Animal ID Numbering System

**Purpose:** Each animal receives a unique ID number that allows us to place that animal back in the exact location he or she was found, facilitating evidence collection and chain of custody. The unique ID is a map or address for the animal.

**Each ID consists of:** Letter / Number / Letter / Number / Dash / #

**Example:** A5C9-002

**What do the letters and numbers mean?**

**First Letter:** Each building is identified by a letter. The first letter of the animal ID indicates the building/area in which the animal was found.

**First Number:** This indicates the room inside the building in which the animal was found.

**Second Letter:** This indicates the row/section of cages in which the animal was found.

**Second Number:** This indicates the cage in which the animal was found.

-00 ... : This indicates the number of the animal in the cage.

**In the example above of A5C9-002**

- Animal found in building marked A
- In room 5
- Row C
- Cage 9
- Is the 2nd animal found in that cage

**Litters of Puppies & Kittens**

If a litter of puppies (P) or kittens (K) is found in a cage, they are identified with the same ID number as their mother, followed by P1, P2, P3, etc.

**Default:** A or 1

**Example:** A5C9-002P1 A5C9-002P2

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