 608-781-4014 to file a lost report. We check reports daily to see if there are any matches with incoming stray pets.
- Contact your vet- If your dog is wearing a rabies tag, it'll typically connect the finders to the veterinary clinic the vaccine was given at. From there, vet staff may be able to connect you with the finder.
- Post on as many online sites as possible- Sites like Craigslist, Facebook, and Nextdoor are always recommended. Encourage friends and family to share your post with others.
- Ask neighbors and mail carriers if they've seen your dog- Mail carriers know the area well and visit it every day. If possible, give them a photo of your missing pet and your contact information.
- Advertise-Post flyers around your neighborhood, in grocery stores, and anywhere else you're able to. The more, the better!
- Don't give up-Animals that have been lost for months have been reunited with their owners.

Today is a great opportunity to take steps towards helping your dog return home if ever lost. Accidents happen. It's important to be prepared.

If your dog goes missing, please call us! We will do our best to help reunite you with your best friend!

Sincerely,
Taylor Bates and dogs like Eski!
Marketing and Events Coordinator



Eski was redeemed by his owner
4/15/19!

 **Spay-ghetti and Fixin's Dinner- April 25th**

Know what you're doing in the kitchen?

We need Bake Sale items for our Spayghetti and Fixin's Dinner!

We're looking for cookies, brownies, puppy chow and all sorts of human goodies as well as baked treats for pets if that's your thing! We'd appreciate if the goodies are wrapped/bagged/separated and arrive ready to sell.

Please also note if there are any nuts in the items.

Funds from the bake sale will directly impact animals in our community! If you'd like to help, please drop off bake sale goods at our facility by **12 p.m. on Thursday, April 25th**



 **Featured Pet: Chief**



Chief is currently one of our longest term animals available for adoption at the shelter.

Chief is a shy guy who is looking for a quiet home to call his very own. He's 5 years old, neutered, microchipped, and current on vaccinations.

When he's comfortable, he's a very sweet boy and loves to snuggle. He even gives hugs in his kennel and likes to nuzzle your face. Chief is also a big fan of treats, so his adopter would need to have a standard supply! He'd likely prefer to spend all day curled and relaxing in his favorite beds or with you on the couch.

In his previous home, Chief was very easily stressed out by other, more active pets. He would prefer being the only pet in the home with older, respectful children 13 years old and up.

Visit Chief or one of the many other animals available for adoption at the Coulee Region Humane Society from 1-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday-Sunday or 1-7 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday.

To learn more about Chief or one of the many other animals available for adoption at the [Coulee Region Humane Society](#), visit the shelter during our visiting hours from 1-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or 1-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Get Involved

There are several ways you can become more involved with our shelter. You can spend your free time socializing with the animals by becoming a [volunteer](#), participate in and attend one of our many [fundraisers or events](#), [sponsor a kennel](#), become a [foster parent](#) or

simply make a financial [donation online](#). However you want to help, know that it is greatly appreciated and truly does impact the lives of the thousands of homeless animals that enter our shelter every year. We need your help to help them!

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