



# What To Do If You Have Lost Your Pet



- 1) Immediately put out food, water, your pet's bed or an article of your clothing where the pet was last seen.
- 2) Contact local **animal control agency**, rescue groups, veterinary offices, animal service businesses and police department to file missing pet report and inquire if anyone reported finding your pet. Be sure to call the non-emergency number for your local police department.
- 3) Use flyers and signs with a photo and description of the pet along with a contact phone number. Post signs on your private property. Be sure to legally post your signs when not on private property. Go door to door in the neighborhood where the pet was last seen to ask about the missing pet and provide them with a flyer.
- 4) Instruct those helping in the search to **NOT** call out or chase the pet. Try to lure the pet with a treat and be sure to have a leash readily available.
- 5) Post the pet on lost & found sections of social media sites, lost pet websites & newspapers.
- 6) Create social media sites and a web site for your pet.



# What To Do If You Find A Lost Pet



- 1) Check for a license or ID tag on the collar. If there are none, ask around the neighborhood if anyone recognizes the pet.
  - 2) Take the pet to the nearest veterinarian or animal shelter to have the pet scanned for a microchip or check for an identifying tattoo.
  - 3) Notify the proper authorities to report the found pet. Call the local police non-emergency line and the local animal control agency to complete a found pet report.
  - 4) Notify any other local animal shelters and veterinarians of the found pet.
  - 5) Create and handout flyers in the neighborhood, animal service businesses and local businesses where the pet owner may look for information on their lost pet.
  - 6) Post the pet on lost & found sections of social media sites, lost pet websites & newspapers.
- \*As a precaution, leave out a piece of information about the pet that only the owner would know, such as the color of the pet's collar or a distinguishing mark. It's important to reunite the pet with the real owner and not someone that falsely claims to be the owner.



# How to Protect Your Pet from Getting Lost Pet



- 1) Always keep your pet's collar on with current license, rabies and identification tags attached.
- 2) Microchip your pet.
- 3) Connect the leash before opening the door.
- 4) Always keep your pet on a leash when outside the home.
- 5) Keep your leash/lead in good repair.
- 6) Never leave your pet in an unattended vehicle.
- 7) Avoid high noise events.
- 8) Do not rely on a fence. Pets can climb over or dig out under fences.
- 9) Give specific instructions to anyone that may care for your pet in your absence.
- 10) Prepare a Lost Pet Packet in the event the pet should ever become lost. The packet should include a recent photo of the pet, detailed description, contact information, phone number of the nearest animal control facility, and tag/license/microchip identification numbers.



# Helpful Links and Apps for Your Pet's Health and Safety



- Tips from Lost Dogs of Delaware - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.280762512043309.65754.121394617980100&type=3>
- ASPCA Information - <http://www.asPCA.org/>
- 3) ASPCA Lost Pet Information Phone App - <http://www.asPCA.org/blog/new-asPCA-iphone-android-app-provides-essential-resource-pet-parents>
- 4) ASPCA Poison Control Information for Pets Phone App - <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/download-our-free-asPCA-apCC-mobile-app>
- 5) Red Cross First Aid for Pets App - <http://www.redcross.org/mobile-apps/pet-first-aid-app>
- 6) Center for Lost Pets Website - <http://www.thecenterforlostpets.com/advice.aspx>
- 7) Delaware Office of Animal Welfare - <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/oaw/oawhome.html>