



# Pet Resource Guide

The Metro Denver Animal Welfare Alliance (MDAWA) is a coalition of public and private shelters, rescues and other animal service providers committed to promoting humane care for companion animals. For more information visit [MDAWAlliance.org](http://MDAWAlliance.org).

## How to find your lost pet

1. Visit EVERY shelter. Act fast and check each shelter daily.
  - Many pets are found farther than 10 miles from where they were lost.
  - Personally look for your pet—the description you give over the phone may not match someone else's description of your pet.
  - Leave a lost pet report and current photo at all shelters you visit.
2. Notify friends and neighbors that your pet is lost.
3. Contact veterinary practices in your area. Use their "Lost and Found" bulletin boards.
4. Check "found" ads and take out a "lost" ad in newspapers.
5. Check websites such as [Craigslist.org](http://Craigslist.org), [FidoFinder.com](http://FidoFinder.com), [PetHarbor.com](http://PetHarbor.com), [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com), [911ParrotAlert.com](http://911ParrotAlert.com), and the Colorado Pets Lost and Found Facebook page.
6. Post fliers in at least a 3-mile radius of where you lost your pet.
7. Leave an item of your clothing, your pet's bedding or toys, or cat's litter box outside to help guide your pet back home.
8. If your pet has been missing for more than 5 days, check pets for adoption at local shelters.
9. **Don't give up! Pets can be found months after they're lost.**

## Tips to prevent a lost pet

- Be sure your pet wears a current rabies tag, license tag and an ID tag with your address and phone numbers. Record your bird's band number.
- Make certain your address and phone numbers are on file with the veterinarian who provided your pet's most recent vaccinations.
- Contact your veterinarian to get a microchip ID for your pet, including your bird. Keep your contact information current with the microchip registry.
- Spay or neuter your pet! Sterilization eliminates an animal's reproductive instincts and decreases the chances of its straying from home.

## Why spay or neuter your pet?

By spaying/neutering, owners can help decrease the number of companion animals, especially cats, that are homeless and abandoned each year. Altered pets are also healthier and have fewer behavioral problems. For more information about spaying and neutering, including service providers, visit [MDAWAlliance.org](http://MDAWAlliance.org) or contact your veterinarian.

## Why adopt a homeless pet?

- Animal shelters have a **wide variety of pets**: cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs,

birds and others; young, middle-aged and mature; large and small; active and mellow.

- Rescue groups have **specific breeds** of dogs and cats available through a network of foster homes.
- Many shelters and rescue groups screen animals for sound health and temperament and keep histories on the strays and relinquished pets in their care—a big help in making **appropriate placements**.
- Homeless pets are often **housetrained and well behaved**; all are eager for love in lifelong homes.
- Some shelters and rescue groups provide **socialization and training** for pets prior to placement, as well as adoption counseling and free follow-up assistance.
- Adoption **fees often include spaying or neutering**, a microchip identification implant and vaccinations.
- **Free post-adoption health exams** are provided by certain members of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association. Ask the shelter for more information.

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## MDAWA Members & Partners (not shown on the map)

**Animal Assistance Foundation**  
[aaf-fd.org](http://aaf-fd.org)

**Animal Welfare Association of Colorado**  
[awac.net](http://awac.net)

**Black Ops Rescue**  
[blackopsrescue.org](http://blackopsrescue.org)

**Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund**  
[coloradopetfund.org](http://coloradopetfund.org)

**Colorado Pet Pantry (pet food banks)**  
[coloradopetpantry.org](http://coloradopetpantry.org)

**Colorado Veterinary Medical Association**  
[colovma.org/find-a-vet](http://colovma.org/find-a-vet)

*\*Adoptions by appointment: see website.*

**Colorado Voters for Animals**  
[covotersforanimals.org](http://covotersforanimals.org)

**Community College of Denver  
Veterinary Technology Program**  
[ccd.edu/vet](http://ccd.edu/vet)

**Forgotten Felines Rescue\***  
[forgottenfelinesdenver.org](http://forgottenfelinesdenver.org)

**KarmaSue (pet cancer support)**  
[karmasue.org](http://karmasue.org)

**National Mill Dog Rescue\***  
[milldogrescue.org](http://milldogrescue.org)

**PawsCO\***  
[pawSCO.org](http://pawSCO.org)

**Rocky Mountain House Rabbit Rescue\***  
[rmhrr.org](http://rmhrr.org)

**Safe Harbor Lab Rescue\***  
[safeharborlabrescue.org](http://safeharborlabrescue.org)



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A Socially Conscious Animal Community's fundamental goal is to create best outcomes for all animals. Visit [scsheltering.org](http://scsheltering.org).

# Contact these MDWA members for pet adoptions, medical services & more

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SERVICES KEY:** B = Behavior Information/Training L/F = Lost and Found S/N = Spay/Neuter Surgery V = VACCINATIONS

## PET ADOPTIONS & MORE

- A** **Aurora Animal Shelter—L/F, B**  
15750 East 32nd Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80011  
303.326.8280  
auroraanimalshelter.org
- B** **Cat Care Society—L/F**  
5787 West 6th Ave.  
Lakewood, CO 80214  
303.239.9680  
catcaresociety.org
- C** **Denver Animal Protection—L/F, V**  
1241 W. Bayaud Ave.  
Denver, CO 80223  
720.913.1311  
denveranimalshelter.org
- D** **Dumb Friends League Leslie A. Malone Center—L/F, B**  
2080 South Quebec St.  
Denver, CO 80231  
303.751.5772  
ddfl.org
- E** **Dumb Friends League Buddy Center—L/F**  
4556 Castleton Court  
Castle Rock, CO 80109  
303.751.5772  
ddfl.org
- F** **Dumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center**  
5540 E Hwy. 86  
Franktown, CO 80116  
303.751.5772  
ddfl.org
- G** **Foothills Animal Shelter—L/F, B, V**  
580 McIntyre St.  
Golden, CO 80401  
303.278.7575  
foothillsanimalshelter.org
- H** **Humane Society of Boulder Valley—L/F, S/N, B**  
2323 55th St.  
Boulder, CO 80301  
303.442.4030  
boulderhumane.org

- I** **Humane Society of the South Platte Valley—L/F, S/N, B**  
2129 W. Chenango Ave.  
Littleton, CO 80120  
303.703.2938  
hsspv.org
- J** **Riverdale Animal Shelter—L/F, V**  
12155 Park Blvd.  
Brighton, CO 80601  
720.523.7387  
animalshelter.adcogov.org
- L** **SpayToday Healthy Pet Center—S/N, V**  
1401 Ammons St.  
Lakewood, CO 80214  
303.984.7729  
spay2day.org
- M** **The Feline Fix—B, S/N, V**  
6075 Parkway Drive, #185  
Commerce City, CO 80022  
303.202.3516  
thefelinefix.org

## PUBLIC SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES & OTHER SERVICES

- K** **Dumb Friends League Veterinary Hospital at CSU Spur—S/N, V**  
4817 National Western Dr.  
Denver, CO 80223  
303.722.5800  
ddfl.org

If you find a lost pet, please take it to the nearest shelter.

If you need to surrender an animal, please contact your local shelter.

