Family reunited with their lost cat

HINSDALE

Sometimes it's a long way home.

A Hinsdale family originally from South Africa has been reunited with its cat, thanks to efforts by the Hinsdale police and the Hinsdale Humane Society.

A couple months after moving here, bringing

their two cats and two dogs in crates on the airline carrier, their cat Bling went missing. In South Africa, it is standard for cats to roam freely outdoors and the family had not ever heard of "indoor" cats, according to humane society officials.

The family searched the yard, streets and neighborhoods. They put up flyers, called the police and the vet offices. Months went by with no luck.

Three months later the Hinsdale police brought a stray white cat to the Hinsdale Humane Society. One of the shelter adoption counselors noticed



Nalda and Amber Page are all smiles on the day they were reunited with their lost cat, Bling. | PHOTO COURTESY OF PAM SALOMONE

that the cat looked like a flyer she had seen posed and called.

"I tried not to get my hopes up," said Nalda Page. "I thought he was gone forever. I could no believe my eyes!"