

Woman finds hungry calico cat hiding in \$27 couch

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SPOKANE, Wash. -- The mysterious mewing in Vickie Mendenhall's home started about the time she bought a used couch for \$27. After days of searching for the source of the noise, she found a very hungry calico cat living in her sofa.

Her boyfriend, Chris Lund, was watching TV on Tuesday night and felt something move inside the couch. He pulled it away from the wall, lifted it up and there was the cat, which apparently crawled through a small hole on the underside.

Mendenhall contacted Value Village, where she bought the couch, but the store had no information on who donated it. So she took the cat to SpokAnimal CARE, the animal shelter where she works, so it could recover, and contacted media outlets in hopes of finding the owner.

Sure enough, Bob Killion of Spokane showed up to claim the cat on Thursday after an acquaintance alerted him to a TV story about it. Killion had donated a couch on Feb. 19, and his 9-year-old cat, Callie, disappeared at about the same time.

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Vickie Mendenhall holds a cat she has named "VeeVee" at her job with SpokAnimal Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Spokane, Wash. Mendenhall got a couch at Value Village and after having it at her home for a few days discovered the cat was living inside the piece of furniture. Mendenhall contacted Value Village, where she bought the couch, but the store had no information on who donated it. So she took the cat to the animal shelter where she works, so it could recover, and contacted media outlets in hopes of finding the owner. Bob Killion of Spokane showed up to claim the cat on Thursday after an acquaintance alerted him to a TV story about it. Killion had donated a couch on Feb. 19, and his 9-year-old cat, Callie, disappeared at about the same time. (AP Photo/The Spokesman-Review, Christopher Anderson)