
LOST PET INFORMATION

*Animal Aid does not take in strays and has no method for tracking lost pets

A Lost Pet Is Not Necessarily a Lost Cause

There are a number of routine things to try in order to recover your animal. Persistence and effort can go a long way. The following are some ideas to try in attempt to recover your pet.

1. *Update your pet's microchip information*

If your animal has a microchip, the first call should be to the microchip company to let them know your animal has gone missing. Some companies also allow you to update this information on their website. If you are unsure of which microchip company to contact, your vet will have a record of microchip information in your pet's file.

If your pet does not have a microchip, this is a good time to think about one. The cost is usually reasonable and having a microchip greatly increases the odds of being reunited with a lost pet.

2. *Contact your local county animal shelters and post online*

Contact the county shelters where you live to see if your animal has been found. The county shelters are usually the first place a person will take a stray animal.

File a "lost" pet report on the website with your county shelter. Also, check the "found" pet report for the same location.

File a "lost" pet report on Craigslist.org and other similar websites. Check both the "Pets" section and the "Lost/Found" section of Craigslist for anyone who may have found your animal. If you are unable to access a computer, ask a friend who has one to help you.

3. *Notify your neighbors and post flyers in your neighborhood*

Last, but by no means least, check in with your neighbors and blanket the neighborhood with flyers. Many missing pets are lost within their own "territory." Your pet could have accidentally gotten into a nearby tool shed or crawlspace, or even into a neighbor's garage. Ask your neighbors for permission to check their property in these hidden spaces as a scared pet will often hide. If possible, post flyers with a color photo of your pet. Be persistent and thorough. It is not unusual for a neighbor to think they have found a stray and start feeding it. They may even bring it inside and adopt it as their own.

If You Found a Stray Animal

Check your neighborhood for flyers and post a "found" listing on your county shelter website and Craigslist. Both are free of charge. Additionally, most veterinarians will scan an animal for a microchip free of charge.

If the animal is injured or in danger from the weather or other animals, please take it to the Animal Services location nearest you. All loose dogs should be taken to your local Animal Shelter.

COUNTY SHELTERS

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Phone: (503) 722-6519
Location: 13141 SE Highway 212
Clackamas, OR 97015

Website: www.clackamas.us/dogs

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Phone: (360) 213-2621
Location: 1100 NE 192nd Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98684

Website: www.southwesthumane.org

COLUMBIA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Phone: (503) 397-3935
Location: 2084 Oregon St.
St. Helens, OR 97051

Website: www.co.columbia.or.us/animalcontrol/

MARION COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND SHELTER

Phone: (503) 566-6966
Location: 3550 Aumsville Hwy SE
Salem, OR 97317

Website: www.mcdogs.net

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Phone: (503) 988-7387
Location: 1700 W Columbia River Hwy
Troutdale, OR 97060

Website: www.multcopets.org

WASHINGTON COUNTY: BONNIE L. HAYES SMALL ANIMAL SHELTER

Phone: (503) 846-7041
Location: 1901 SE 24th Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Website: www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/at/dog/dog.htm