



Have you found a stray dog?

The Kent County Animal Shelter (KCAS) has launched a first-of-its-kind in Michigan 24-hour microchip scanning station to assist residents in reuniting with their lost pets. The scanner is strategically located outside the Kent County North Campus at **4191 17 Mile RD NE in Cedar Springs**. This scanner can assist with reuniting pets with their owners, without the pets (or owners) having to travel into Grand Rapids.

Housed in a weatherproof, secure casing, the scanning station has written instructions available on the wall in both English and Spanish with detailed information.



This initiative is part of KCAS's broader objective to improve the reclaim rate for lost dogs by their owners. Despite a nearly 200% increase in stray dogs entering the shelter since 2019, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of owners coming to get their animals from the shelter. This has resulted in the shelter being near or at capacity for the last several months. The KCAS has adopted new technology such as QR code dog licenses in 2022, and now the implementation of microchip scanners, to address this issue.

"The animal shelter is responsible for the care and housing of stray animals across all 847 square miles of Kent County," said Kent County Animal Shelter Director Angela Hollinshead. "With such a large geographical coverage area, this creates barriers for owners to get their pets back if they end up at shelter."

Residents can help ensure they are reunited with their pet, if they ever go missing, by having their dog licensed and microchipped. Learn more at [accesskent.com/KCAS](https://www.accesskent.com/KCAS).