



TIPS FOR FINDING A LOST PET

In the event that your dog/cat gets lost, there are a number of things you can do to improve your chances of finding him/her:

- As soon as you notice your pet is missing, look for him/her first inside and outside of your house. Your pet may be in a closet, a dark corner, or even inside bulky furniture and other small places. Try making cues that usually interest your pet (i.e.: opening the dog food container or jingling a favorite toy.)
- Go door to door in your neighborhood and let your neighbors know your pet is missing. Sometimes, pets may hide in a neighbor's garage or have found an open window and may be hiding or accidentally locked in a basement or shed etc.
- Make flyers to hand out and post around the area with your pet's picture and a description.
 - Use large and clear font that can be easily read.
 - Be sure to include a telephone number that somebody will answer or that is hooked up to an answering machine.
 - If you chose to offer a reward, use caution in responding to people who claim to have found your pet.
 - You should always be sure to ask permission to post a flyer on any private property.
- Ask businesses if you can post a flyer in their store. This includes retail stores, gas stations, restaurants, bars, and grocery stores.
- Call all local animal shelters, groomers, animal control, and veterinary offices to report your missing pet. You should also bring them a flyer to post.
- Place an ad in the local paper. Some papers will run lost and found messages in the classified sections for free or at a low cost.
- If your pet is micro chipped, contact the company where your micro chip is registered and let them know you pet is missing. Oftentimes, micro chip companies maintain a database of animal care businesses etc. where they can send a missing pet alert.
- Spread the word on the Internet.
 - Send emails to friends, family, and coworkers on your email list and ask them to pass on the info to anyone in the area.
 - Post messages and pictures on message boards and forums.

If you find your pet, it is important to take down all of the posters and let those you contacted know the good news!