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Animal Blotter – Is this pet yours?

Woodstock IL – McHenry County Animal Control and Adoption Center (MCAC) will begin posting descriptions of pets lost and retrieved by MCAC each week on its website www.mcdh.info, link to Animal Control, **Lost Pets**. Fashioned after the “police blotter” typically seen in newspapers, the listing will hopefully bring awareness to the animals at the County’s shelter and return them to their rightful owners. Kara Plonczynski, MCAC’s Volunteer Coordinator states, “Microchipping is an effective and inexpensive way to identify pets so if they become lost, they can be quickly identified and reunited with their families.” Another helpful website to look for lost pets is www.petharbor.com. Registration and vaccination of pets is also an important part of responsible pet ownership.

In 2009, 52% of dogs and 6% of cats were claimed by pet owners at McHenry County Animal Control – a total of 504 animals. Animals should be claimed within 7 days. After that period, MCAC reserves the right to transfer animals to rescue groups or make them available for adoption. McHenry County Animal Control is located at 100 N Virginia Street (intersection of Rt. 14 and Woodstock St) in Crystal Lake. Hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (until 6:30 on Wednesday) and 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call MCAC at 815-459-6222.

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“Working to prevent disease and promote health and safety for all people of McHenry County since 1966.”