

## Montgomery County (PA) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals (SPCA)

### **Stray Animal Policy (Lost Pets)**

We accept all stray animals brought to the shelter from within the State and will make every effort to reunite the pet with its owner. We do this by checking reports of lost animals, checking for identification tags, scanning the animal for a microchip, and contacting shelters local to the area where the pet was found.

We will generally take applications during the week-long stray period. This will help us to quickly find a new home for the pet in the event that the owner is not located.

In general, lost animals that are placed up for adoption are not placed back with the finder unless it is a last resort. Additionally, animals that are discovered to have wounds may only be claimed from the shelter by the legal owner. They are not placed up for adoption nor returned to finders due to Montgomery County Health Department regulations.

Finders should file a found report (see **Reporting Lost or Found Animals Policy**) with their local shelter and police department and may elect to hold onto an animal while trying to locate the rightful owner.