



# HOMeward BOUND

WINTER 2016

# rescue tails

**340**  
ANIMALS ADOPTED  
IN 2015\*

## COLD TEMPS CAN BE DEADLY FOR PETS



Cold weather can be deadly for your pet. If left outside during severe temperatures and wind chills, they are at risk for hypothermia, frostbite, and even death. We hear plenty of abuse or neglect cases where cold temperatures resulted in the death of an animal. These are tragic occurrences, and what's worse, it's completely preventable.

Some pet owners have a false notion that because their animal has a "fur coat" they can withstand colder temperatures. It's a fact that without proper shelter, food and water, cats and dogs cannot survive in extreme conditions any better than humans can. Domesticated animals do not have the same survival skills that their wild counterparts do to survive cold winter conditions.

In West Virginia it's a misdemeanor to leave an animal outside in extreme temperatures. State Code 61-8-19 states you cannot withhold "shelter that protects from the elements of weather." Those found guilty face a minimum \$300 fine

and/or up to six months in jail.

### So what should you do?

- Keep your pets **INDOORS** and **WARM**.
- Provide dry, draft-free shelter filled with straw and entrance covering. It must be large enough to sit, turn-around and lie down in, but small enough to hold in the animal's body heat.
- Provide extra food (staying warm depletes energy). Provide plenty of water and check regularly for freezing, or purchase a heated water bowl. (Your pet consuming snow is not a healthy form of hydration.)
- Report pet owners that have left pets outdoors without adequate shelter, food, or water to your County Sheriff's Office.
- Help strays and feral cats with inexpensive shelter options.

**IF YOU SEE A PET LEFT OUT IN THE COLD WITHOUT PROPER SHELTER, FOOD, OR WATER, SPEAK OUT.**

## FEATURE PET



### MEET GYPSY

Female | Age: 8 months

Gypsy is about 8 months old, but small for her age. She was very shy at first, but now helps other shy kitties come out of their shells in her foster home. She is very loving, a nonstop purr machine, and would make a great emotional support friend for the right person.

For more information on Gypsy or to fill out an adoption application send a message to [contact@HomewardBoundWV.org](mailto:contact@HomewardBoundWV.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pet Valu Dog Wash/Adoption Event - Jan. 30**
- **iPaint Painting Fundraiser - February 4**
- **Morgantown Mall Adoption Events - March 12 & April 2**
- **Pet Valu Adoption Events - most Saturdays**
- **Petco Adoption Events - most Sundays**
- **and many more...**

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENT INFO: [HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG](http://HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG)



**foster rescue**  
**donate adopt**



\*This number does not include animals transported for rescue.

# FROM LOST TO FOUND WITH A SIMPLE SCAN

MICROCHIPS GIVE LOST PETS THE BEST CHANCE OF RETURNING HOME.

## Why Microchip Your Pet?

The statistics indicate that missing pets rarely make it home:

- The American Humane Association estimates over 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. every year.
- One in three pets will become lost at some point during their life.

A study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, including 53 animal shelters across the U.S., confirmed the high rate of return of microchipped dogs and cats to their families, and the importance of microchip registration. From the study:

- Only about 22 percent of lost dogs that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families. However, the return-to-



# WHY TAKE THE RISK? GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED

owner rate for microchipped dogs was over 52 percent (a 238 percent increase).

- Less than 2 percent of lost cats that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families. The return-to-owner rate for microchipped cats was dramatically higher at over 38 percent (more than 2000 percent better).

- Only 58 percent of the microchipped animals' microchips had been registered in a database with their pet parent's contact information.

High-tech protection can prevent heartbreak.

Enter the pet microchip—a simple, elegant product of our high-tech age. No bigger than a grain of rice or more costly than a month's supply of pet food, a pet microchip and enrollment in a pet recovery database brings lost pets home and provides peace of mind that your beloved companion will never wander unknown.

Veterinarians encourage microchipping.

And with good reason—microchipping substantially increases the likelihood of a pet returning home by offering secure, reliable, unique and permanent identification.

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## HOW TO DONATE:

Funds to support the programs and activities of Homeward Bound WV come from fundraisers, memorial gifts, donations, and grants.

Tax deductible donations can be made on our website at: [HomewardBoundWV.org](http://HomewardBoundWV.org)

or by check to:  
Homeward Bound WV, Inc.  
P.O. Box 80  
Arthurdale, WV 26520

Homeward Bound WV, Inc. is a charitable, tax exempt 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your support!

## HOW TO ADOPT:

Check out our website for current adoptable pets. [HomewardBoundWV.org](http://HomewardBoundWV.org)

Adoption applications can be found online and emailed to us at [contact@homewardboundwv.org](mailto:contact@homewardboundwv.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 80, Arthurdale, WV 26520.

We can also be found at adoption events at PetValu in Morgantown on most Saturdays from 12-4pm or at Petco on Sundays from 1-5pm.



Other special events are held throughout the year. You can stay up to date on our website or by following us on Facebook & Twitter.

# Cold Weather Safety

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1

### NO DAMP TRAMPS

If you use a garment like a dog sweater, always make sure it stays dry and change it if it becomes damp. Wet clothing can actually make a pet colder.



2

### GET A CHECKUP

Bring your pet in for an exam. Cold weather can exacerbate health issues, so getting a checkup is important even for pets that seem healthy.



3

### CATS LOVE CARS

Cats are attracted to the warmth of cars, so make sure to always tap on the hood to alert any sleeping animals that could be injured when the car starts.



4

### MICROCHIP

Snow can affect a pet's sense of smell and ability to find their way, so microchip your pet and give them an identification tag so they can be returned to you.



5

### EMERGENCY

Cold weather can also result in some emergency situations like power outages. Make sure you have an emergency plan for your family that includes your pet.