



## ***\*\* LOST PET CHECKLIST \*\****

- Contact your local animal control and others in the area. Give them a description of your pet and a reliable way to contact you.
- Contact your veterinarian and make sure they have current contact information for you. If someone finds your pet and calls them based on the rabies tag, they will need to contact you. Don't forget to contact past veterinarians as well just in case the pet is traced back to them.
- If your pet is microchipped contact the microchip company and make sure they have current contact information
- Contact the breeder or rescue group you got your pet from. If your pet is found it may be traced back to them and they need current contact information for you. Rescue groups are also a great resource to help search for your pet since they frequent local animal shelters.
- If your pet has an IDKC tag, be sure we have current contact information. Also, consider logging into your profile and making it publically visible.
- Drive around your neighborhood and search. If you can't get a clear view of everything, get out and walk. Talk to neighbors and let them know your pet is missing and how to contact you if they see it.
- List your pet with: [www.KCPetConnect.com](http://www.KCPetConnect.com), [www.Fidofinder.com](http://www.Fidofinder.com), [www.lostandpound.com](http://www.lostandpound.com), [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com), [www.pets911.com](http://www.pets911.com), [www.910Pets.com](http://www.910Pets.com). Get the word out. If you are on Facebook, myspace or any other social networking sites post a picture of your lost pet.
- Check out <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/>. They have specific tips on likely behavior of lost animals to help you locate your pet. This is important!
- Contact local emergency vets. If your pet was injured it might be taken there. Leave contact information and a description of your pet
- **Make and post flyers.**
- Please see <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-posters.php> for tips to make an effective poster
- Place lost ads in local papers. If they have online versions post there as well. (910Pets.com) Many papers will run lost and found ads for no charge.

- Check petfinder.com. There is a section to post lost and found dogs. Also search in the adoptable pet section. If a good Samaritan found your pet there is a chance it ended up at a rescue group instead of the local shelter, and the rescue group may have posted it as an adoptable pet.
- Check local animal shelters every day **IN PERSON!** Only you can truly ID your pet and they may not have long to be recovered once they are in the shelter. Do not only check in your city, check in neighboring cities in case your pet wandered into their jurisdiction.
- Please note that even if you do not have a computer or use the internet frequently, that does not mean that the person who found your pet is the same way. Your pet may be listed on 5 different sites but you won't know unless you look. The opposite is true as well. The person who found your pet may not have the internet and may be listing the dog in newspapers or with the lost pet registry. Please keep this in mind and use **every** available resource to look for your pet.
- **Don't give up too early! Keep at it! Pets have been found months after they were originally lost.**