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## IN SENATE

May 11, 2021

Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to developing a database for missing domestic animals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 52 to read as follows:

3 52. (a) Develop and maintain a searchable database of lost and found  
4 domestic animals. An email or telephone number shall be provided on the  
5 website to allow an individual who has lost or found a domestic animal  
6 to contact the department. The information to be entered into the data-  
7 base shall be the type of animal; the animal's name; an identification  
8 number, if available; a photo of the animal; and the county where the  
9 animal was lost or found. The individual's contact information shall be  
10 kept within the department and not made available on the website. The  
11 database shall be searchable by county and type of animal and shall have  
12 a section to allow for other pertinent information that may assist with  
13 finding the animal. The department shall update the website upon  
14 receiving information from the public. Any information entered into the  
15 database shall be maintained for a period of three years.

16 (b) The website shall also provide the following information to assist  
17 owners searching for lost or missing animals:

18 "There are nine things to remember when you lose a pet:

19 1. Act fast.

20 2. Call for them while checking areas in the home where they may be  
21 trapped.

22 3. Scent is key; food and dirty laundry left at the doorway can be  
23 helpful.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. Search the neighborhood and ask letter carriers and any delivery  
2 people you may see.

3 5. Lost pet signs; put them everywhere.

4 6. Use social media.

5 7. Contact local animal shelters and animal control agencies.

6 8. Be wary of pet recovery scams; ask for a characteristic you left  
7 out of the description.

8 9. Don't give up.

9 Animals have been reunited with their owners after having been missing  
10 for months. Make sure your pet always wears a collar and an ID tag, or  
11 has a microchip."

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
13 it shall have become a law.