

## **Lost or Found Dogs in Birmingham – Who You Can Contact.**

Recently a couple of local people spent a lot of time trying to locate the owner of a dog they found - and at the same time the owner had a very anxious night not knowing where the dog was.

So, I thought it would be helpful to provide information about what can be done in these circumstances, which is as follows:-

### **GENERAL AND CONTACTS IN WORKING HOURS**

1. Responsibility for lost dogs rests with the City Council: information about what services they provide and how to report a lost, found or dangerous dog or another animal welfare issue online can be found at:-

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cs/Satellite/straydogs?packedargs=website%3D4&rendermode=live>

2. Alternatively you can phone 0121 303 6007.

Information through these routes are sent to the dog wardens - however they only operate Monday to Friday 9:00 - 16:00 (not including bank holidays)

### **EVENINGS, WEEKENDS, BANK HOLIDAYS**

For stray dogs please call 07500 553000. This will connect you to the out of hours kennel used by the City Council where you may be able to take the dog. However more often by having information about both lost and found dogs the person at the kennel may be able to put people in touch with each other to arrange reuniting dog and owner.

The council's website also has details of K9 Search UK – 07988 433 187, this is a private charity dedicated in reuniting lost dogs with their owners.

It's a good idea to take the dog to a local vet if you can. They will scan it and it may be microchipped, so you can contact the owner.

The person from the council told me that if the owner of a stray dog cannot be located the kennel does accept dogs into the evening and over weekends, but it is near Coventry - this was the only one the Council could find to offer the service.

Also there are only 4 dog wardens for the city, so they will have to prioritise their work and may not be able to respond to calls quickly.

