



*Thank you for contacting McLennan Animal Rescue Coalition (MARC). If you live in McLennan County, you will find resources outlined below to assist you. Please check out the section most applicable to you. If you are from outside of McLennan County, please check with your local animal control or shelter for assistance.*

### **1) I would like to report animal neglect or cruelty.**

Animal rescue groups do not handle animal neglect or cruelty as this is a criminal matter. If you live within the City of Waco, please report any suspected animal neglect or cruelty to Waco's Animal Control. If you live outside of Waco but within McLennan County, please contact the McLennan County Sheriff's Department.

### **2) I have found a stray dog.**

- Check out the lost pets listed at both [CenTexLostPets.org](http://CenTexLostPets.org) and on Craigslist to see if anyone has reported a lost dog who matches your description.

- Please post a photo of the animal and description at [www.CenTexLostPets.org](http://www.CenTexLostPets.org) and [Waco.Craigslist.org](http://Waco.Craigslist.org) (under the 'lost and found' section & under the 'Pets' section).

- If the pet can be safely transported, please take them to the nearest vet clinic to have them scanned for a microchip. This takes only a few minutes, is FREE and could directly tell you who the owner is.

- Please post a photo of the pet, description and your contact information at the Humane Society of Central Texas located at 2032 Circle Road, Waco TX so that the owner will see the ad if they visit the shelter. You can also post photos of the dog in almost all local vet clinics and you should post photos of the dog with your contact information in the area where the dog was found.

- Place a found pet ad in the Waco Tribune Herald Classified Section. A three-line ad is FREE for one week; (254)757-5757.

- If you are a member of the McLennan County Buy Ad Sell Giveaway Facebook group, post a photo and the pet's description for FREE. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140283622733691/>

### **3) I have found a stray cat.**

- If one of the cat's ears is shorter than the other at the tip, this is an 'ear-tipped' Community Cat. Outdoors is its home and it has a care-taker taking care of it. Unless this cat is injured or severely ill, please leave this cat where it is and DO NOT take it to the shelter. Ear-tipped cats are already spayed/neutered and rabies vaccinated and play an important role in their neighborhood by offering pest control and keeping other unvaccinated, unfixed cats from moving in.

- If you find a less social cat who is not ear-tipped, this cat is also likely a Community Cat and less social/unsocial/feral cats should never be taken to the shelter. Instead, the cat is a candidate for a process called Trap-Neuter-Return. TNR involves trapping the cat, having it fixed, rabies-vaccinated and ear-tipped (usually can be done for FREE or very low-cost) and then returning the cat back to its neighborhood. By returning these cats to their neighborhood, other unvaccinated, unfixed cats will be prevented from moving in and taking over the area.

*More information on TNR HERE: <https://www.alleycat.org/our-work/trap-neuter-return/>*

*If you live in McLennan County and need assistance with TNR of Community Cats, please contact the non-profit volunteer group CommC.A.T.:  
<http://animalbirthcontrol.org/comm-c-a-t-of-greater-waco/>*

#### **4) I have found a stray cat that is wearing a collar or appears to be declawed.**

- If the cat you have found is wearing a collar or declawed, please post a photo and description of the pet at CenTexLostPets.org, Waco.craigslist.org and take the cat to the nearest vet to be scanned for a microchip. Also, ask your neighbors if they recognize the cat. Most cats that are taken to a shelter, even if they have an owner, are never reunited with them. Cats are more likely to find their way back to their homes on their own.

#### **5) I have found unweaned kittens or very young kittens.**

- If you have found unweaned kittens, as long as the kittens are not in immediate harm's way, they are likely NOT abandoned by their mom. Mom is more likely looking for food or moving her kittens to a new location. Scooping up the kittens and taking them to a shelter is almost a certain death sentence for those kittens. Instead, please observe the kittens from a distance over the course of a few hours to see if mom returns. Here is a great guide for caring for newborn kittens that are found:

<http://www.austinpetsalive.org/get-pet-help/found-kittens/>

<http://www.animalalliancencyc.org/wordpress/2013/05/what-to-do-and-not-do-if-you-find-a-new-born-kitten/>

**Tip:** the only cats/kittens that should **EVER** be taken to a shelter are those that are sick, injured, in immediate harm's way, or too young to survive on their own after it has been determined they do not have a mom cat caring for them.

#### **6) I need training/behavioral assistance for my dog.**

There are many local and area trainers that can help you resolve issues you are having with your pet to ensure a happy future together. Some of these are listed below (note: MARC does not endorse any specific trainer, this list was compiled as a resource only).

K9 Mutt Training (Waco)

Website: [www.k9mutt.com/](http://www.k9mutt.com/) Email: [k9mutt@hotmail.com](mailto:k9mutt@hotmail.com) Phone: (254)744-9926

Quail Creek K-9 Services (Waco)

Website: [www.quailcreekk-9services.com/](http://www.quailcreekk-9services.com/) Phone: (254) 662-5620

Sit Means Sit (Waco)

Website: [sitmeanssit.com/dog-training-mu/central-texas/](http://sitmeanssit.com/dog-training-mu/central-texas/) Phone: (254) 541-3343

Training by Tara (Austin, specialist in misunderstood dogs, aggression and deaf/blind dogs)

Website: [www.trainingbytara.com/](http://www.trainingbytara.com/) Email: [k9workingmind@gmail.com](mailto:k9workingmind@gmail.com)

Lone Star Dog Trainer (Central Texas)

Website: <http://www.lonestardogtrainer.com/> Email: [james@lonestardogtrainer.com](mailto:james@lonestardogtrainer.com) Phone: (254) 449-6993

School of Wags (Harker Heights)

Website: [www.schoolofwags.org](http://www.schoolofwags.org) Email: [Info@schoolofwags.org](mailto:Info@schoolofwags.org) Phone: (254) 681-4090

Action Dogs USA (Navasota)

Website: [www.aactiondogusa.com/](http://www.aactiondogusa.com/) Waco phone: (254) 848-3647

### **7) I need assistance getting my personal pet(s) spayed/neutered and microchipped.**

If you are a City of Waco resident and can demonstrate proof of residency (City of Waco water bill) your pets are eligible for FREE spay/neuter and microchipping via the SpayStreet Waco program. Contact SpayStreetWaco at (254) 752-SPAY or [www.facebook.com/spaystreetwaco](http://www.facebook.com/spaystreetwaco)

SpayStreet now has some opportunities for residents that live outside the city limits of Waco. Check with them to see if you are eligible to take advantage of these services.

If you live outside of the City of Waco, low-cost spay/neuter and microchipping options are available at area veterinary clinics. Please contact:

Animal Birth Control Clinic at [www.animalbirthcontrol.org](http://www.animalbirthcontrol.org)

Crossroads Animal Clinic at [www.crossroadsanimalclinicwaco.com](http://www.crossroadsanimalclinicwaco.com)

Happy Endings Animal Clinic at (254) 666-8240 or [information@happyendingsdogrescue.com](mailto:information@happyendingsdogrescue.com)

### **8) I need low-cost veterinary assistance.**

- Ask your veterinarian if they offer Care Credit. Care credit helps pet owners cover immediate veterinary needs and allows you to pay back the expenses over time. If your veterinarian doesn't offer Care Credit at their clinic, ask them to refer you to one who does. More information here: <http://www.carecredit.com/>

- Happy Endings Animal Clinic located in Hewitt, TX is a full service vet clinic for both cats and dogs that offered reasonably priced services. Contact them at (254) 666-8240 or [information@happyendingsdogrescue.com](mailto:information@happyendingsdogrescue.com) for pricing and scheduling.

**9) I need to rehome my personal pet (or an animal that I have found and was unable to locate the owner after searching thoroughly).**

- If the pet is not spayed/neutered or up-to-date on vaccinations, consider getting them fully-vetted before trying to rehome them so the pet is more desirable and easier to rehome.
- Reach out to friends, family and coworkers who know you and your pet to see if they can offer your pet a new home. Additionally, ask family, friends and coworkers to help advertise and share your pet on social media sites for a new home.
- Post flyers of your adoptable pet around your neighborhood, work and school. Be sure the flyer contains a decent quality photo of your pet along with personality and vetting information.
- If your pet is a purebred cat or dog, take a moment to google the breed name plus “rescue Texas” to see if there is a rescue who specifically focuses on your pet’s breed in Texas. If so, contact them with decent quality photos, a list of any vetting your pet has had completed (spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchip, heartworm preventative) and personality information (good with other dogs, kids, cats; know any commands? Etc).
- Consider posting an ad on Waco’s Craigslist ([Waco.craigslist.org](http://Waco.craigslist.org)) to find your pet a new home. It is FREE to post an ad. Considering posting in the Waco, Austin and Dallas/Fort Worth areas as well as possibly Killeen/Temple and College Station. Remember, you have to spark people’s interest in your pet. Be sure to include photos, a basic description of the pet (age, breed), personality information and any vetting that has been completed for the pet.
- Animal’s can also be posted on the Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/WacoUrgents](http://www.Facebook.com/WacoUrgents)

**10) I have found a stray dog and was unable to locate the owner after searching thoroughly. I have had the dog checked for a microchip and there was not one or the microchip was not registered.**

- If you are certain ALL options have been exhausted to locate the owner of a dog and you believe the dog does not have an owner who may be looking for it, please attempt to find a quality home for the pet yourself to avoid surrendering the animal to the overcrowded shelter. Please see 9) for rehoming suggestions.
- If the pet is not spayed/neutered or up-to-date on vaccinations (or if you are not certain on if they are or are not), consider getting them fully-vetted before trying to rehome them so the pet is more desirable and easier to rehome.
  - A Printable Animal Ordinance and Other Information Handout from the City of Waco can be found at:  
<http://www.waco-texas.com/pdf/animal/animal-control-handout.pdf>