Return-to-Home Best Practices

Keep Pets Safe at Home

Send pets home with multiple forms of ID

How?
1. Ensure that every pet leaves with a collar, engraved tag, and registered microchip
2. Employ a Microchip + Licensing Program
3. Encourage owners to keep microchip registrations up to date

Utilize Technology

How?
1. Create a Lost and Found Website
2. Make use of social media to spread the word
3. Create a Nextdoor account

Overcome Common Barriers to Getting Pets Home

How?
1. Use data to find areas for improvement
2. Assign staff or volunteers to work solely on RTH
3. Reduce or remove reclaim fees

Prevent Future Lost Pets

How?
1. Include lost pet prevention tips in adoption packets
2. Provide affordable and accessible lost and found resources in a variety of languages
3. Enact fence repair program