

## **IF YOUR CAT IS MISSING**

*FROM A PET OWNER THAT HAS LOST AND FOUND THEIR CAT*

**TOOLS-** take treats, a toy and a flashlight

**YOUR HOUSE-** If you've had anyone working in your house, think of where they've been. If someone has been in the attic, the attic door could have been open long enough for your cat to sneak in. They also may have run into your garage and gotten in a box or gotten behind an appliance.

**WALK SLOWLY-**Your first reaction may be to rush out and get in your car to drive the neighborhood looking for your cat, but WALK the neighborhood SLOWLY, calling your cat's name. If your kitty loves a certain treat or knows the sound of a treat package, bring along and shake. If they have a particular toy they love, bring it along. But walk slowly checking everything, starting around the perimeter of your house and expanding out...SLOWLY.

**LOOK UP-** Walk your neighborhood slowly, not only checking every bush, but every tree. Some cats will get scared, run up a tree and not make a sound even when you call their name. Cats are usually very close if they've just gotten out.

**LOOK DOWN-**Check storm drains in street. Your kitty could be just feet away from you, even several feet DOWN. Don't forget to look down. Even if you are calling their name, they aren't likely to answer if they are scared.

**LOOK INSIDE-**If you see boxes, dog houses, cars with windows open, look inside. Cats may jump into something and stay until they feel it's safe to move..that may be when it gets dark and you want to find them before that.

**TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS-** Talk to everyone you see that's outside. If they saw your cat, they may be able to give you a direction they headed or tell you if someone else saw them and may know more.

**KIDS-**Neighborhood kids see more than anyone and will often help you in your search, especially when you tell them there's a reward, just be careful they know not to spook the kitty if found.

**AFTER YOU'VE SEARCHED YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
FOR YOUR LOST CAT OR DOG**

**SIGNS**

- **Make signs visible from a distance. Don't print a detailed flyer on the computer with lots of information and post on a pole. People won't see it and most people aren't going to pull over and get out to read a sign.**
- **Example of a sign to make**

**LOST DOG-REWARD  
BLACK DACHSHUND  
'BUDDY'  
555-444-9999**

- **Put a large sign in your own yard.**
- **Put signs at intersections close to your home**
- **Put signs at the nearest intersection that gets a lot of traffic**

**FLYERS-Print up flyers and take to all homes in your neighborhood.**

- **Talk to everyone you can. If they aren't home, leave a flyer at their door or on car window.**
- **Print photo and description of pet on flyer along with the pet's name and a personal plea for information with your number(s).**
- **Make it clear what an important family member your pet is to you.**
- **Don't forget to OFFER A REWARD.**
- **CALL –ALL shelters and vets in the area and give description.**
- **If you adopted your pet, call organization you adopted from to alert them.**
- **Take flyers with photos to shelters and e-mail to vet clinics.**
- **GO TO SHELTERS DAILY AND LOOK FOR YOUR PET**
- **Post on internet lost and found pet sites.**
- **Search databases online.**
- **If you have an HOA or neighborhood watch, let them know so they can put out an e-mail to members.**
- **Work fast and Don't give up!**