

WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE YOUR DOG

FROM A PET OWNER THAT HAS LOST AND FOUND THEIR DOG

TOOLS- take treats, a toy and a leash

YOUR HOME- Check your yard, any storage buildings, under decks.

GET HELP FOR YOUR SEARCH-if you have other family at home, have them search in one direction while you search another.

LISTEN-Stop and listen for sounds of dogs barking because your dog may be visiting a neighbor's dog(s).

CALL-Call neighbors that you know and may be familiar with your dog. Ask them to be on the lookout for your dog and maybe they'll join in the search, too.

WALK YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD-Walk the neighborhood , calling your dog's name. If your dog 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 and shake or squeak. Keep aware of all your surroundings in front of you and often look back. Stop often and listen.

LOOK - Walk your neighborhood checking under cars, bushes and where kids are playing. .

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS- Talk to EVERYONE you see that's outside. If they saw your dog, 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 know more about the pets in the neighborhood than anyone. Ask any children you see or know in the neighborhood and ask for them to spread the word. They may help you in your search, especially when you tell them there's a reward. .

**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!**