



The Factsheet Series

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Lost and Found Pets

A short guide on what to do if you've lost or found a pet... Remember there is *always* hope!

Section 1

This first section is devoted to the initial few hours after you've discovered your pet missing. We'll be sharing some helpful suggestions from other website and organizations.

Quick Suggestions:

- Do a search of your neighbourhood, call out your pet's name, shake a bag of treats etc.
- Always double-check your house as well! It's amazing the tiny spaces that small animals can get themselves into (want proof just ask me where my foster kitten ended up when we weren't looking!) Call out, shake treats etc and stay quiet for periods of time to hear meows/barks in case they got themselves into a small space.
- NEVER chase a lost pet, this frightens them and they are not likely to approach people as much
- Contact your local humane society, animal control, animal rescue as soon as possible and leave your information with them, a photo as well

- If your pet is micro chipped contact the company to ensure all information is up to date
- Post on Helping Lost Pets (mentioned in Section 2)
- Go door to door and ask your neighbours if they've seen your pet

Lost/found Search Tips from the OSPCA - Specifically for cats and dogs

<http://www.ontariospca.ca/what-we-do/humane-education/companion-animals/fact-sheets/lost-pet-recovery-101.html>

About, how to find a lost pet – Focused on Toronto but has many helpful suggestions. <http://toronto.about.com/od/pets/a/lost-found-pets-toronto.htm>

Oakville Humane Society Tips – Most helpful if you live in the GTA

<http://omhs.ca/programs/lost-pets/>

Cats in the Bag - Search Tips for Lost Cats

<http://www.catsinthebag.org>

Lost Dog Search – Search Tips for Lost Dogs

<http://www.lostdogsearch.com/searchtips.htm>

Missing Pet Partnership – Search tips for other lost pets (birds, turtles, snakes, small and furry etc.) <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-other.php>

Waggz and Whiskerz Pet Tracking – Trained dogs track the scent of your pet (GTA) <http://www.waggzandwhiskerz.com/Lost-Pet-Searches.html>

Section 2

Find out where you can list lost/found pets. This includes websites and in print resources. Focused on Ontario Canada. Please try using more than one website! Most of the listings allow you to list lost/found/stolen pets. The organizations listed below are ones that post lost pets online. Please contact your local humane society even if it is not listed! This is by no means an exhaustive list, please contact us if there is another website or organization that you know of.

You're past the initial few hours or days. Make sure you've done the above (in quick suggestions Section 1). Below are some further suggestions:

- Put up posters in your neighbourhood, adjacent neighbourhoods, pet stores, vet clinics, humane society, grocery stores, library, telephone poles and more! (Helping Lost Pets generates a poster for you!) *Or see Section 3 on how to make an effective poster.*
- Remember to offer a REWARD. It does not need to be large but offering a small reward encourages people to return your pet to you. Its best not to mention how much you are offering until you have your pet safely home!
- Do not offer enormous amounts of information on a poster or if someone calls you about your pet. For example leave one marking a secret (like a white spot on their tail). This is a way to ensure that people do not scam you out of reward money or pretend to have found your pet when they have not. *More info in Section 3 'Paws with Heart Pet Scams'.*
- Check in with your local humane society/animal control every single day, this ensures that staff are thinking of your pet and that you can verify that no pets even remotely matching your pets description have been found.
- Contact neighbouring humane society's and animal controls! YES animals really can travel long distances either by themselves or with the help of a vehicle.

- If you've found a pet, still check in with the humane society frequently. Whenever is possible, please consider fostering the found pet! This enables the organization to take in more animals and ensures the found pet's family has more time to find them.
- Consider posting on your social media or starting a page for your lost pet. Invite friends and other pages to 'like' the page and then post updates there. It's a great way to have everything in one spot and people can post sightings.
- Is your pet a particular breed? Contact a breed specific rescue in Ontario and they will probably courtesy post for you. Email for a list of organizations in your area. Info @ secondhopecircle.org

***Please remember that once your pet is found you should update any listings you have created!**

Helping Lost Pets - One of the largest and most popular organizations out there, it sends your pet's information to everyone in the area that has signed up and provides them with printable posters and information, **consider posting here first.** (their website takes awhile to load, just be patient) Please contact us if you have any difficulty listing or searching for pets.

<http://www.helpinglostpets.com/>

Kijiji - While SHC does not approve of the internet sale of cats and dogs, Kijiji is a really useful resources for people that have lost pets, **consider posting here second.** They have a new section specifically for lost/found pets. <http://ontario.kijiji.ca/f-pets-lost-found-W0QQCatIdZ791>

Humane Society of Canada - You can post lost/ found pets from across Canada, they also have several factsheets on lost pet prevention and what to do if your pet gets lost/stolen.

Lost a pet - <https://www.humanesociety.com/index.php/component/mtree/lost-a-pet?Itemid=56>

Found a pet -

<https://www.humanesociety.com/index.php/component/mtree/found-a-pet?Itemid=56>

Parrot Alert - If you've lost your bird I recommend using this website, it sends out notifications to people in your area <http://www.parrotalert.com>

Lost Pet Listing for Ontario - Post a simple listing of your lost pet (no photos), updated regularly <http://www.flealess.org/lostpets/ontario.html>

PetLynx – List lost/found pets for North America. <http://www.petlynx.net>

Info Pet - Lost/Found pet listings for New Market and York Region of Ontario. <http://www.infopet.ca>

Lost Found Canada – Posting lost and found pets for all of Canada. <http://www.lostandfoundpetscanada.com/SearchResults.aspx?SearchType=LostAnimalsOntario>

Finding Fido - You can post lost dogs from across North America. <http://www.fidofinder.com>

London Lost Pets - Post pets lost in London ON <http://www.londonlostpets.ca>

City Animal Services - Lost pets in St. Thomas Ontario <http://www.cityanimalservices.ca/lost-pets/>

Hamilton Animal Services -

<http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/PlanningEcDev/Divisions/ParkingBylawServices/AnimalControl/PetServices/LostFoundAnimalServices.htm>

Niagara Falls Humane Society - <http://www.nfhs.ca/lost-found.php>

Simcoe and District Humane Society - Fill in a lost pet report (stays active for 3 months) <http://www.s-dhs.ca/index.php/lost-and-found-animals>

Cambridge Humane Society – Email to have your pet listed on their website. <http://spca.cambridgeweb.net/lostfound.html>

Mississauga Humane Society – Listing lost pets. <http://mississaugahumanesociety.com/pet-info/lost-pets/>

Thunder Bay Animal Services -

http://www.thunderbay.ca/Living/Animal_Services/Lost_Pet.htm

Upper Credit Humane Society - <http://www.uppercredit.com/lostFound.shtml>

Toronto Humane Society -

http://www.torontohumanesociety.com/public_dogs.asp

City of Whitby - <http://www.whitby.ca/en/residents/lostandfound.asp>

AnimalAide Listings – Temporarily down while their new website is being completed. www.animalaide.org

City of Oshawa - http://www.oshawa.ca/com_res/found_lost_animals.asp

Paws with Heart Listings – Not updated frequently, they do however have a lot of useful information (links are tiny at the bottom of the page) about what to do when your pet is lost, how to find a lost pet etc.

<http://www.pawswithheart.com>

PetLuck (Montreal/Ottawa and area) - <http://petluck.ca>

Parry Sound Pets - <http://www.parrysoundpets.ca>

Rainbow District Animal Shelter (Sudbury and surrounding area) -

<http://www.rdshelter.ca/Public/AddLostOrFound.aspx>

PetFind Toronto (Twitter) - <https://twitter.com/PetfindToronto>

Jack Russell Terrier Rescue – Will post lost/found jack Russell terriers

<http://jrtro.wordpress.com/education/lost-and-found/>

Canadian Pigeon Fanciers Association – Did you find a lost pigeon? Contact the CPFA. http://pigeonfanciers.ca/lost_found.html

On Facebook

Second Hope Circle (FB) - We are happy to courtesy post special needs pets on our social media pages for you. (Pets requiring medication, have a disability or behaviour issue etc.) <https://www.facebook.com/secondhopecircle>

Lost Cats Network Canada (FB) - Facebook page posting lost cats in Canada <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Cats-Network-Canada/406009252749868>

Lost Dogs Network Canada (FB) - Facebook page posting lost dogs in Canada <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Dogs-Network-Canada/210977205580239>

Lost & Found Pets Ontario (FB) - Facebook pages posting lost/found pets in Ontario
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-and-Found-Pets-in-Ontario/148675141826651>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-and-Found-Pets-of-Ontario/151235738325038>

Lost/Found Pets Grey Bruce (FB) - Lost and found pets in the Grey Bruce area <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-and-Found-Pets-in-Grey-Bruce/124472677632825>

Quinte Lost Dog Network (FB) - Lost dogs in Quinte, Bellville, Trenton, Tweed and surrounding areas <https://www.facebook.com/theQLDN>

Lost/Found Pets of Kapuskasing Area (FB) - Posts lost/found pets from Kapuskasing Ontario in FB Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lostfoundpetskaparea/>

OSPCA Renfrew Branch (FB) – will post lost pets.
<https://www.facebook.com/ospcarcb>

Guelph Lost Pets Group (FB) -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/guelphfurkids/?fref=ts>

Guelph Lost/Found Pets Page (FB) -
<https://www.facebook.com/GuelphOntarioLostPets>

Peterborough Lost and Found Pets (FB) -

<https://www.facebook.com/LostandFoundPetsPtboOnt>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Pet-Lost-Found-Peterborough/300923073280695>

Innisfil and Barrie Lost Pets (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Found-Pets-Innisfil-Barrie-Ontario/527998110585717>

Barrie Lost Pets (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/lostcatsbarrieontario>

Windsor Ontario Lost Pets (FB) -

<https://www.facebook.com/WindsorOntarioLostAndFoundPets>

Ottawa & Valley Lost Pets (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/lostpetnetwork>

Kingston Lost Pets (FB) -

<https://www.facebook.com/KingstonCommunityLostAndFoundPets>

Oshawa and Durham Lost Pets (FB) -

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oshawa-Durham-Region-Lost-Pets/165095586855043>

Haliburton Lost Pets (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/Haliburtonlostpets>

Simcoe Lost Dogs (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/LostDogsSimcoe>

Simcoe Lost Cats (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/LostCatsInSimcoeCounty>

Muskoka Lost/Found Pets (FB) -

<https://www.facebook.com/MuskokaOntarioLostPets>

Toronto Pet Daily (FB) - <https://www.facebook.com/thetorontopetdaily>

Oakville Mississauga Lost/Found Pets (FB) -

<https://www.facebook.com/OakvilleMississaugaLostPets>

Section 3

Find other helpful suggestions when you've lost or found a pet here. This includes making a poster, other places to contact and stories of lost/found pets coming home. There is always hope!

Paws with Heart Pet Scams – Sometimes there are people out there who just want your money and are willing to use your lost pet to do it. Find out about some common scams and how to avoid them!

<http://www.pawswithheart.com/scams.htm>

Wiki How to Make A Pet Poster - <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-an-Effective-Missing-Pet-Poster>

Missing Pet Partnership – Good suggestions on how to make an effective poster <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-posters.php>

Services that help generate a poster (other than Helping Lost Pets) -

<http://www.petbond.com/flyerentry.php>

<http://missingpetflyer.com>

<http://www.lostpetusa.net/create-a-lost-pet-poster>

10 Stories of Pets Coming Home -

<http://www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/care/cat-dog-when-lost-pets-find-their-way-back-home>

Reunited Ontario Cat – Cat found after 6 months and 75km away at a shelter!

<http://ontario.kijiji.ca/c-pets-lost-found-Lost-cat-has-been-FOUND-W0QQAdIdZ561384343>

Reunited Cat – Cat found after 2 months with the help of a microchip

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/14/holly-lost-cat_n_2473952.html

Reunited Dog – Elderly pitbull found 6 months after he went missing

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/dec/20/kapone-comes-home-missing-dog-found-alive-mississi/>

Reunited Cat – After 10 months cat found travelling with homeless man 3500 miles!

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2013/06/after_10_months_3500_miles_cat.html

Section 4

This section focuses on pet loss prevention! There are several ways to try and prevent your pet from going missing in the first place, or helping them get home quicker.

Most Important Tips!

1. Microchip (and collar with tags if possible)
2. Pre register on Helping Lost Pets

3. Have several photos of your pet, including several angles (this means when you adopt a new pet, take photos as quickly as possible!) Helpful to provide to the Humane Society and on posters

Humane Society Canada Pet Recovery Program – Get pet tags from this program. They also keep your pet's information on hand and a toll free number is included on the pet tag in case someone finds your pet. This program used to be free, now it appears as if they charge a small fee per tag.

<https://www.humanesociety.com/index.php/pet-recovery>

Helping Lost Pets – You can pre register your pets on this website. This ensures that when your pets go missing you can quickly switch their 'status' to missing. Helpful when you're already stressed out about your pet!

<http://www.helpinglostpets.com/v2/EditPet.aspx>

Second Hope Circle Resources – Check in with SHC to see if there are microchip clinics in your area. We try and keep a record of what organizations and vet clinics are offering low cost chips!

<http://secondhopecircle.com/index.php/contact>