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Dog Missing for Three Years Reunited with Owner

After having gone missing over three years ago from his backyard here in St. Louis, Griffin Walker is now looking forward to a reunion with his dog, Daphne.

Daphne was recently brought to the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO) where staff discovered that she was microchipped. The microchip information led staff to Griffin Walker, who is the son of Director of Health Pamela Walker. Director Walker was on hand to retrieve Daphne from HSMO.

“I was shocked when I got the phone call and heard that she was found,” said Walker. “Even though you always hold on to some small piece of hope, three years is a long time for a pet to be missing.”

“We are very pleased the Humane Society of Missouri could play an important role in reuniting Pam Walker and her family with their long-lost pet,” said Kathy Warnick, president, Humane Society of Missouri. “This happy day may never have happened without Daphne having been microchipped. We hope every pet owner will take the importance of microchipping to heart and have their pets microchipped as soon as possible.”

Years before she went missing, Griffin discovered Daphne after she had been abandoned in a rental property after the owners moved. Griffin decided to keep Daphne, a German Shepard and Saluki mix. Then he made one of the best possible decisions any pet owner can make—he got Daphne microchipped.

“The most important thing our family did for Daphne was to get her microchipped,” said Walker. “My hope is that our story reinforces the message of how important it is for pet owners to have their pets microchipped. It is truly a pet’s phone call home if it ever comes into a shelter, or any place that has a microchip scanning device.”

Daphne is currently receiving veterinary care, and it is suspected that she has developed a tumor in her ear, but is healthy overall.

All pets adopted from the Humane Society of Missouri and other shelters in the city are microchipped before they go home. All three locations of HSMO’s Animal Medical Center of Mid-America provide affordable microchip services to all pet owners. Visit www.hsmo.org for more information.

For lost or found pets, the following resources are available through HSMO and City of St. Louis Animal Care and Control:

www.stllostpets.org

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www.twitter.com/STLLostPets

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