



# What to do if you find a stray cat or dog?

1. **DON'T PANIC: YOU CAN PLAY A PART IN SAVING A LIFE WITH SOME SIMPLE STEPS!**
2. Take the cat/dog to a private clinic and have it scanned for a micro-chip if there is not a collar and tag.
3. Commit to keep the dog or cat safe until you find the family, or can place him/her.
  - \* You can always crate in a room in your home or board them at a private clinic. Pawmetto Lifeline will loan you a crate.
4. Make a flyer with a great photo, including contact info and post in your neighborhood; email it to the clinics in your area.
5. Post immediately on Chasing Tails Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ChasingTailsPetPatrol.columbiasc/](http://www.facebook.com/ChasingTailsPetPatrol.columbiasc/))
  - \* This is a great website for lost and found pets as well as your neighborhood ap.
6. Contact Pawmetto Lifeline and/or another rescue organization to get on their list for an assessment of the cat/dog for their adoption program. Most have a waiting list, BUT they will guarantee LIFE and no chance of euthanasia.
7. Try to raise at least \$100 to help cover the initial medical cost after the five-day stray hold period which is required by law.
8. **Don't take the cat or dog to the municipal shelter.** The shelters stay full and they are all working hard to be no kill shelters. One less pet to care for helps them reach their No Kill Goal.
9. Don't say, "ITS NOT MY DOG OR CAT". They can not help themselves. They need you!
10. Be their **GUARDIAN ANGEL** for a week or two and take the steps to find their family or find them a great home.

You can determine the outcome of this precious pet that has crossed your path: LIFE OR DEATH!

