

Due Diligence Steps to Take for Strays

(to make sure it's not an owned animal / WeSNiP is not fixing someone else's animal)

1. Check with neighbors.
2. Hang flyers in the area.
3. If the animal is friendly, ideally bring it into the local animal shelter or vet clinic to be scanned for a microchip.
4. A found report needs to be filled out at the local animal shelter.
 - a. Check "Lost" reports at the local animal shelter to see if the cat is listed.
5. If they have access to Facebook contact or post on local Lost/Found pages, as well (*Lost Pets of Whatcom County, Bellingham Lost & Found Pets, Lost & Found Pets Whatcom/Skagit*).

Need to be caring for the animal, daily, for a minimum of 30 days, to establish legal responsibility/ownership, before the animal can be spayed or neutered through WeSNiP's program.