

LOST DOG

"Bailey"

Yellow Lab

575-555-0000



80 lbs. • 1 year old • male
Got out of fenced area

8. Prepare a flyer.

Create a flyer to find your lost pet. Owners can download the ASPCA's Pet Safety for Lost Pets, Disaster Prep, and Emergency Alerts app. The free program has a kit that pet parents can use to create a flyer. Use an updated picture. Create a big headline. It should read "MISSING DOG" or "LOST CAT." Provide information about your lost pet. Write a physical description. Include their sex, breed, height, age, color, and weight. Make sure to leave off two identifying characteristics about your pet. This will prevent scam artists from tricking you. Read the "Be wary of pet recovery scams" section for more information. Attach your contact information (name, telephone, etc;). Provide a second contact name and phone number, if the stranger that located your pet can't reach you. Make sure all information is factually correct.

One wrong number can prevent you from being reunited with your dog or cat. Avoid offering a reward. This could attach value to a pet. If you do, your dog or cat could end up in the wrong hands. Distribute your flyers. Place them in local stores, malls, doctors offices, U.S. Post Offices, restaurants, and other areas. Ask permission before you post a flyer. Secure them to lamps and electrical posts.

9. Be wary of petrecovery scams.

Unfortunately, owners that lost their dogs or cats must be wary of scams. Some con artists will ask for money for a pet that is not yours. Others demand money for a pet they don't have. Be careful. Be wary of individuals that demand money up front for a lost pet. Ask a stranger that has found your pet to describe them. They should provide identifying features about your pet left out of the advertisements. "If someone claims that they found your #pet, but can't name any identifying features, tread lightly—it may be a scam."

10. Create a scent trail for your pet.

A dog or cat may want to return home but cannot find it's way back. Create a scent trail to help your pet return home, especially during winter. Place a tshirt, heavy with your scent, onto the back of an automobile or in a familiar area.

11. Stay hopeful.

Some pets can even return days, weeks, or even years after being lost. It's never too late to find a pet that's still living.



Lost Pet Action Guide



1. Contact your microchip company.

Microchip agencies can help locate your pet if they're wearing one. It is one of the easiest ways to find them. Contact the microchip company and tell them your dog or cat is missing. When you talk to customer service, ensure the microchip company has your most up-to-date contact information.

2. Check your house.

Ask housemates and family members if they've seen your pet and find out when they last saw your dog or cat. Search underneath large pieces of furniture like chairs, sofas, or beds.

Sometimes, a dog or cat will curl up in dark areas to sleep. Check inside dark closets, small places, garages, sheds, and other sites. Try to lure them out from a potential hiding place with their favorite food, treats, or toys.

3. Canvas your neighborhood.

Search your neighborhood for your lost furry friend. Drive slowly through streets. Call out your pet's name and whistle for them. Talk to your neighbors. Show them a recent picture of your cat or dog. Ask if they've seen them. Tell your neighbors to keep an eye out for them. Look within trees, porches, shrubs, and other outdoor areas where your pet may be hiding out.

Brand	Chip No. Format	Manufacturer	Contact
Microfindr Datamars	981xxxxxxxxxxx	Datamars	18777385465
Bayer resQ	98102000xxxxxxx	Datamars	18777385465
HomeAgain	985xxxxxxxxxxx FDXAxxxxxxxxxxx	Destron Fearing Digital Angel	18884663242
AVID	xxx * xxx * xxx xxxxxxxxxxx	AVID	18003362843
24PetWatch	982xxxxxxxxxxx FDXA xxxxxxxxxxx	Allflex	18665972424
AKC/CAR	956xxxxxxxxxxx TVNxxxxxxxxxxx	Trovan	18002527864
Banfield	98101000xxxxxxx 0D0Dxxxxxxx	Datamars 0D0Dxxxxxxx	18775678738

4. Complete a Found/Missing Pet Report At ascmv.org

Call local animal hospitals, shelters, and rescue groups to see if they've found your pet. Sometimes, individuals will bring injured runaways or stray animals to local veterinarians. Give them your pet's description and provide your pet's microchip number and a recent photo.

5. Speak with your pet insurance agency.

Talk with the pet policy insurer and ask if they can provide financial assistance to locate your missing dog or cat. Sometimes, the policies will cover costs to locate furry friends.

6. Use social media posts.

Make a social media post to advertise that your pet is lost. Ask friends and relatives to share the post on their timeline. Add the post on area lost pet websites and in local Facebook groups.

7. Place an advertisement.

Create an advertisement on internet sites about your lost pet. Here are a few websites that can assist you: Center for Lost Pets Craigslist Lost Dogs of America Lost Pet USA Missing Pet Partnership Petfinder: Lost and Found Cats Petfinder: Lost and Found Dogs You can also post a lost pet advertisement in your local newspaper's want ads.