

FOUND PET HELP

Tips from Lost Dogs Arizona

If you are surrendering the pet you found to the shelter:

Even if you are leaving the pet you found at the shelter, there are still things you can do to find the owner and reunite a family.

- Get a good photo of the pet
- Get the “A number” from the shelter so that you can follow the status of the pet online via <http://www.petharbor.com>
- Post a Found pet flyer on the Lost & Found bulletin board. Include a photo and your contact information as a minimum. Follow the posted requirements. Don't have a flyer? Make one as soon as possible and either bring it back or email it to cpwc@mail.maricopa.gov and request that it be posted at BOTH county shelters.
- File a Found Pet Report with the shelter. You can do that at the front desk or call 602-372-4598

When you get home:

- Go to www.LostDogsArizona.org and the Lost Cats of Arizona Facebook page for more assistance.
- Post the pet on the county interactive map and look for pets reported lost at <http://gis.maricopa.gov/mapapp/animalcarecontrol/stray/index.html>.
- Search for lost reports submitted by the public on www.petharbor.com.
- Post an ad on craigslist, in both the Pets and the Lost & Found sections. Check for lost ads.
- Post the pet you found on www.HelpingLostPets.com and print the provided flyer. Your information will be posted on Lost Dogs Arizona or Lost Cats of Arizona Facebook pages.
- Using the flyer provided by Helping Lost Pets and neon colored paper as a background, create signs and post them where the pet was found, at major intersections, at businesses.
- Hand out flyers to neighbors, letter carriers, delivery personnel, veterinarians and other businesses in the area.
- Check the area for Lost pet signs.
- Contact any rescues for the breed of dog/cat you found. Worried owners may be contacting them.
- Post on social media sites. On Facebook, post on Straydar, Lost Dogs of Arizona, local/ community pages, swap/sell pages, HOA pages, your own page.
- Post on NextDoor, Twitter.
- Post an ad in your local newspaper
- Monitor the pet's progress at the shelter. Arrange for rescue resources if you are able to and it is needed. Let the shelter know if you are interested in adopting.
- Check your email and phone often for messages from worried owners.