

# County HPOs: Lab sighted but search is ongoing

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Armstrong County humane police officers (HPOs) thank the community for its continued support in the case of the Chocolate Lab that was abandoned in Plumcreek Township. On Nov. 17, the dog was discovered along the side of a remote dirt road, along with a bag of dog food and bowl of water.

He is very afraid and runs from anyone who stops.

"There have been sightings of the dog in the past two days," Armstrong County Humane Police Officer Chris O'Donnell said Thursday. "The dog is very spooky."

For those who spot the dog, O'Donnell requests that they call 724-954-9515 to report it.

"Do not approach or chase. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and expect to be successful in trapping him and getting him to safety," O'Donnell said.

Prior to this week's sightings, the dog had previously been spotted lying in the same spot, still awaiting his owner's return.

HPOs, along with the Armstrong County Dog Warden, set traps in hopes of catching the elusive canine.

Those living in the area are on the lookout and plan to be especially vigilant during hunting season, which is ongoing.

Again, O'Donnell stressed it is important that anyone seeing the dog call the HPO and not try to catch the dog. If pursued, the dog will likely leave the area, making rescue almost impossible. Anyone with information on the person who left this dog is encouraged to call.

The person who abandoned this dog will face criminal charges when apprehended.

This case has shown the need for a trail cam for the Armstrong County Humane Program.

To donate for the trail cam or learn more about the humane program or laws protecting animals in Pennsylvania, visit: [humaneanimalallies.org](http://humaneanimalallies.org).

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