



# HELP, I LOST MY PET!

- 1 Ask everyone.** Talk to neighbors, children, mail carriers, passersby. Show them a photo of your pet. Even if they have not seen him, they may be willing to keep an eye out for him.
- 2 Create a flyer with your pet's photo, a brief description and your phone number.** Distribute the flyers and post them on telephone poles in the area where you lost your pet. You might consider offering a reward. (Note: If you're offering a reward, you might want to leave out one detail, such as gender, in order to avoid scam artists.)
- 3 Go to all of the shelters and animal control offices in the area - don't just call them.** In Fort Worth, found pets are taken to either the Humane Society of North Texas' (HSNT) Main Shelter at 1840 East Lancaster Avenue or to Fort Worth Animal Care and Control at 4900 Martin Street. Most cities in the Metroplex, no matter how small, have their own animal care facilities. Animals can cover more ground than you might think, so make sure you visit the shelters in nearby communities as well. HSNT is happy to provide you with a list of area shelters to contact. Give shelters a color photo of your pet with your phone number on it and a copy of any flyer you've created. Ask to see all the animals in the shelter and visit every cage.
- 4 Put a "lost pet" ad in the local newspapers and on Craigslist.** The ad should be titled "Lost Cat" or "Lost Dog" and should include your phone number, the date that the animal was lost, where he were last seen, and a clear, brief description containing the animal's name, breed, color, sex, age, and whether he was wearing a collar.
- 5 Go back and check all the shelters every day.** Shelters are busy places, so it's best to personally check each day.
- 6 Visit area veterinary clinics and send them a photo of your pet.** Check with each of them to see if any animal fitting your pet's description has been brought in.
- 7 If you suspect that your pet may have been stolen, report your pet missing to the police.** They may know if an animal fitting your pet's description has been hit by a car or can direct you to the department that handles stolen pets.
- 8 Read the "pet found" section in each of the local newspapers and Craigslist daily.** Many papers run "found" ads for free. Follow up on any ad that describes an animal similar to yours, since you can't count on the finder to describe your pet exactly as you would.
- 9 Look around your neighborhood carefully** (or wherever your pet was lost). Cats can wander into a neighbor's basement or garage, fall asleep and accidentally get shut in.
- 10 Late at night or very early in the morning, when the area is quiet, go to the place where your pet was lost.** Bring your pet's favorite food and a flashlight. Call their name and wait to see if they show up. Try this repeatedly.
- 11 Try coaxing them back with their scent.** If your pet is an indoor cat who does not usually get out, place her litter box outside, where she may smell her own scent and recognize her home. (Do not clean it out first.)

# WEBPAGES FOR LOST PETS

## **HSNT.ORG**

Visit [www.hsnt.org](http://www.hsnt.org) and select the services tab, then scroll down to the Lost a Pet or Found a Pet page. The lost pet page refreshes every two hours and shows all stray animals currently at HSNT.

## **FORTWORTHTEXAS.GOV**

Fort Worth Animal Care and Control's website shows all found pets in their facility. To access the listing, simply visit the city's website, click on animals, then on found pets.

## **ADDITIONAL WEB RESOURCES**

[www.petcolovelost.org](http://www.petcolovelost.org)  
[www.pawboost.com](http://www.pawboost.com)  
[www.lostdogsoftexas.com](http://www.lostdogsoftexas.com)  
[www.petamberalert.com](http://www.petamberalert.com)  
[www.lostmydoggie.com](http://www.lostmydoggie.com)  
[www.lostcatsoftexas.com](http://www.lostcatsoftexas.com)  
[www.lostmykitty.com](http://www.lostmykitty.com)  
[www.tabbytracker.com](http://www.tabbytracker.com)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

- Type lost dogs or cats and your city or county in the search bar and hit enter (ex. lost dogs Fort Worth)