



NEWS RELEASE

HOMEAGAIN® Pet Recovery Service Awarded Exclusive Petfinder™ Seal of Approval

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Among First to Receive Recognition from Trusted Animal Welfare Advocate

HomeAgain®Pet Recovery Service was recently honored with the Seal of Approval by Petfinder, the largest online, searchable database of animals that need permanent homes. HomeAgain is one of only four companies to receive this distinction, which recognizes organizations with a strong commitment to making a positive impact on the welfare of animals.

“We are honored by the recognition and are proud to partner with such a worthy organization,” said Gary MacPhee, director and general manager of HomeAgain. “PetFinder is well known for its mission to find homes for animals and reunite pets and owners, and we will continue to work with this group to help ensure the safety and welfare of animals throughout the country.”

One in three pets will go missing in their lifetime and, without proper identification, 90 percent of these pets will not return home. A microchip is the only form of pet identification that is permanent, with a unique number that cannot fall off, be altered or removed. Registering the microchip in the HomeAgain National Pet Recovery Database and keeping contact information up-to-date provides pet owners the best chance of being reunited with a lost pet.

HomeAgain is a comprehensive pet recovery service that has been helping reunite lost pets with their owners since 1996. More than 10,000 lost pets are reunited each month with their families – more than one million pets since the program was established. When a pet is reported lost, HomeAgain immediately sends out Lost Pet Alerts via fax, email and/or the iPhone or Android app. These are distributed to animal shelters, veterinarians and PetRescuers,

volunteers who have signed up to receive lost pet alerts, within a 25-mile radius of where the pet was lost. The alert contains the pet's photo or physical description, unique microchip number and place the pet was last seen. Members can also print out posters and place them around the neighborhood. For more information, visit www.homeagain.com.

About Merck Animal Health

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