



**At IACS, our primary goal is to keep animals in their homes with their families.**



## Found a Stray?

Thank you so much for assisting the animals of our community! Dogs and cats typically don't wander too far from home, so the best chance of reuniting them with their owners is to keep them close to where they are found. Following are some useful tips for helping reunite your new friend with their family.

- Have the animal scanned for a microchip at a nearby vet clinic. They will do this free of charge.
- Make a report/posting on as many of the following places as possible including a photo, description and last known location of the animal.

[www.indylostpetalert.com](http://www.indylostpetalert.com)

[www.pawboost.com](http://www.pawboost.com)

"Indy pets: Lost & Found" Facebook page

Your neighborhood's social media pages

(Nextdoor & Facebook)

If you are still unable to find the owner after taking those steps, email [IndyCARES@indy.gov](mailto:IndyCARES@indy.gov) for an appointment to bring them into the shelter.



**INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Animal Care Services**



**Need to  
Surrender  
a Pet?**

## Find resources to keep your pet...

If you are interested in keeping your pet but need assistance, please reach out to Indy CARES. They may be able to provide the services to help keep your pet in your home:

- Behavioral training
- Low-cost vaccines and medical treatment, including spay/neuter
- Food and other necessary supplies
- Pet deposit assistance
- Temporary placement

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**Indy CARES**  
*Keeping Pets Home*

## Help your pet avoid the shelter...

Sometimes, rehoming your animal is best. But, for the best interest of your pet, it is important to know that the county shelter is not the best place for an animal and should only be a last resort. Animal shelters are a very scary place for pets. If your pet can find a new home without coming to the shelter, that's the best option.

Following are some tips for rehoming:

- Reach out to family and friends. They may know someone who is looking to add a pet to their family.
- Post your pet to [www.rehome.adoptapet.com](http://www.rehome.adoptapet.com). You'll be able to share the pet's story with thousands of potential adopters, hopefully skipping the shelter completely.
- Social media can also be a valuable tool when rehoming.
- Temporary placement may be available at [www.911fosterpets.com](http://www.911fosterpets.com).



**Additional resources -**  
[www.indy.gov/activity/assistance-for-owned-pets](http://www.indy.gov/activity/assistance-for-owned-pets)

## As a last resort...

Because IACS consistently operates over maximum capacity, we are currently under Managed Intake Status. This means that we do require appointments for strays and owner surrenders.

Appointments help us ensure that we have a space to house animals once they arrive at the shelter.

To make an appointment:

- For the fastest response, email [IndyCARES@indy.gov](mailto:IndyCARES@indy.gov).
- To leave a voice mail, call 317-327-1343. We will return your call within 48-72 business hours.

You'll need to be a Marion County resident to schedule and photo ID is required on the day of your appointment.

Date:

Time: