



- **Search Your Property**

Never assume that your pet wouldn't go into places in your own home-they would and they do!

- **Take Some Treats**

Carry the treats and shake the bag or can to alert your pet that there are treats to be had. You would be amazed at how well this works if you train your pet to the sound of treats.

- **Take a Flashlight**

Even in the daytime, a pet can crawl into some dark places to hide, especially if they're injured.

- **With photos in hand.**

Show pictures of your pet to anyone you encounter, these may help jar their memory in the event they *have* seen your pet and paid no attention to it.

- **Make Noise as you search**

Call your pets name, make sounds they will recognize and take along their noise-toys and have others helping you do the same.

Pets have phenomenal hearing and will be able to hear you well before you see them.

- **Give Them a Chance to Reply**

During your search, it's important that you stop, look and listen for your pet to reply. Your dog could be under a car or your cat up in a tree and unless you listen for them, you could walk right by never seeing your pet at all.

- **Leave Contact Information**

Do this in the event that someone you encounter sees your pet later and needs to contact you.

- **Enlist the Help of Kids**

Getting to know the kids in your neighborhood not only helps build a stronger community, but kids are *great* at finding things, people and pets.

Harness their limitless energy to help you fan out over the area to conduct your search.

- **Let Your Pet Follow it's Nose**

Leave some dirty socks, gym clothes or sweaty t-shirts, pet bedding and a cats litter outside your home so the animal can identify it's own home from a great distance.

- **Visit Shelters, Vets and Animal Control**

Never wait long to visit these places, visit them within the first 24 hours with photos and a flyer and continue to visit them on a regular basis.

- **If You Post Flyers**

Posting flyers can help tell others that your pet is missing.

Post them at grocery stores, convenience stores, club houses and anywhere else people gather or visit.

If you post them on street signs, this could be considered a violation of the law if the street sign is obstructed from view.

You can also post them onto light poles in your neighborhood so that others walking by could see them.

If your animal is found, be a good neighbor and remove all the signs you have posted.

- **If You Offer a Reward**

Never state how much the reward will be. If someone calls to tell you that they have your animal, arrange to meet at a public place that you know to be safe such as a Police Station, Animal Shelter or Animal Control during normal business hours and *never* go alone!

Some slick con artists will want you to give them the money and they will claim to go get your pet.

If you do this, chances are you will never see him, your money or your pet.

Make certain that it is your pet they are describing, these con-artists are *slick, crafty and prey on people just like YOU!*

They already know you are probably upset and will use this against you, don't be fooled, keep your guard up and **NEVER** give them anything until you have your pet safely in your possession.

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