

Lost dogs looking for way home again after holiday celebrations



Tehama County Animal Care Center Manager Christine McClintock with a dog missing from his owner Tuesday. (George Johnston — Daily News)

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RED BLUFF — The Tehama County Animal Care Center is looking to return the many dogs that ran away from home during the Fourth of July holiday due to the noise of fireworks celebrations.

Manager Christine McClintock said the care center received 25 runaway dogs from Saturday. As of Tuesday, nine were reunited with their owners, one was scheduled to go home and another had a microchip tracker the care center is planning to use to locate its owner. The center is actively looking for the owners of the other 14 dogs.

The care center posts photos of the lost dogs on its social media pages and website as they come in. When a dog is claimed, its picture is removed from the website.

“We try to take pictures right away so people can get them,” McClintock said.

Residents can submit a lost and found report through the shelter’s website if they believe their dog is missing. The care center will upload the report to its system and try to find the dog matching the description of the missing pet.

McClintock said there are a lot of lost dogs right now who were found by other people, and the care center tries to help these people and social media groups reunite those lost pets with their owners.

The care center has a holding period of roughly five days for the dogs. Due to the confusion stemming from the holiday weekend, McClintock said the shelter is going to try to hold them a few days longer for claiming. The center will keep a dog longer if it has a lead on an owner or any kind of identification.

Those who are missing their dogs can visit the care center's social media pages and website at <https://www.co.tehama.ca.us/animal-services> or call 527-3439.
