



Lost Pet Checklist

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jaxhumane.org/lostfoundjaxpets

Missing Pet Checklist:

- If your pet is microchipped, notify the microchip company that your pet is lost and make sure your contact information is current.
- Check local shelter websites each day. Search animals listed under stray and adoptable, just in case.
- Visit shelters in person. Leave your pet's picture and your contact information.
- Post flyers and signs in your neighborhood or the area where the pet was lost. Consider going door to door, and put a sign in your front yard.
- Use social media. Facebook groups run by volunteers that help reunite lost pets with owners may be available in your area.
- Use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the Nextdoor app as a tool to tell your friends and neighbors. Ask them to share your missing pet's information.
- Post on Craigslist.org in both "Lost and Found" and "Pets" sections. Provide a picture & contact info. Be sure to search ads that say a pet was found, too!
- If you live in a development or complex with a newsletter or email list, ask to include a picture of your missing pet for all neighbors to see.

Tips:

Remember: Lost pets are scared, and will not act the same as they do at home. Even though your pet knows and loves you, fear may cause he or she to bolt. If pets are spotted, always use caution, move slowly, and do not chase.

Dogs: When approaching a lost dog, move slowly. Have treats and a leash with you if possible. Sit down, avoid direct eye contact, and be patient. If you advance on a dog, he might think you are playing a game of chase or trying to attack. Slow and steady is always best!

Cats: Cats who are indoor only and suddenly find themselves outside are likely to hide instead of run. The best time to search for them is when it is quiet and dark. Use a flashlight to look under cars and hedges for the reflection of your cat's eyes. Place an item with kitty's scent (bedding, litter box) outdoors to keep them nearby. If you put food out, do not leave it unattended. You want your kitty to be hungry enough to come out of hiding! You might also consider using a humane trap for lost cats.