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Dear Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board:

I'm sorry that I was unable to attend today's meeting, but I wanted to share some of the great reunion success stories made possible by microchips and especially the WCRAS Pet Microchip Scanner Station at Options Veterinary Care. We're grateful for this partnership with WCRAS!

The info I wanted to share is below and attached – <u>Better formatting and larger photos are in the attached version.</u>

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WCRAS Microchip Scanning Station at Options

Options nonprofit clinic is honored to have been partnering with WCRAS as a location for one of the **WCRAS Pet Microchip Scanning Stations** since early 2023, as well being part of the ongoing efforts to implant more microchips to facilitate reunions and keep pets out of shelters.

While we do not track people using the scanning station, we do have some wonderful microchip reunion stories to share, including a surprising number of cats being reunited.

Here are a few of the stories:

Georgie and Levar: Georgie was found by a Good Samaritan in downtown Reno and brought to Options Veterinary Care. Together, we used the new microchip station (thanks to Washoe County Regional Animal Services) to scan him. He had a microchip! We immediately contacted Georgie's person, Levar, who rushed to the clinic, thankful to have Georgie back. It was a joyous reunion!

Vader and Natasha: A black cat was brought into Options. He'd been trapped by someone who'd been trying for months to help what she thought was a stray girl cat. Once here the cat was scanned for a microchip — and beep! — no longer a mystery cat! The chip led us straight to his human, Natasha. Natasha had adopted Vader just before he went missing and feared the worst. When she got the call that Vader was safe, she and her husband cried tears of joy. She came right away, bringing her nephew to take him home. Natasha shared this update: "He acclimated back into the home like he never left. He's just king of the castle."

Buddy and the Wade Family: The Wade's recently moved to Reno from California and their cat Buddy slipped out while they were moving in. Fortunately, Buddy was recently brought into Options and thanks to his microchip, we were able to reunite him with his family! The family was relieved and overjoyed to have Buddy back home.

Hank and Todd: A sweet kitty, showed up at Dr. Meg's home. She's one of our veterinarians, and because he was so friendly, she brought him into Options to check for a microchip. He had one, the contact info was current, and we were able to reunite Hank with his Dad, Todd. He had been missing for THREE MONTHS! They were very happy to see one another.

Oliver and Heather: Oliver arrived at Options just another black cat, but when scanned the microchip reader provided a number that allowed us to call his person Heather, who rushed down to the clinic to be reunited with her cat!

Bear and Connie: Connie is a senior citizen who was devastated when her beloved cat Bear slipped out of the house a few months ago and she had given up hope of ever getting him back. Bear looked like his time outside was a little rough, but we provided medical care, got him neutered, and then her son came to bring him home to Connie. She was overjoyed that a microchip brought them back together and was grateful to have him neutered too!

Jax and Joshua: Jax, a sweet tuxedo kitty, was brought into Options Veterinary Care to check for a microchip. Sure enough, Jax had one! The contact information for his dad, Joshua, was accurate and he was SO excited that Jax was found - he had been missing for four months! Joshua drove up from Carson City to be reunited with him. We don't know how Jax managed to make it from Carson to Reno, but the microchip made this reunion possible!

Clove and her family: Clove was brought to Options Veterinary Care after being found on the street. When she was scanned for a microchip she had one! Even better, the contact info allowed us to reach her person! It turns out that Clove was lost when her person was moving out of state, but thankfully, a family member still lives nearby. We reunited Clove with her Aunt, who would keep her safe until her person came back into town to get her!

Smokey and Paul: Paul was devastated when his cat escaped from home one day and disappeared. Thankfully, someone saw her outside, set a humane trap and brought her to Options. Once Smokey was scanned her microchipped lead us to Paul. He quickly came right down to verify it was in fact his beloved Smokey. She hadn't been missing long, but he was so thankful to be reunited with Smokey.

Options Veterinary Care nonprofit clinic is thrilled to be part of WCRAS' Pet Microchip Scanning Station Program.