

# Helpful things to do if you lost a pet

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## **Things to do if you lost a pet:**

Put out scent markers where your pet was lost from. Bedding with his/her scent (dog or cat) dirty laundry that smells like you and a water bowl, placing a used litter box outside has helped many cats get home, but some believe it also attracts aggressive tom cats. Go out late at night or early morning when its quiet, take a flashlight and search everywhere (eyes will reflect) call your cats name softly and listen carefully. Ask your neighbors to search their backyards, sheds, garages etc.....

**If your pet is chipped**, report as lost and make sure contact information is up to date with the chip company.

**Call Animal Control** in your County to file a lost report. If your close to a border, then call other counties as well. For a dog you can also call the non emergency number to let them know in case police pick up your dog.

Washington County is Bonnie L Hays Small Animal Shelter 503-846-7039. Non emergency number is 503-629-0111 dispatch for local police.

**Hang flyers in your neighborhood.** Very important because not everyone uses Social Media. Make flyers with bright paper, large print, critical information only with a picture. If your pet is skittish say "Do Not Chase". Use sheet protectors and strapping tape to cover edges. (don't forget to take down flyers after your pet is found) Its just the right thing to do.

**Social Media posting: Include date/time/city and nearest cross streets and phone number. Keep all posts updated.**

[www.petharbor.com](http://www.petharbor.com)

[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

[www.Pawboost.com](http://www.Pawboost.com)

[www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com) Post in both Pet section and Lost and Found under community.

Call all local Veterinarians and take a flyer to each one.

Some Commercial establishments will allow a flyer in the window. Doesn't hurt to ask right?

**You may need to borrow a trap**, pets that have been lost more than a few days may not come to you. Cover the bottom of the trap with a towel but be careful if you cover the trigger plate ( the material can bunch up under the trigger keeping it from working). Place on level ground if you can. If you cover the top, leave the back end uncovered (less scary for the pet to go into) Many members in our group have traps. Bait the trap with high value food. (Sardines or raw liver for cats, bacon or roasted meat for dogs, Alpo works good because its smelly).  
Good luck getting your baby home. Ask for help if you need it.