



# TIPS FOR RECOVERING A LOST PET

Losing your pet is a terrifying and traumatic ordeal. Here are some expert tips proven to help you and your pet reunite.



**MAINTAIN**  
A BASE WHERE YOUR PET  
DISAPPEARED

BE SURE TO LEAVE  
SOMETHING WITH  
YOUR SCENT THERE

MAKE LARGE POSTERS THAT SAY

# REWARD

ALONG WITH A RECENT PHOTO  
AND A LARGE PHONE NUMBER

# CREATE



**FLIERS  
OR  
BUSINESS  
CARDS**

HAND THEM OUT IN  
FREQUENTED  
AREAS



**CALL • BEFRIEND • VISIT**  
AREA VETERINARIANS & SHELTERS

**STAY CONNECTED**  
POST ON FACEBOOK,  
TWITTER, CRAIGSLIST  
& ANY OTHER INTERNET  
SITES THAT MAY BE HELPFUL



YOUR PET SHOULD HAVE A  
**MICROCHIP**  
IN ADDITION TO A  
**PET ID TAG**

# HELP!

## MY PET IS LOST. WHAT DO I DO?

When your pet goes missing, your window of opportunity is small. Bolt out the door to begin your search before your pet gets too far.

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### ACT FAST

About 90% of lost pets are found when their owners search within a 2 mile radius for around 12 hours after the event. **If your pet is micro-chipped, things will be easier.**



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### THINK LIKE YOUR PET

Animals running away usually want to explore areas in the neighborhood that they've noticed before.

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### LOOK FARTHER AFIELD

They may be picked up & transported to a shelter or animal hospital. Do a visual check and ask at all shelters, humane societies, and animal hospitals within a 10-mile radius. Check our website for complete area listings.

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### REGISTER A MISSING PET COMPLAINT WITH THE POLICE

Having a registered complaint will help prove that your pet is indeed yours when you find it later.

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### MAKE POSTERS

Hang posters within 10 miles of the area with a quality photo of your pet, a phone number, and info about a reward. Leave posters at your local shelters, animal hospitals, and bark parks.

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### LOOK ONLINE AND TRY THE CLASSIFIEDS

The internet has dozens of lost and found pet databases, message boards, and forums. Both print and online newspapers run ads for lost pets. You can also post your lost pet on Wayside Waifs' website.

**NEVER LOSE HOPE!**

Look up encouraging stories of how people have found their pets. Things work out best when you refuse to lose hope!

