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DOG AND OWNER RENUNITED BECAUSE OF MICROCHIP

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO – Sweetheart, a tan and white spayed female pit-bull, most likely experienced the best day of her life here in Summit County. A couple of months ago, she was picked up as a stray in Alamosa and taken to Valley Humane League where she stayed for two months. After the second transfer request, Summit County Animal Control and Shelter had a space for her and she was transferred to our shelter. During her health exam, Dr. Gretchen Norton scanned her for a microchip and the scanner beeped and displayed a number indicating that she was indeed chipped. Dr. Norton notified Shelter Operations Manager, Meg Leroux, who contacted the microchip company and was given a name of the registered owner. Both Meg and the microchip company contacted the owner. The owner, Danielle Kalvert of Pueblo, was in disbelief. She told Meg that Sweetheart was stolen from her yard as a puppy about 1 year ago.

Danielle made the drive up to Frisco from Pueblo to come and retrieve her long lost friend. The reunion was sealed with a kiss when Danielle told the pup “besos” (Spanish for kiss) and Sweetheart obliged with a big lick on her cheek.

The reunion was possible due to a microchip that was implanted in Sweetheart. Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under a pet's skin, between the shoulder blades. The microchip only contains a number, no personal information. The microchip company maintains a database with the owner's contact information. Because microchips may be the only form of identification for an animal that loses its collar, all animals adopted out from the Summit County Animal Shelter are given a microchip, which is included in the adoption price.

Animals brought into the Summit County Animal Shelter are routinely scanned with a microchip reader. If you are interested in getting your pet micro chipped, contact your veterinarian.



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