

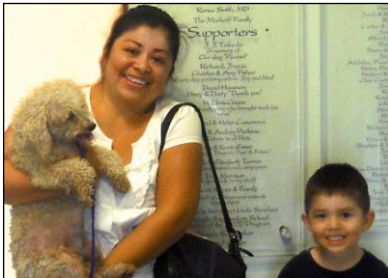
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Disappeared as a Pup

Long Lost Dog Reunites with Family, Thanks to Microchip ID



Downey, CalifIt was a lucky day for a wayward pooch found wandering in a busy intersection near Florence Avenue in Downey last Saturday. When the SEAACA animal control officer scanned the frightened dog for a microchip, his handheld scanner chirped displaying an AVID microchip number which allowed the animal care agency to reach the owner. Raquel Rodriguez of Long Beach was contacted and drove to SEAACA to confirm the dog was hers.

“Mrs. Rodriguez said the dog was a pup when she disappeared from her Bell home almost 3 1/2 years ago,” said Aaron Reyes, Director of Operations for SEAACA. “She was very excited as was her son, Joshua, who accompanied her. It seemed like the dog, named Princess and now four years old, recognized them both.”

After a brief meet and greet and some required paperwork, Princess left SEAACA in the arms of Rodriguez as her son Joshua lovingly offered a reassuring stroke along her side.

“Mrs. Rodriguez told staff she had given up long ago on finding Princess. She said her mother in law, who puppy-sat from time to time, was distraught and drove the neighborhood looking for any signs of Princess. She said they checked the animal shelter and looked for posted signs for months, to no avail.”

“Microchips reunite pets with their families and withstand the test of time,” Reyes stated. “Princess is living proof of that.”

Microchips are offered for a nominal fee at SEAACA, at other area shelters and veterinary clinics.

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