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Missing for Several Months, Cat Reunited with Family Just Before Holiday

Microchip made reunion possible

This past week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) reunited a Maine family with their 10-year-old cat, several months after the cat got out and became lost during a family visit to Cape Cod. Having the animal microchipped was what allowed for the reunion and for the cat to literally get back home for the holidays.

The cat, named Rosebud, had strictly been an indoor cat, but during the family's visit to Brewster, Rosebud snuck outside and became lost. Despite drastic efforts to find her, the family had to return to Maine, devastated in the thought that their beloved cat was gone and began mourning her loss.

However, on December 14, a Dennis resident contacted ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, saying the cat had been hanging around the property for a couple of months seeking food, and although the cat had no collar, the resident believed the cat was an owned animal and then brought her to ARL.

ARL's staff scanned the cat for a microchip, and then immediately contacted the owners. Needless to say, the family was stunned, but overwhelmed with excitement that Rosebud was still alive and arranged to make the three-hour drive the next day to pick her up and get her home.

Upon arrival in Brewster, Rosebud's family stated they were still in shock and it wasn't until they physically saw her that the shock wore off and the reality set in that the cat was alive and well and ready to go home for the holidays!

Despite being indoors all of her life, Rosebud tapped into her survival instincts, and wandered the Cape wilderness for miles, starting in Brewster, and winding up in Dennis where she was found.

ARL reminds pet owners that a microchip greatly increases the odds of being reunited with your pet should they go missing. A microchip is a tiny computer chip, about the size of a grain of rice that is programmed with an identification number unique to the animal. It is non-toxic, non-allergenic, and lasts the life of your pet with no maintenance required.

For photos of Rosebud and her family, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4ejr0vhbdhy9sdwx7m31u/AKvUpabI1Nx1EmG-zWI5N4M?rlkey=qrislca543zp5f9d9uhdjra9x&st=0dloz5af&dl=0>

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Pets are family. This belief is at the heart of everything we do at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. ARL is the first female-founded animal welfare organization in Massachusetts and is proud to carry on a legacy of kindness and compassion, helping more than 20,000 animals annually since 1899. Recognized for innovative, award-winning programs that go beyond sheltering, ARL addresses the root causes of the issues facing animals and the people who love them. By partnering with communities, ARL helps animals heal and thrive, keeps pets and people together, and protects animals from harm. Because there is no government funding for this important work, animals must rely on people like you to get the care they need, when they need it most, 365 days a year. For more information, visit arlboston.org and follow ARL on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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