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Fwd: Sheltering At Home

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To whom it may concern,

I am a thirty year resident of Laurel Canyon. For decades now I have been a designated house that people in my neighborhood know to come to with found dogs and other pets and wildlife requiring assistance.

When it comes to domesticated pets, I reach out to one of our Canyon's Safe Paws volunteers who comes by with a microchip reader to scan the found animal for a chip.

If the dog is chipped, we reach out to the owner and get the animal returned. I politely let the owner know to properly identify their animal in the future and inquire about how the animal got out and offer up the Laurel Canyon's Safe Paws volunteers to help address any issues the owner might have with their yard, suggest a good dog walker or pet sitter if that was part of the problem. Dogs get out, sometimes it is just that simple.

When the animal is not chipped, my neighbors and I put up fliers around the neighborhood and local businesses, those who know how post on social media and we call into the SAFE PAWS hotline (888-66-Safe Paw) to get the word out

around the Canyon and the surrounding area. Dogs can move fast and sometimes live a canyon over.

Dogs found in the area usually are claimed same day, on the rare occasion within a few days because maybe the owner is on vacation and the dog walker or pet sitter does not know the area well. Or maybe the owner is sick or elderly and needs assistance. In those situations, our Senior Lead Officer (Ralph Sanchez is our hero!) and Safe Paws program help out. I know of a few scenarios where our SLO and Safe Paws have helped elderly people in our community receive resources to help with animals that often get out and have even helped rehome pets that were too much work for owners as they got older or sick.

What would really help is if there was a way for the found animals to get listed in the City's shelter system so that when someone is looking for their lost pet they can find them through the shelters, too. The more places we can network found animals in our community, the better. Because in an area like ours, no one wants to take a neighbors dog to a City shelter, it's just not very neighborly. The shelters are already full, so many animal lovers would rather not make things worse for the shelters and the neighborhood.

It would also help in the rare occasion that we find a dog that is not neutered or spayed, is in bad shape health-wise, or does not get claimed locally after a the 30 days so that a local rescue can legally adopt it out to a new family.

It is for all of the reasons above that I support a Shelter at Home policy and hope that the whole city can follow our progressive Laurel Canyon program's lead!

Safe Paws Los Angeles!

Best wishes,

Linda Marder

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