

MY PET IS MISSING WHAT DO I DO?

When your pet is missing, time is of the essence. Be sure to follow these 5 steps in order to get your pet home safe where they belong.

1

Report Your Pet Missing

Promptly report your cat or dog missing with local animal shelters, animal control, rescue groups and police departments. You never know who will find your pet or where they will take them. Be sure to specifically describe your pet and include a photo if possible. It is important to cover all bases and regularly check back with shelters/rescue groups.

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Search For Your Pet

When a pet goes missing, it's important not to waste any time. Look around your neighborhood and hand out your flyers to neighbors and ask them to call if they have a sighting. Try calling your pet's name, shaking a bag of their favorite treats or squeaking one of their favorite toys. It is important not to chase your pet. Ask friends and family to help you search.

2

Make a Lost Flyer

Create a simple "Lost" flyer and hand them out to nearby businesses, neighbors, shelters/rescues, your mailman, etc. It is important to keep your flyer simple, but don't leave out any needed information. It is best to include: recent photo(s) of your pet, a description of your pet (breed, sex, distinguishing characteristics, etc.), location he/she was last seen and a phone number where you can best be reached.

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Go To The Web

Many times, Good Samaritans pick up stray animals. If your pet does not have an ID tag or microchip, they have no way of knowing how to reach their family. Share your lost flyer on social media sites and via e-mail.

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Don't Give Up!

In some cases, finding your pet can take days, weeks or even months. Don't lose hope.

How Can I Prevent My Pet From Running Away?

Typically, pets run away due to boredom or loneliness, because they are not fixed, in response to sudden and unexpected events that frighten them, out of curiosity, or if they are new to a home. Be sure that your altered animal gets regular exercise, activity and stimulation to avoid boredom and curiosity. Also, be sensitive to new situations that can frighten your pet.

How Can I Ensure My Pet is Returned To Me?

All of your pets—even indoor-only pets—should wear a collar with an ID tag. The ID tag should have your name and a current phone number. At times, pets run away without their collar on, or their collar comes off. Microchips act as a permanent form of identification and we highly recommend microchipping your pet(s). Keep in mind that you are responsible for keeping contact information up-to-date with the microchip company.

We Provide Microchipping at our Shelter

Please call (440) 951-6122 to make an appointment.

For more information, visit lakehumane.org.