

How to Find a Lost Dog

- Check with the animal shelters in the area where the dog was lost every few days. If possible, go to area shelters and check for yourself, rather than calling, since sometimes shelter personnel may not be aware of every animal in their facility. Visit the other animal shelters, humane societies and animal rescue organizations in the area as well as you are able.
- Make sure that the agency that issued the rabies tag has your current contact information.
- If your dog has been microchipped, contact the chip manufacturer and inform them the dog is missing. Provide them with your current contact information if it has changed since the date you had your dog microchipped.
- Walk the neighborhood where the dog was lost, talk to everybody, and leave your phone number.
- Call local veterinarian offices during the day; after 5 PM, call veterinarian emergency clinics.
- Create a flyer using the free, easy to use flyer maker program on the Best Friends website, at this link: <http://www.bestfriends.org/flyermaker>. Be sure that it includes a good photo of the dog and a thorough description. Paste the flyers to florescent poster boards, and then write "Lost Dog" in large black letters at the top of each poster board. For additional suggestions on making effective flyers, go to the Missing Pet Partnership website, <http://www.lostapet.org/lostdogposter.htm>.
- Post the flyers in the area where the dog was lost, as well as the area around your home, since animals often find their way back to their home neighborhood. Email the flyer to friends, co-workers and family members and ask them to post the flyers as well.
- Check lost and found ads in the paper, and place a lost pet ad.
In addition, there are many Internet sites where you can post missing pets:
<http://www.pets911.com/services/lostandfound/index.php>
<http://www.petfinder.com/post/classifiedhop.html>
<http://www.h4ha.org/lostfound/>
<http://www.lostpaws.com>
<http://www.pmia.com/>
<http://pets.lostandfound.com/index.tpl>
- Post a message on the Best Friends Network website, <http://network.bestfriends.org>. By posting a message to a forum, you can alert members in your area about your lost dog. To post a message, please follow these steps:

Go to the following link: http://network.bestfriends.org/** (Replace the asterisks with your state name).

Click on the box near the top right hand of the screen to join the Network

Once you are logged in, click on the "Forums" tab, and then click on: "Working Together for (your state's name) Animals"

Choose "New Topic" from the choices next to the title of the community

Post your message

Check back frequently to see if other members have responded, as some members may respond on the forum, rather than contacting you directly.