

# TAG YOUR ANIMAL!

Why? Here are some examples:

**T**here was a little black dog who got hit by a car three houses from home – no tag, his owners could not be reached. Animal control was called, but when they arrived the puppy was dead. The owners did not find out, until *two days* later, when they were passing out lost dog fliers.

**T**here was a sweet, obviously well cared for, white and tabby cat with a new flea collar. She was friendly, but the man whose yard she frequented did not want her around because his landlord did not allow animals. Since he did not know where she lived (NO TAG) he took her to the pound, where she waited for *three* days before being killed. The owners are probably *still* looking for this lovely cat.

**T**here was the beloved twelve-year-old, declawed cat that belonged to a childless couple. She was their baby. She was indoor only, and had been all of her life, so they saw no point in putting a tag on her (“collars bother her”), until the day she slipped out. They *never* saw her again.

**N**othing is sadder than lost pets destined to remain lost because their people never remembered to get tags for them. Tags come in a variety of styles (engraved metal, engraved plastic, write your own) and are available at all vets, pet stores and many other places.

**S**o.....are your pets tagged? If *not*, what is YOUR excuse?



# YOUR CAT NEEDS A TAG!

Animal shelters take in millions of lost cats each year, and ninety-nine out of a hundred wear no identification. Less than three out of a hundred are found and reclaimed by their owners. One of those three is wearing a tag, and is usually found quickly. The other two have owners willing to spend hours, days, or weeks advertising and personally visiting local shelters in search of their lost felines. Many owners search long and hard, and never find their pets at all! Do not take a chance on losing your cat forever. Put an identification tag on it with your name, address, and phone number. Be sure to keep the information current. Tag your cat even if you never let it outside. One day it could slip through an open door and easily become lost in the unfamiliar (to it) neighborhood.

There are collars made especially for cats with a short piece of elastic sewn in. These collars can be buckled snugly around the neck, but will stretch and let the cat escape if it should get hung up on a tree limb or fence.

Remember that far more cats have died because they got lost and their owners could not find them than have ever been hurt from wearing a collar.

The first time you put a collar on the cat, give it a catnip toy. The toy will distract the cat's attention from the new feeling of wearing a collar. By the time it finishes shredding the new toy, it may have forgotten the collar entirely.

Any cat can get lost – even yours. That is why your cat needs a tag!

