



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release**

Sara Bella, a sweet little Queensland mixed dog is currently at the Chico Animal Shelter in Chico, California, but her home is in Aurora, Colorado. If not for a microchip, she would never even have the opportunity to get back to her owner Justin Howard and the rest of her family, which includes two children Seraiah age 5, and J.J age 2.

Her journey started when Justin brought Sara to his father's home in Kansas to look after her while they went on vacation. Sara somehow slipped away from Justin's father and ended up at a truck stop just a few miles away. Because Sara is so friendly, a transient picked her up at the truck stop on his way to California. When he arrived in Chico, he decided he could not care for the dog, and brought Sara to the City of Chico Animal Shelter.

Shelter employees scanned Sara as part of the routine intake procedure, and found a microchip. Fortunately Sara's owners had registered her chip with the chip company, and staff was able to make contact with the owner. Sara's family would like to get Sara back, but a flight from the Sacramento airport to the Denver airport is close to \$300, and her family is unable to afford the cost of shipping her. If you can help Sara get back home, please contact Tracy Mohr, Animal Services Manager at the Chico Animal Shelter at 530-894-5630.

The Chico Animal Shelter, which is open seven days a week, offers micro-chipping for only \$19.50, and discounted lifetime registration is available for only \$10.99. Visit our website: [www.chicoanimalshelter.org](http://www.chicoanimalshelter.org) and like us on facebook: [www.facebook.com/ChicoAnimalShelter](http://www.facebook.com/ChicoAnimalShelter)

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