

Version 2 Language

Sec. 200A.06. Identification.

Public and private sheltering agencies must take appropriate action to ensure that all animals are checked for all currently acceptable methods of identification, including microchips, identification tags, and licenses. Public and private sheltering agencies must maintain regularly updated lists of animals reported lost in a manner that allows the public to access the list, self-report their lost animal and match their lost reports with animals reported found and animals in the shelter. As soon as is reasonably feasible after an animal is taken into custody, the agencies must make all reasonable efforts to post notice of all stray animals on the Internet with sufficient detail and a photograph within 24 hours of being taken into custody to allow them to be recognized and claimed by their owners. If a possible owner is identified, the agency must undertake reasonable efforts to notify the owner or caretaker of the whereabouts of the animal and any procedures available for the lawful recovery of the animal. These efforts may include, but are not limited to, notifying the possible owner by telephone, email, mail, to the last known address. Upon the owner's or caretaker's initiation of recovery procedures, the agencies must retain custody of the animal for not less than the holding period to allow for the completion of the recovery process.