

LOST PET HELP

Tips from Lost Dogs Arizona

At the shelter:

- Lost & Found Bulletin Board
 - Post a Lost pet flier on the Lost & Found bulletin board. Include a photo and your contact information as a minimum. Follow the posting requirements. Don't have a flier? Make a temporary one and make plans to replace it as soon as possible.
 - Check Found pet fliers on the bulletin board.
- Check all kennels that could contain your pet. Make sure you see each pet in each kennel.
 - Check stray kennels.
 - Check quarantine kennels. You need to be accompanied by a staff member.
 - At the West shelter, check the "S Wing". There is a bulletin board outside by the double doors on the adoption side; kennel cards of the animals in the S Wing are posted there. If you see an animal that might be your lost pet, ask a staff member to help you view the animal.
 - If your pet has been missing for more than 72 hours, also check adoptable kennels.
- File a Lost Pet Report with the shelter. You can do this at the front desk or call 602-372-4598.

After your visit:

Regardless of where you live, you must visit all shelters that could have your pet. Lost pets can go to any of these locations, regardless of where they were picked up. You need to visit all shelters every other day. State law only requires that facilities keep dogs for 72 hours.

- West Valley Animal Care Center 2500 S. 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009
- East Valley Animal Care Center 2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa, AZ 85201
- Arizona Humane Society Sunnyslope Campus 9226 N. 13th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021. Include visit to the Second Chance Animal Hospital at this location.
- Arizona Humane Society Campus for Compassion 1521 W Dobbins Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85041
- If you live near a neighboring county or near an Indian Reservation, visit those shelters as well.

When you get home:

- Immediately put favorite items that smell familiar to your dog outside where your dog went missing.
- If your pet is microchipped, call the company to file a report and make sure the registration information is correct. Use <http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org/> to look up the company.
- Post your pet as missing using the form at www.HelpingLostPets.com.
- Post your missing pet on the county interactive map and look in your area for pets reported found. <https://gis.maricopa.gov/ACC/Stray/index.html> or Google "MCACC Stray Map"
- Post your missing pet on www.petharbor.com. Search for found and adoptable pets, including those submitted by the public. Do not narrow your search results by breed, gender, age, size or main color. Sort the data based on intake date and carefully look at all photos since the date your pet went missing.
- Post an ad on craigslist, in both the Pets and the Lost & Found sections. Check found ads for any posts that may match your pet.
- Post on social media sites including Facebook and NextDoor.com. On Facebook, post on Straydar, Lost Dogs of Arizona, local/community pages, swap/sell pages, HOA pages, breed specific rescue pages and your own page. Search for additional Facebook pages related to lost/found in your area.
- Monitor the MCACC Twitter feed. No Twitter account is required. <https://twitter.com/NoLostPetsMC>
- Using the flier provided by Helping Lost Pets create signs and post them in your yard, on your car, at major intersections, around your neighborhood and at local businesses. Hand out fliers to your neighbors. Choose a flier template with a large picture of pet. Mounting fliers on large, bright paper will help your fliers get noticed.
- Look around your neighborhood. Often, finders will be out looking for you. Look under bushes, vehicles and other objects, especially for cats.
- In all cases, if the description of a found pet even remotely matches your lost pet, check in person. Do not rely on online data to be 100% accurate.
- Go to www.LostDogsArizona.org and the Lost Cats of Arizona Facebook page for more assistance.
- **Don't give up! Your pet is counting on you.**