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AVEN

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LOST · ACTIVE SEARCH

Twenty-two days out, the search gets specific.

The June field plan · reading his ground · the trap-and-camera protocol · the breed network mobilizes.

Missing since Tue, May 19, 2026 · Horizon South, 32413

Microchipped · registered · flagged LOST

SEE HIM? CALL OR TEXT ANY HOUR — (260) 337-3747

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Everything the search knows, three weeks in.

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This journal replaces and updates the May case file. Every contact in these pages was re-verified in June 2026; every date, name, and number here supersedes earlier circulars. It is written for the people who can end the search — trackers, officers, neighbors, and the Savannah community itself.

A WORD FROM HIS PERSON

He walks me.

You may have seen us out on his harness and thought it was the other way around. The truth is, he is the reason his person gets up, gets outside, and keeps going. Twenty-two days of silence is twenty-two days too many.

"So that others may live."

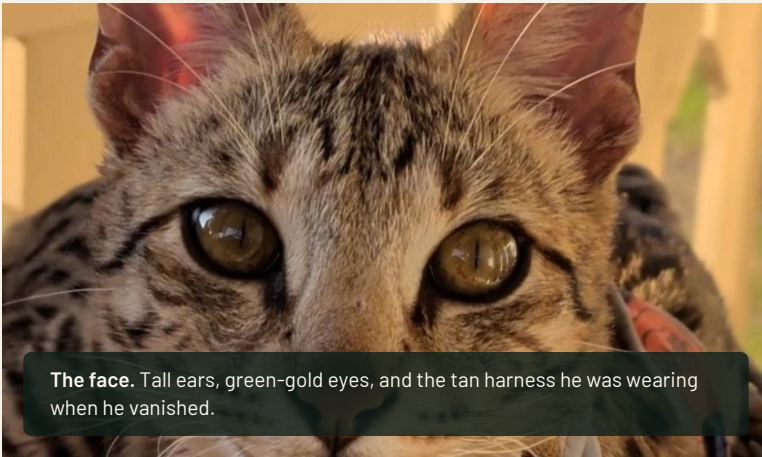
FULL IDENTIFICATION · UPDATED JUNE 2026

A cat you will not mistake for any other.

Aven is an F1 Savannah — tall, long-legged, with very large upright ears, a golden-tan coat covered in solid black spots, and a long banded tail. At a glance he reads like a small wild leopard. He is not an ordinary tabby and not a feral cat. He is a valuable, deeply loved companion animal — registered, chipped, and flagged lost.

He is a young male, neutered early. Lean and leggy at roughly nine to ten pounds, with an adult projection of eighteen to twenty-two pounds. His age and birthdate are held back — they are verification questions. He is gentle, friendly, and people-social; harness-trained, outdoor-confident, and he knows the Horizon South grounds. Before May 19 he never once failed to come home.

That is the central fact of this case. A confident outdoor cat that stops returning has usually been shut inside a garage, shed, or vehicle; is hurt and lying low; or has been taken in by someone who assumed he was an exotic stray. All three put him close.



The face. Tall ears, green-gold eyes, and the tan harness he was wearing when he vanished.

FIELD MARKS

Breed	F1 Savannah
Coat	Golden-tan, solid black spots
Ears	Very large, upright
Eyes	Green-gold
Build	Tall, lean, long-legged
Tail	Long, banded, dark tip
Age / sex	Young · male · neutered
Weight	~9-10 lb, still growing

CONFIRM IT'S HIM

Microchip	Yes — flagged LOST
Registries	24Petwatch + mChip · LOST
Wearing	Tan harness — may be off
Held back	Marks, not published
Tag	Yes — number held back
Verifies to	His owner, on a free chip scan

TEMPERAMENT

FRIENDLY · PEOPLE-SOCIAL

OUTDOOR-SAVVY

BOLTS IF CHASED

DO NOT PURSUE

IDENTIFICATION · THE SPOTTED COAT



THE LOOK THAT GIVES HIM AWAY

Solid rosettes over gold.

If a neighbor says they saw a baby wildcat or a miniature leopard loose near the beach — that is almost certainly Aven.

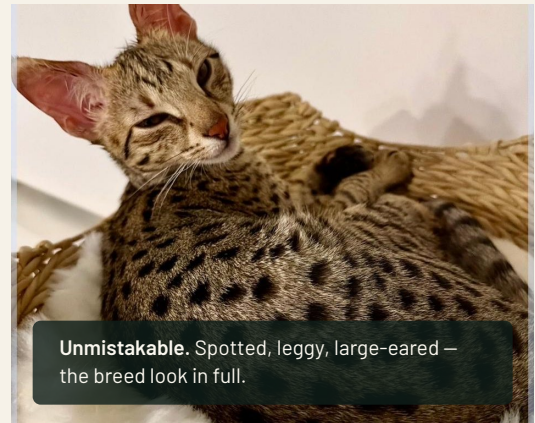
WHAT AN F1 SAVANNAH IS

Half a wild lineage — and why it changes the search.

A Savannah descends from the African serval. F1 means one parent was a serval, so the chain is simple — serval on the father's side, a domestic cat on the mother's. Real biology, no mystery. It is also why Aven carries the breed's most pronounced traits in full, and why a stranger so easily mistakes him for a wild animal.

That first-generation cross carries the breed's most pronounced traits: unusual height, very long legs, outsized ears, an athletic frame. Behaviorally, Savannahs are bold, curious, and exceptionally agile. They climb, leap, and squeeze into spaces an ordinary cat won't attempt, and they investigate open doors, sheds, vehicles, and crawlspaces. That is the double edge of this case — confident enough to roam, curious enough to get shut inside somewhere he cannot escape.

They are strongly people-bonded, more dog-like than aloof. Aven is harness-trained and used to company, so he is approachable to a calm stranger — but he will startle and bolt at fast movement or loud calls. And because the breed is rare and valuable, a finder may assume he is an escaped exotic and keep or quietly rehome him. That misunderstanding is exactly what this journal, and the breed-network page, exist to correct.



Unmistakable. Spotted, leggy, large-eared — the breed look in full.

SEARCH IMPLICATIONS

CLIMBS & SQUEEZES

Check high ledges and tight gaps, not just ground level.

INVESTIGATES OPENINGS

Any garage, shed, or vehicle opened since May 19 is prime.

PEOPLE-BONDED

May approach a calm, seated person. Sit and wait — never chase.

RARE & VALUABLE

A found Savannah may surface in rehoming or for-sale channels. The breed community is watching them.

FOR THE SEARCH PROFESSIONAL · HARD-WON IN THE FIELD

Eyes before voice. Dusk before noon.

Lost-cat recovery research is consistent: roughly three quarters of lost cats are recovered, and most are found very close to the escape point — typically within about five hundred meters, with a median near three hundred. A displaced cat tends to hole up and stay silent. Microchipped cats are reunited many times more often than unchipped ones. Aven is chipped, flagged, and wearing a tracker.

His serval side then sharpens the picture. His activity windows are dusk and pre-dawn — he is crepuscular, and confirmed activity at the retention pond near Buildings 1 and 2 has clustered around 7:30 in the evening. Search those windows, not midday. He is water-seeking: the pond is a draw, not a barrier. And his prey drive overrides his name — calling him in can spook him before you ever see him, so the doctrine is eyes before voice. Look for movement and heat signature first; speak only when he has seen you and settled.

He moves low and fast along fence lines, building corners, and landscaping — not open ground. He is high flight-risk to strangers and noise, and people-bonded enough that the owner's voice, used quietly at the right hour, remains the single best draw.

PROFILE SUMMARY

Type	Confident outdoor-access cat
Rhythm	Crepuscular — dusk / pre-dawn
Draws	Water (pond) · prey movement
Flight risk	High to strangers and noise
Likely state	Hidden and silent, or contained
Best draw	Owner's voice, dusk and dawn
Doctrine	Eyes before voice

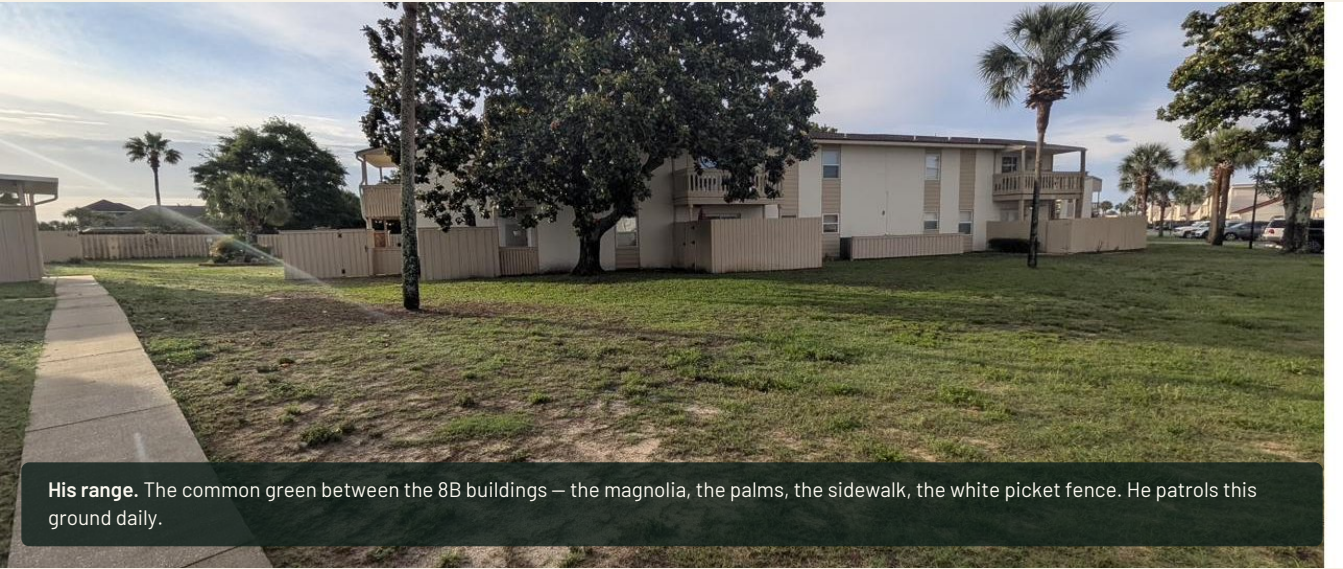


THE 7:30 WINDOW

Neighbor-confirmed activity at the retention pond near Buildings 1-2 at roughly 7:30 PM. The pond and the 8B corner anchor the trap-and-camera protocol on page 13.

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His range, and his route home.



His range. The common green between the 8B buildings — the magnolia, the palms, the sidewalk, the white picket fence. He patrols this ground daily.



His unit. Home. He hops the fence and climbs to the balcony.



The pathway. Palms and the white gate where he is let out.

LAST SEEN

Day & time	Tuesday, May 19, 2026 · approx. 3:40-4:00 PM
Where	Corner pathway by Building 8B, under the tree he favors — confirmed by a neighbor just after the security round
First radius	Tight: the 8B buildings and immediate neighbors, then outward

THE GROUND • BEGIN AT THE ESCAPE POINT



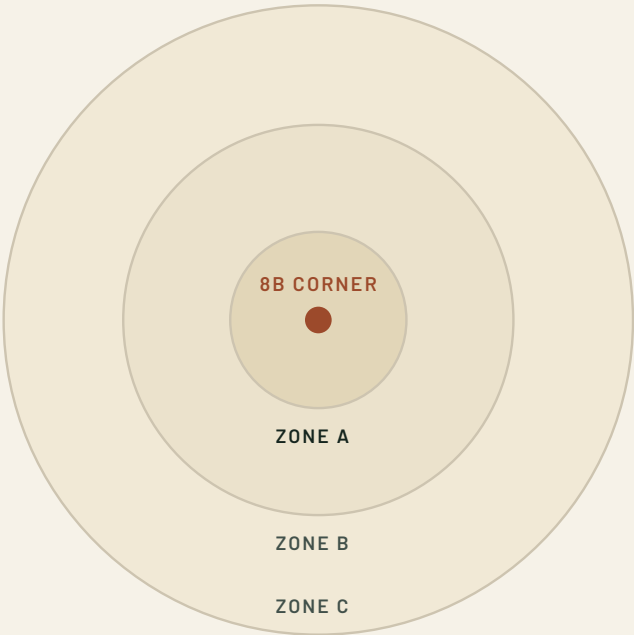
THE FIRST RULE OF THE SEARCH

Start where he vanished.

Under decks and stairs, inside sheds and storage closets, behind the air-conditioning units, beneath parked cars — the quiet, tight spaces a displaced cat wedges into and goes silent.

FROM THE 8B CORNER OUTWARD

Three rings on the quiet west end of the beach.



RADIUS LANDMARKS

Across St.	Gulf beach access · Sandpiper Beacon
Walkable	Mike's Cafe · Thomas Donut · Coconuts
Bounds	Arnold Rd (E) · Hwy 79 (~1 mi) · Pier Park (<3 mi)
Coords	approx. 30.23 N, -85.90 W — the west-end search box
Season	Peak rental turnover — new garages and vehicles open daily

ZONE A — ON-PROPERTY

Horizon South itself: the 8B buildings, the retention pond at Buildings 1-2, tree lines, sheds, A/C returns, crawl gaps, parked vehicles. The probability mass lives here. Walk it at dusk and pre-dawn.

ZONE B — HALF MILE

Front Beach Road frontage both directions; the Gulf beach access and Sandpiper Beacon across the street; Mike's Cafe, Thomas Donut, Coconuts. Flyers, door-knocks, dumpster lines behind food.

ZONE C — ONE MILE

Arnold Rd to the east, toward Hwy 79 west, Pier Park under three miles. Posters at intersections; alert vet clinics and rental turnover offices.

WHAT HAPPENED, IN ORDER

May 19 to today: the case so far.

● TUE MAY 19 · 3:40-4:00 PM

Last confirmed presence. After a walk back from a nearby restaurant, Aven settles at the 8B corner, under his tree. A neighbor confirms him there just after the community security round.

● EVENING, MAY 19

Did not come home on his usual pattern — the first signal something was wrong. Immediate-area search begins that night.

● FOLLOWING DAYS

Microchip flagged LOST with 24Petwatch and mChip. PawBoost listing 72926252 goes live — Featured Pet, Homepage Spotlight, Facebook Ads. Pet FBI / Lost Cats Florida listing 792649 filed.

● MAY 26

Security-footage preservation request sent to FirstService Residential. The community is mid-management-transition, which makes pressing the request matter: camera storage overwrites on a short cycle.

● FRI MAY 29

Police report filed. PCBPd case 2621723; online reporting confirmation 1190 anchors the footage-preservation chain. The officer of record is on file.

● EARLY JUNE

A one-time consult with a Florida-licensed, MAR-certified pet-recovery investigator confirms the approach: tight-radius displacement search, dusk and dawn windows, trap-and-camera over open calling. The ongoing search is owner-run.

● JUNE 9

Breed-network contacts re-verified against the organizations' own live sites — Exotic Cat Network / SavannahCat.com confirmed current.

● JUNE 10 · DAY 22

This issue. Trap-and-camera protocol targeted on the 8B corner and the retention pond; dawn tracker sweeps scheduled; breed-community outreach goes out.

"Cold data is still data — every quiet night shrinks the map."

PROBABILITY-WEIGHTED · CURRENT AS OF JUNE 10

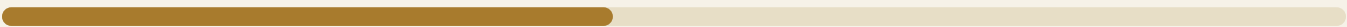
The honest odds, and what each one demands.

Still on or adjacent to the Horizon South property 45-55%



Holed up silent in the containment zone — sheds, crawl gaps, A/C returns, tree lines, the pond margin. Demands: dusk and pre-dawn sweeps, thermal, traps.

Taken in by a person as an 'exotic stray' 20-30%



A finder assumed he was an escaped exotic. Demands: breed-network watch, no-questions reward messaging, eyes on rehoming and for-sale channels.

Shut inside a structure or vehicle ~10-15%



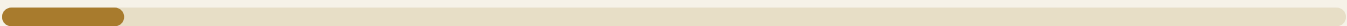
Garage, storage, screened porch, or a vehicle opened during rental turnover. Demands: door-knocks that ask people to open and look, not just watch.

Injured, lying low nearby ~5-10%



Silent and hidden within a few structures. Demands: the same tight-radius physical search — it covers this case automatically.

Ranged far on his own least likely



Against his profile and the research. Zone C posters cover it without diverting the core effort.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Read together: the search is won on the property and in the breed community. Physical trapping at known activity points outranks every digital channel — and the digital channels exist to reach the one person who may already have him.

THE OPERATING PICTURE · DAY 22 ONWARD

Four moves, run on his clock, not ours.

1 · TRAP & CAMERA THE TWO ANCHORS

Baited trap with trail camera at the 8B corner — the last confirmed sighting — and the retention pond at Buildings 1-2, the confirmed 7:30 PM activity point. Feeding-station phase first; arm only in dark hours.

2 · DAWN TRACKER SWEEP

Radio sweep of the full complex at first light, before foot traffic — the harness tracker, if pinging, gives a live bearing. Pair with the thermal monocular: dusk and dawn only; midday Florida heat blinds thermal.

3 · OPEN-AND-LOOK CANVASS

Peak rental turnover means garages, storage rooms, and vehicles open and close daily. The ask at every door is specific: open it and look, with a light, low and quiet — not just keep an eye out.

4 · KEEP THE WIDE NET WARM

PawBoost, Pet FBI, the chip registries, and the breed network all stay live. If traps and sweeps stay cold, the escalation options are a paid on-site tracker for this area (page 17) and a drone-thermal pass in a cool overcast window.

"Every sighting, trap check, and sweep gets logged with time and GPS. Cold data is still data — it shrinks the map."

ENVIRONMENT, MID-JUNE

Heat index	~98 F average — hydrate; sweeps end before the brush does
Storms	Frequent afternoon thunderstorms — protect cameras, re-bait after
Season	Peak tourist turnover — new enclosures open daily

FIELD KIT

- Thermal monocular — dusk/dawn
- Radio receiver — first light
- Covered drop trap + trail cam
- Fish bait, lure scent
- Muck boots · brush pants
- Briar gloves · net jacket
- Water — more than feels right

HUMANE TRAPPING · F1-SPECIFIC

The trap recovers him. Everything else finds him.

● **DROP TRAP OVER SPRING CAGE**

A covered drop trap is the right tool for a panic-prone hybrid — no slamming door, no metallic snap, far less trap-shyness if the first attempt misses. A standard spring cage is the fallback, not the lead.

● **PRE-ARM WITH A FEEDING STATION**

Establish the bait point unarmed first. Let the camera prove he is feeding on schedule before the trap ever goes live. An armed trap on night one teaches avoidance; a feeding station teaches routine.

● **DARK HOURS, FISH BAIT**

Arm at dusk through pre-dawn — his windows. Strong-scent fish bait, refreshed after each afternoon storm. Quiet approach on checks; headlamp on red if available.

● **NEVER UNATTENDED IN THE HEAT**

An armed trap in Florida June heat is a hard rule: monitored, always. A cat in a trap in 98-degree heat index is a medical emergency within the hour. Camera-watch or physical-watch, no exceptions.

● **ON CAPTURE**

Cover the trap fully, move to shade, quiet voice, straight indoors. Call the lead number immediately; vet check before anything else if there is any sign of injury or dehydration.

TRAP LOGISTICS

County loan Bay County dispatch (850) 784-4005 · \$35 refundable deposit

Trapping help Operation Spay Bay · 850-215-1022

THE GROUND · DUSK

WHEN TO BE OUT

His hours are dusk and first light.

Confirmed movement near the retention pond around 7:30 in the evening. If you walk the property, walk it then — quietly, eyes first.

SIGHTING PROTOCOL

Seeing him is the moment. Here is how not to lose it.

Do not chase him or call out. A scared cat far from home reads fast movement and loud voices as threat and bolts — often to a worse hiding spot. The instinct to rush toward him is the most common way a sighting is lost.

Freeze and get low. Sit or crouch, look away slightly, let him settle. If you have food, set a little down and back off. Quietly take a photo — it confirms him and records the spot.

Then call or text immediately with the exact location and time. Even if he moves off, a precise fresh sighting lets the search converge fast.

IF HE IS WITH YOU NOW — THANK YOU

You are not in any trouble. If you took Aven in believing he was a stray, there are no questions and no blame — only gratitude and a reward. Keep him in one quiet, closed room or a carrier, away from doors and windows. Water, a little food, low noise, no other pets. If he seems hurt, call right away so he can get care. Then reach out — or have any vet or shelter scan his microchip. It is registered, flagged, and points straight home.

CALL THE MOMENT YOU SEE HIM

(260) 337-3747

Co-lead	On file — reach via the hotline
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Email	wherewithal@sehvan.com
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Any hour	Calls and texts both work
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OR HAVE HIM SCANNED

Microchip	Yes — flagged LOST
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Registries	24Petwatch + mChip · LOST
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24Petwatch	1-866-597-2424 · 24/7
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Any vet / shelter	Scans free, reunites
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Verify a sighting	Ears, banded tail, harness — a true match looks like these pages
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PET DETECTIVES & TRACKERS FOR THIS AREA

Licensed help, ready to bring on if needed.

SUSAN LONG – PET SEARCH & RESCUE (PANHANDLE)

Credentials	Florida-licensed private investigator · MAR-certified
Status	Consulted once on this case · available for on-site work
Reach	850-737-1348 · 800-925-2410
Offers	On-site searches, trapping help, scent work, coaching

ALSO ON CALL

PCB Police	Case 2621723 · PCB Police non-emergency 850-233-5000
MAR Network	missinganimalresponse.com – national tracker and trapper directory
Drone-thermal	Held in reserve – deploy only in cool, overcast windows if traps stay cold
Scent articles	Unwashed bedding + worn harness liner, gloved and sealed in paper – ready for any K9 team on arrival

ONE CAUTION

Reputable trackers never demand money wired up front to return a pet — treat that as a scam, every time. No payment moves before microchip verification, on any tip, from anyone.

VERIFIED AGAINST EACH ORGANIZATION'S OWN SITE

A rare cat has a community watching for him.

If Aven was taken in as an exotic stray, the person holding him will eventually touch the Savannah world — a breeder, a rescue, a registry, a forum, a for-sale post. These are the organizations now carrying his case, so that the moment a young male F1 surfaces anywhere in that world, it gets matched against this file.

EXOTIC CAT NETWORK / SAVANNAH CAT.COM

The breed's long-running community hub and breeder network. If you have seen a young male F1 offered, rehomed, or found anywhere in the Savannah world, tell them and tell us. Contact verified current against the live site, June 9, 2026.

SAVANNAH CAT ASSOCIATION

business@savannahcatassociation.org — breed association with owner and breeder reach across the community's channels.

SAVANNAH RESCUE

info@svrescue.com — the national breed rescue network; the first place a surrendered or found Savannah tends to surface.

SAVANNAHGANS MAGAZINE

savannahgans@gmail.com — the breed's publication; reach into owners who follow no other channel.

SAVANNAH BREED SECTION

savannahbreedsection.com/contact — the breed's own community of owners and breeders. A young male F1 surfacing anywhere in the Savannah world gets noticed here first; send them the photo.

BEAR CREEK FELINE CENTER

850-722-9927 · bearcreekfelinecenterinc@gmail.com — the local exotic-feline facility in Bay County; the first call locals make about a wildcat sighting.

FWC EXOTIC SPECIES HOTLINE

888-483-4681 — where Florida wildcat reports land. A leopard-looking cat called in near PCB should be cross-checked against this case.

BREEDER OF RECORD

Aven is a registered Savannah with documented parentage. Ownership and pedigree are held privately — not published here — and can be confirmed directly if a found cat needs verifying. The breeder community knows its own lines on sight; that recognition is part of the net.

BAY COUNTY · RE-VERIFIED JUNE 2026

Who to call, in the order that works.

CALL FIRST

24Petwatch	1-866-597-2424 · 24/7 — confirm chip flagged
Bay Co. Animal Svcs	850-767-3333 — lost report; check intake by phone or in person (no outside email)
Trap loan	Dispatch 850-784-4005 · \$35 deposit
PCB Police	850-233-5000 · case 2621723

POST & SEARCH ONLINE

PawBoost	pawboost.com/p/72926252 — live, featured
Pet FBI	Listing 792649 · Lost Cats Florida
Petco Love Lost	lost.petcolove.org — photo + chip
Facebook	Lost & Found Pets of Bay County, FL
Nextdoor	Horizon South + nearby PCB

VETS NEAR 32413 — SCAN THE CHIP

Animal Care Ctr PCB	8501 Front Beach Rd · 850-235-2877
Gulf Winds	201 N Arnold Rd · 850-233-8383
Dr. Norm's Westside	22326 PCB Pkwy · 850-708-1080
After-hours ER	Emergency Vet of Destin · 850-424-4777

SITE, SHELTER & MEDIA

FirstService Res.	Community management · contact via fsresidential.com
Shelter intake	6401 Bayline Dr · Mon-Fri 1:15-3:00 PM · photo ID
WJHG	news@wjhg.com · 850-233-1977
WMBB / News Herald	news@wmbb.com · pcnhnews@pcnh.com

THE STANDING RULE

No money moves before microchip verification — on any tip, from anyone, no matter how convincing. The chip is the lock: it resolves straight to his owner, free, at any scanner — and is not published here.

THE PAPER TRAIL THAT PROVES HE HAS A HOME

Every record, current — and the corrections that matter.

IDENTITY

Name	Aven
Breed	Domestic cat — F1 Savannah
Sex / status	Male, neutered (date held back)
Born	Held back — verifies by phone
Color	Golden-tan, black-spotted
Microchip	Registered · flagged LOST
Registered	Yes — held privately
Vaccines	Current, incl. rabies

COORDINATORS & CASE

Owner	Sehvan — disabled CSAR veteran
Reach	(260) 337-3747 · wherewithal@sehvan.com
Co-lead	On file — reach via the hotline
Residence	Horizon South, Panama City Beach, Florida 32413 — unit held back
Held back	Chip, birthdate, identifying marks
Police	PCBPD case 2621723

FOR THE RECORD — TWO CORRECTIONS, ONE HOLDBACK

THE NAME IS AVEN.

One investigator file circulated as Sven. Any database entry under that spelling should be corrected — a one-letter error can break a microchip-to-owner match.

THE YEAR IS 2026.

Early outreach in some institutional databases carried a 2025 disappearance date. He went missing May 19, 2026.

THE VERIFICATION QUESTIONS ARE HELD BACK.

His chip number, birthdate, and identifying marks are withheld here — they are what separate a finder from a claimant.

Handling note: friendly and harness-trained, but bolts if rushed. If injured, get him care first and call the owner — costs are covered.



WHY IT MATTERS · A WORD FROM HIS PERSON

He walks me.

You may have seen us out on his harness and thought it was the other way around — the man walking the cat. The truth is, he walks me. He's the reason I get up, get outside, and keep going.

I'm a retired, 100% disabled combat search-and-rescue veteran. I spent a career going into the worst places and the most dangerous environments so that others might live. Losing Aven isn't like misplacing a pet. It's losing the steady hand that holds a veteran's days together.

If this issue reaches the right hands — a tracker, an officer, a neighbor, someone in the Savannah community — the next call could end the search. Please look in your garage, your shed, under your deck, and pass this along.

"So that others may live."

BRING HIM HOME

One call ends the search.

SEE HIM, OR KNOW ANYTHING — CALL OR TEXT, ANY HOUR

(260) 337-3747

wherewithal@sehvan.com

WHO AVEN BELONGS TO

Sehvan — a retired, 100% disabled combat search-and-rescue veteran. Aven is his emotional-support companion. You may have seen them on the harness and thought it was the other way around. The truth is, the cat walks the man.

THE REWARD, PLAINLY

A reward is offered for information that brings Aven home — no questions asked. If you took him in thinking he was a stray, there is no trouble here. Just return him.

Tear off & keep

AVEN · Lost F1 Savannah cat

Horizon South, PCB 32413 · chip flagged LOST

Call / text any hour

(260) 337-3747

Missing since May 19, 2026, from Horizon South, Panama City Beach. His microchip is registered and flagged LOST with 24Petwatch (1-866-597-2424) and mChip. Live listing pawboost.com/p/72926252 · Pet FBI 792649. A man who spent his career going into the worst places so that others might live is now the one searching. Thank you for looking, and for passing this along.