



A 4th of July Happy Tale: How Working with Rescues and Microchips Helped Keep Pets Safe

During the 4th of July weekend, **LA Animal Services** partnered with several rescue organizations, including **Angel City Pitbulls**, **Best Friends**, **Paws For Life K9 Rescue**, and **Rescues Rock** by setting up microchip scanning stations throughout the City to ensure lost pets would be reunited with their families.



Although this year's holiday weekend was a slower 4th of July compared to previous years, many pets who escaped were scanned and reunited with their owners. Kristin Stavola from Rescue Rocks, could not believe how quiet it was. "We were surprised at how little action we had, we only had 3 calls. Thankfully many people stayed home this year, or stuck with their pets so that they stayed safe."

Many of the pets who were scanned for a microchip either had outdated information or no microchip at all. Alex Tonner with Paws 4 Life, spoke with LA Animal Services about the importance of microchipping your pet. "Not everyone knows about the avenues for getting their pets back and it's important that we get the message out there," she said. "You can get an animal back to you in as little as an hour if the pet is microchipped!"

The overall consensus from all the organizations, as well as LA Animal Services, is the importance of microchipping your pet, and if they have already been chipped, making sure the information is up to date.

If you haven't microchipped your pets yet, LA Animal Services provides that service for \$15. All you need to do is schedule an appointment by calling your nearest Animal Services Center at 888-452-7381.