

Lucky Number 32

The big Siamese mix cat was number 32. He'd been seen in the neighborhood for a few weeks and finally decided to hang out on the doorstep of a cat lover. He was friendly and hungry, but didn't seem to have a home so she contacted Charlton Animal Control and he was taken in as a stray – becoming the 32nd cat to be assisted by Animal Control this year. As are all cats (and dogs) picked up as strays in town, he was scanned for a micro-chip. We were delighted to see that long identification number pop up in the scanner window!

What was his story? Where did he live? Would you believe 40 miles away! His owners, who raced out to pick up "Tiger", said that he had pushed out a screen while bird watching almost 2 months ago and gotten out of the house. They put flyers up in area, but he was never seen again. We can only guess that someone found him and, thinking he was a homeless cat, decided to keep him, never realizing that he was someone's beloved pet. Thanks to the micro-chip, "Tiger" was happily reunited with his family.

Reuniting lost pets with their owners is one of the best parts of our jobs as ACOs. How can you help? Make sure your dog has a collar on with a current town license and ID tags attached. For indoor/outdoor cats, consider a breakaway collar. Micro-chips are also a good choice for both dogs and cats.

Most importantly, call us as soon as your pet goes missing. You can also visit us on line at www.townofcharlton.net/animalcontrol.htm. We maintain a lost/found list, including pictures whenever possible. You will also find links to low cost spay/neuter programs, adoption information, and many other excellent pet related resources. We are always happy to assist!

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