

## **PI Jamie Katz Lost and Found Pets**

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Missing for 8 days in Casselberry, FL... Bentley is now SAFE & HOME!!! Here is Bentley's story...

Bentley went missing on the Friday night of Labor Day Weekend after my neighbor had a new fence installed. There was a gap in the new fence that no one was aware of and Bentley of course found the gap. After 5 days of searching: driving around, passing out flyers, knocking on doors, calling vets, visiting shelters, signing up for all kinds of internet search sites and anything else I could possibly think of, I was left heartbroken.

I then remembered someone had suggested that I hire PI Jamie Katz but I had never heard of her prior. Once I contacted Jamie, she put together a plan and had me focus on getting the Awareness Campaign up, which consisted of 80 signs she designed specifically for Bentley. I started the Awareness Campaign and got up most of the signs the same day I hired Jamie. The NEXT day I got my first sighting call, the person was inquiring about the reward on a French Bulldog.

Apparently, Bentley was on an adventure Friday night. Saturday he decided to cross a main road and walk into a Walgreens store! Yes, Bentley walked right into a Walgreens! After an employee at Walgreens saw him inside the store, he was then given to a customer for "safe keeping". The employee told me that this happened almost a week ago and the reason they gave it to the person was because they had a "vet friend" or whatever that meant. The Walgreens employee had the individual's phone number, she told me she would call her and get Bentley back!

I practically flew to Walgreens as soon as I we got off the phone but once I got to Walgreens, something changed. After speaking with the employee who just called me minutes prior, she said she couldn't get a hold of the woman she gave Bentley to and so she left a message for her to call me. I called Jamie on the way to Walgreens so she was made aware of situation. Jamie told me to ask for the phone number of the woman Bentley was given to but the Walgreens employee didn't want to give me the woman's phone number. Right away, Jamie told me to call the police because we now had a problem. Florida Statute 705.102 states: you must contact the authorities if you find a lost pet. Pets are considered property and you cannot give away someone's property.

I called the Police and informed the officer of Florida Statute 705.102 and other information Jamie provided me with and had them come to Walgreens to help me. The Sheriff was great, as he was able to gain this 3rd party information from the Walgreens employee. The officer gave me the info I needed and even looked up the last known address of the person with my dog. He went to the address for me but she no longer lived at that address.

I connected with Jamie and gave her this new information. With only this information, Jamie was able to fill in the gaps and contact the 3rd party. Jamie found out that my dog was in Georgia... all before the officer got to call me back!! By the time the officer called me back, I informed him of Bentley's whereabouts, which turned out to be a good thing because the officer did not yet have that information.

After Jamie was able to make contact with the individual who had Bentley, the woman had contacted me with the approval to come to North Georgia to retrieve Bentley. I am still unaware of why she took Bentley out of the state, however due to the Holiday weekend and her leaving, she took him with. Although I do not understand the rationale, the most important part of this, is that I have my boy back and I cannot express how grateful I am for everyone who reached out to help! This was from people I know, neighbors, and even strangers but especially to PI Jamie Katz. I don't think I would have ever found Bentley without her help!

- Cameron Graves in Casselberry, FL