

## Lost Pet tips, tricks, and resources

**Losing your pet can be scary! We are here to help. Below are some tips and advice on what to do if your pet goes missing.**

- 1) If the pet is microchipped, contact your microchip company and report that your pet has gone missing. Most microchip companies send out a “lost pet alert” to surrounding shelters and veterinarians. This helps information spread throughout the community giving your pet a greater chance of being found.
- 2) Physically look for your pet. Check your surrounding neighbor’s yards (i.e under decks, bushes and in garages).
- 3) Check your neighborhood. Bring a bag of your pet’s favorite treats or toys to help familiarize themselves with you and to encourage them to come out of a hiding place.
- 4) Be persistent. Visit local shelters and humane societies daily. You can also call to see if any animal that has come in matches the description of your lost pet.
- 5) Post on social media. There are multiple social media sites where you can post about your lost pet. This is a great way to spread the word around. Repost frequently.
- 6) Make flyers. Making and posting flyers around your neighborhood and community will be very beneficial in helping find your pet. Be careful not to include personal information such as your address.

### What to include on your flier:

1. Eye-Catching Headline
2. Pet's Name
3. A Brief Description of Your Pet
4. Date and Location Last Seen
5. Clear Current Photo
6. Contact Information

### Helpful websites that help advertise lost pets include:

<https://24petconnect.com/> [www.pawboost.com](http://www.pawboost.com)

[www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)

Another helpful website about lost pets and what to do:

<https://www.rover.com/blog/how-to-find-a-lost-cat/>

### Possible reasons why your cat goes missing:

- Cats may stray away from home while hunting or exploring.
- If a predator comes into your yard, it might frighten your cat away making him afraid to come back into your yard/home
- If moving to a new house/area this may cause your cat to be confused and unfamiliar with his surroundings.

**-If your cat is sick or has become injured they like to find a quiet place to hide away from common activity.**

**- Unneutered male cats often go wandering in search of females to mate with.**