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MEDIA ALERT

RECORD BROKEN AS MISSING CAT RETURNS TO HER FAMILY AFTER EIGHT YEARS

Microchip reunites Ginger with her family

NOVATO, December 4, 2015 – A cat who had been missing for eight years is now home safe with the family that adopted her as a kitten, thanks to her microchip. **This is the longest period of time that has elapsed between an animal being reported missing and its reunion with its original family at the Marin Humane Society.**

Ginger, a sweet orange tabby, was brought to the Marin Humane Society as a stray on Wednesday, December 2. Rick Benson had been feeding Ginger near his shop in Novato for about two months and decided to take her to the shelter to make sure she was spayed and to see if anyone was looking for her.

Every animal that is brought to Marin Humane is scanned for a microchip and Ginger had one. It was registered to Nancy and Stephen Payne of Novato and fortunately, the phone number was still current. The Paynes explained that Ginger, who was adopted from Marin Humane more than eight years prior, had gone missing just a few months after joining their household.

“We just couldn’t believe it,” said Nancy Payne about the news that Ginger had been found. We counted up the time and realized it was almost eight years!”

“Thanks to microchips, we’re able to reunite many people with lost pets, commented Nancy McKenney, CEO of the Marin Humane Society. “We hope more people will get their companion animals microchipped and keep their information current.”