

Their guardians cared enough to put collars on them.



If they had cared enough to put ID tags on them, they might still be alive today.

This photo represents one week's worth of collars at an Atlanta area animal shelter. The dogs and cats that wore these collars are dead – killed because their guardians couldn't find them, and there were no adoptive homes available. Stray and unwanted animals pour into animal shelters daily, and the shelters can't keep them all. About 100,000 animals are killed each year in Atlanta area shelters. These collars are being recycled by this shelter – with ID tags – for the animals that do make it out alive.

STRAYS NOT TURN-INS

The vast majority of dogs and cats that enter Atlanta area shelters are strays, not turn-ins. And 70% of them are eventually killed.

FEW ARE EVER REUNITED

Once a stray animal enters a shelter, only 16.6% of stray dogs and 2.1% of stray cats are ever reunited with their guardians. The rest, for the most part, are put down.

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE'S PET

Even the most responsible pet guardians experience circumstances that cause pets to become accidentally lost. Inside dogs and cats bolt out of doors; gates or doors are accidentally left open; noises and smells can cause pets to jump or dig out of fences. There are a thousand ways a pet can become separated from his/her guardian, and it can happen to anyone.

3 DAYS, THAT'S IT

Due to space limitations, some Atlanta area shelters hold a stray dog or cat for just 3 days before he/she is either adopted or killed. Often it is the latter.

ID TAGS ARE THE ANSWER

90% of stray animals with identification tags on their collars are reunited with their guardians.

EVEN INDOOR PETS NEED TAGS

All pets, even ones that spend most of their time indoors, need to wear collars with ID tags. For cats, special collars with elastic sewn into the band are recommended. Pets can wear flat tags that are riveted onto the collars, or that slip onto the collar. Plastic tags are available if the sound of jingling tags is annoying to the guardians. We recommend circular fasteners instead of "S" type fasteners to affix tags to your pet's collar.

Please, don't let your dog or cat be counted among the strays that never leave an animal shelter alive. Purchase an ID tag for your pet today and keep it on at all times. Tags are available from veterinarians, groomers, pet supply stores and on the web. Check the tag regularly to make sure it is still legible. Update it if you move or change your phone number. The more tags we can get on pets, the more space we can free up at shelters for the truly homeless animals.

*Please make sure your pet has an ID tag on at all times.
Your pet's life, and your peace of mind, depend on it.*

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