

# ***A Lion Is Discovered In Flushing Cemetery***

A young male lion was found last night roaming among the tombstones at Mount St. Mary's Cemetery in Flushing, Queens.

The 200-pound cub was discovered by Albert Sima and Mike Lovascio as they were driving past the cemetery around 10 P.M.

"We thought it was a lost dog at first," said Mr. Sima. "We could see his collar and leash. There he was on the grass, just sniffing along. He was pretty friendly — started rubbing up against us and purring like a pussycat." So what else could we do, he said, but put him in the car and take him home.

"I called the police; I called the A.S.P.C.A.; I called everyone I could," said Mr. Sima. "They just started making jokes."

Eventually, police emergency squad 10 arrived and took him to the A.S.P.C.A. in Manhattan where one of the police officers said: "Hey, we got a lion out here for you."

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