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- We presented our project to Ms. Casey Panning and she was impressed by our prototype. She suggested we make our collar more adaptable for cats.

- We met with Ms. Claudia Vecchio and she pointed out that strangers might be apprehensive about approaching an unknown animal. She suggested we make our collar announce that the dog is friendly.

- We showed our prototype to Mr. Jack Feder P. Eng. and he helped us troubleshoot the electronics of our project.

- We met with Ms. Cathy Broughton who provided us with many insights concerning public's attitudes toward dogs and the strengths and benefits of Pinder, as a professional doa walker.

- We presented our innovative solution and skit to 210 middle school students at our school, Bayview Glen.


IMPL-FMENTATION

- Next steps for our research project develop partnerships with manufacturers to design and produce our solution


An innovative way to reunite lost pets with their families

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Visit:
(a) Our website at http://fllctrlz_github.io/animal_allies/
(b) Our video at https://youtu.be/8qMOpLtEePo


FIRST LEGO LEAGUE


## PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

- Our FLL Animal Allies problem: Every year, about 1 million pets are lost in Canada and only $22 \%$ are reunited with their families. This is a cause of significant grief to the pet owner's family and adversely affects the family's health and social well-being.


## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- We have used experts, articles, websites and conducted a survey


## EXPERTS

- Ms. Claudia Vecchio, Founder of ORA (Organization for the Rescue of Animals)
- Ms. Casey Panning, Community Outreach \& Education Coordinator at the Toronto Humane Society
- Ms. Cathy Broughton, Founder of Cathy Broughton Dog Walking, a professional dog-walking business in operation for the past 12 years in our community.
- Mr. Jack Feder, Electrical Engineer and Inventor of Electronic Medical Devices
- Galen Udell, a business and marketing graduate of Simon Fraser University. He has worked in multiple companies including IBM and a cable and infrastructure company. He is now pursuing his lifelong passion by starting Bark 'n Yapp, a website to create an online community for dog lovers and related businesses.


## SOME OF OUR ARTICLES WE REFERRED TO

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## EXISTING SOLUTIONS

- We conducted a patent search.
- Many existing solutions use cell phone towers to locate the pet. This requires a monthly subscription which can be very expensive.
- Other solutions notify passersby that the animal is lost but require them to have an app on their mobile device. Not everyone would have this app and would, therefore, limit the effectiveness of these solutions.

194 Middle School Respondents - Bayview Glen December 8, 2016
Ctrl-Z conducted a survey using Google Forms and 194 middle school students responded. The purpose of the survey was to determine the number of respondents who have lost a pet and to determine of those lost pets, how many were reunited with their families.


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Results: Of the 194 respondents, 65 owned a dog, 22 owned a cat and 107 owned neither. $17 \%$ of dog owners have lost their pet and $23 \%$ of cat owners have lost their pet. Of those pets that were lost, a high proportion ( $29 \%$ ) were never reunited with their pet. This suggests that there is a high need for the Pinder Pet Finder as a inexpensive way to increase the chances of

## INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

TEAM SOLUTION


- Our innovative solution is an inexpensive pet collar that will help in reuniting lost pets with their families.
- Our collar connects with the owner's mobile device using Bluetooth. The range of the Bluetooth connection is approximately 190 feet. If a pet walks away and exceeds this range, the connection is lost and the Pinder Pet Finder collar will go into SOS mode.
- Passersby will be made aware of the lost pet by way of:
- A laser projecting a message onto the ground.
- A broadcasted audio message.
- An $8 \times 8$ scrolling LED matrix display indicating the contact information of the owner.
- As an optional feature of the product, there is a digital thermometer monitoring the ambient temperature around the pet. If it exceeds a set temperature, the collar would alarm to notify passersby that the pet needs to be rescued.


## INNOVATION

- Does not require a monthly subscription or cell phone coverage to operate.
- An app does not need to be downloaded on the phone in order to notify bystanders.
- Unlike microchip implants, Pinder does not need a reader to decipher the information on the collar


## BUSINESS CASE



