

NEWS RELEASE



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The Garden City Police Department is pleased to announce the donation of a scanning device that will read microchips implanted in cats and dogs to help identify owners. The microchip scanner was donated by Dr. Angela DeVito from the West Hempstead Animal Hospital. Dr. DeVito visited Police Headquarters with her dog Heidi and demonstrated the use of the scanner. Dr. DeVito then demonstrated how the code obtained from the scanner could be entered into an internet website to generate a phone number, which can be called to notify the lost pet owner. Sergeant Matthew Walsh, Police Officers Matthew Beard, and Rodolfo Sulmonte were present and trained with the scanner. Police Aide Matthew Carroll, Dr. DeVito's son, was also present.

Police Commissioner Jackson said, "Thanks to Dr. DeVito, the Police Department now has a tool that will help identify lost pets who are chipped and promptly reunite them with their owners. This decreases the time they stay at Police Headquarters, thereby reducing the need to notify the Animal Shelter".



Pictured left to right: Officer Matthew Beard, Sgt. Matthew Walsh, Police Aide Matthew Carroll, and Dr. Angela DeVito