

The Story of Luvey aka ChaCha



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Vangie saw a dog wandering in the parking lot at the Glenside office. We suspected it might have escaped from someone's car and thought surely they would collect their dog momentarily. About 45 minutes passed. The dog was still running around the parking lot. Vangie hopped in her van and tried to get the dog to come with her. The dog ran away.

Right before lunch, Jeannette came to Jennifer's office and said "There's a dog at the door." Jennifer went up front and discovered that the dog had entered the building and had plopped itself down right in front of the Sleep Center door! If we didn't take it in, it might run back outside into the traffic. So, we brought it inside the Sleep Center.

Everyone oo'd and aaahhh'd and gave it lots of attention. She was very nervous. She was clearly used to being around people, but had no collar. Vangie had some dog food in her van, so she gave her some food and water and we put her in the kitchen. While everyone tried to figure out how to locate her owner and what to do with her, Jennifer went to K-Mart and got a collar and leash for this new mascot we named "Cha Cha."

Vangie called Lite 98 to have them announce a "found dog" on Glenside Drive. Jennifer took pictures of Cha Cha and posted them on Craigslist. As the day progressed, and there was no word from anyone looking for her, Dr. Parisi agreed to take her home for the weekend.

Later that night, he searched online for any type of lost and found pet site – and found one. He read a post from a man whose dog had jumped out of the back of his truck on Thursday night, close to the Henrico Doctors' area. Dr. Parisi immediately called the man, who told him the dog was his future mother-in-law's and he had been looking for her all Thursday night! Her real name was Luvey and he came to pick her up right away.

Luvey thanks everyone who helped her out that day!