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## LA Animal Services Reunites Pet Lost for Seven Years

Los Angeles – After a seven year absence, Snoopy is home safe and sound thanks to his microchip! In 2001, Alex Esparza and his family adopted a small white poodle from the North Central Animal Care Center. Before he left the Center bound for his new home, Snoopy was injected with a microchip and the microchip number was registered in a national database. Snoopy adapted quickly to his new family, but a year later he was gone. Alex's small son let him slip out an open door. Attempts to find Snoopy failed.

Seven years later Snoopy arrived back at the East Valley Animal Care Center turned in by a resident who found him wandering in their backyard. During his initial examination, Staff scanned Snoopy with a hand held device and found a microchip, which led them back to Alex Esparza. The Esparza family rushed to the East Valley Animal Care Center and brought him home again. "We didn't know if he would remember us after 7 years", stated Alex Esparza. "We're all really happy he's back."

Snoopy, like all pets adopted from LA Animal Services, received a microchip prior to leaving the Center. Once inserted, the microchip lasts a lifetime and causes no harm to the pet. LA Animal Services scans every pet received for a microchip in the hopes of a happy reunion. Collars and tags can become separated from pets, making microchips the best possible way for a lost pet to be returned home. LA Animal Services encourages all pet owners to strongly consider microchipping their pets. Snoopy highly recommends it.

Don't forget - Spay/Neuter your pet! ~ IT'S THE LAW!

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