

National Safe Digging Month 2021

#PetsofSC811



This April, for National Safe Digging Month, we at SC811 invite you to explore your neighborhood and find out just how common buried utilities are with **#PetsofSC811**.

Official Rules

The next time you take a walk outside with your dog (or cat, or hamster, or lizard), keep your eyes peeled for evidence of buried facilities. These can be spray paint markings, flags, utility pedestals, or drains (see below for more info). Then, simply snap a photo of your pet alongside them! We want to meet the #PetsofSC811!

If for some reason you can't take a real picture, you're welcome to use photo editing software to include your hard-to-relocate pets. We want as many people involved as possible (but only one submission per pet)!

At the end of the month, users will vote on several categories, including most creative, cutest pet, and most artistic. Submissions will be accepted until 11:59 PM on Friday, April 23 We'll post all the photos and allow voting that week, and announce winners on April 30. So get your photos in early for the most exposure! ****To receive winner info, make sure you are able to receive social media messages from us through whatever platform you've submitted!****

Post your photos in the replies on our SC811 Social Media page, or tag them with **#PetsofSC811** on your page for your chance to win a fabulous SC811 sherpa blanket and travel cup prize pack where you and your pets can snuggle. We want you and your companions to see how buried utilities are truly all around us!

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED: March 31 - April 23

VOTING: April 24 - April 29

WINNERS ANNOUNCED: April 30

WHAT TO DO: Find evidence of a buried utility, and take (or fabricate) a photo with your pet posing next to it. Simple! Be clever, artistic, or funny. Then, share the photo either here or on your own social media with the tag #PetsofSC811. Photos will be shared weekly, and at the end of the month voters will choose the Most Creative, Cutest Pet, and Most Funny. One submission per pet only. Winners will be directly contacted via social media.

Signs of underground utilities can be locator markings (flags or spray paint) or some of the items in the image seen here:

Signs of Underground Utilities

- Warning Markers
- Fire Hydrants
- Pedestals
- Transformers
- Manholes
- Gas Meters
- Stub Ups

Palmetto Utility Protection Services (SC811) is dedicated in keeping utility workers, homeowners and the general public safe when digging is to occur. Calling before the CSR dig is a free service, promotes safe digging and prevents underground utility damages.

For even more detailed info on these very common features of buried lines, check out this link:

<https://sc811.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/UTILITYDEFINITIONS.pdf>

For example, here's Henry in his locator vest showing off markings for a sewer pipeline in his neighbor's yard:



And his sister Winnie pointed out a telecommunications pedestal nearby:



Good luck! Be creative, have fun, and be SAFE!