



# Newsletter

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## Reunited

It's important to remember our pets when planning for weather related emergencies. Having your pet microchipped is the best way to insure that you will be reunited in the case of a catastrophe - from an everyday "escape" from the house or that ever present tornado threat. A microchip is a small chip that is placed under the skin and carries information that can be read by a special scanner. Most veterinarians and animal shelters have the scanners and can quickly identify your pet and get it returned to you. Remember, our pets rely on us to keep them as safe as possible.

The Associated Press published this article on October 31, 2016

### ***Cat missing since June will soon be back home***

Wichita, Kansas—A 10 year old house cat who apparently roamed the streets of Wichita since escaping her cat carrier in June will soon be heading back to Florida to be reunited with her family.

The cat, named Ninja, got away when the family stopped at a Wichita hotel on June 9 on the way to Colorado. Renee and Bret Farmer of Sarasota, Florida, said they searched as long as they could before leaving Wichita. They kept in contact with Wichita shelters but had come to believe they likely would not see Ninja again.



Kelly Schuhs, who feeds feral cats in downtown Wichita, saw a new face in July and suspected the cat was tame.

"Feral cats don't meow, they don't want love or to be picked up," Schuhs said. "When I get new cats that are tame, you have to assume they are strays or sometime people have dumped them."

Then last weekend, Friends of Felines did a Trap, Neuter and Return of a feral cat colony in Wichita, and Ninja was among the 40 cats captured. She was checked for a microchip, which led to the Farmers' phone number, the Wichita Eagle reported.

She was given a clean bill of health on Wednesday. That will allow the cat to be flown from Wichita to Tampa, and a reunion with the Farmers.

"We want our sweetie pie as soon as possible," Bret Farmer said.

Cheryl Taskinen, president of Friends of Felines, said its unusual for such stories to have happy endings. "It is also so rare when you have one from so far out of town," she said.

***The following article was recently in the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare newsletter:***

Ruttrow came to the shelter one evening after his current owner had to make an unexpected visit to jail. He was frightened and became aggressive to the employees trying to care for him. After days of attempting to make friends, Ruttrow unfortunately would not warm up to anyone and no one could touch him.

Shelter staff feared he would not make it into our adoption program and a veterinary assistant made one last attempt to find a microchip. By some miracle a chip was found and after calling the microchip company, it was discovered that the microchip was registered to another gentleman who was not the same person we picked him up from.

James, the registered owner, was living in New Mexico at the time. He explained that his dog was stolen from him while he was in Colorado a couple months back. He wasted no time, spent all his money on a bus ticket, and traveled from New Mexico to Oklahoma to pick up his dog. He walked from the bus station to the shelter in 100 degree weather. When his dog heard him utter his true name, Alabama, the frightened, aggressive dog we knew transformed into an excited, happy go lucky dog. He gave James many kisses and allowed the shelter staff to love on him as well. All Alabama needed was his true owner back!

James was now headed to Texas with his long lost best friend, but the staff couldn't bear the thought of James and Alabama walking back to the bus stop in the sweltering heat. Dog food, dog treats and a water bowl was rounded up for Alabama to have food and water on his trip, money for James to grab a bite to eat and a taxi was called and paid for by animal welfare staff to get James and Alabama back to the bus station.

This is a remarkable story with such a happy ending. Never underestimate the importance of microchipping your pets. We wish James and Alabama the best!



## **Microchip your Cat!**

To help prepare you for tornado season, Feline Specialties is offering \$30 microchipping thru May. This includes the microchip placement PLUS your first year's registration. This is over half off our normal \$63.00 price. Call or go on-line to book your appointment

## Important Announcements

**We've been making a LOT of exciting changes lately, here's an overview**



### **You can now text us!**

Need to make or reschedule an appointment, request a medication refill, or confirm your boarding reservation? Just text us at 918-299-8222! We will answer texts within 30 minutes during normal business hours, and your after-hours texts will be answered the following business day.

### **Check out our NEW WEBSITE!**

New changes include :

- Online Appointment Requests
- Online Prescription Refill Requests
- Downloadable Forms
- Improved Mobile Functionality

**Online Pharmacy – COMING SOON** – Soon you will be able to order your kitties prescription medication or food straight from our own digital pharmacy – and have it sent directly to your home! Ordering from our digital pharmacy guarantees safe products from the highest quality pharmacy, one-stop shopping at great prices, helpful refill reminders, and easy recurring shipments with FREE home delivery on Autoship!

**Stay Tuned!**

## **Please Help Us Fight A Critical Feline Disease!**

Your cat may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate an investigational oral liquid medication that may delay the progression or worsening of CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease), so that cats with CKD might live longer and healthier lives.

CKD is the most common disease affecting cats over seven years of age and is a major cause of suffering and death in senior cats (up to 50% of elderly cats are affected).

### **Why participate?**

- The findings from this research may lead to better treatment, health, and quality of life for cats with CKD
- Your cat's kidney health will be monitored closely
- Your cat will receive comprehensive medical evaluations and diagnostic testing
- There is no cost for your cat's participation

If you're interested to see if your cat qualifies for this study, please call and ask to speak with Karla.



## Hospital Hours

Monday - Friday 7:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am- noon

Sunday 9:00am—9:30am for drop offs and pick ups

**9702 Riverside Dr.**

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## Emergency Information

For after hours emergency contact:

**Oklahoma Veterinary Specialists (OVS)**

(918) 299-4900

1501 West 78th St South (west of Tulsa Hills and north of Main Event)

**Animal Emergency Clinic (AEC)**

(918) 665-0508

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