



The Most Complete Lost Pet Resource Information You'll Ever Find In One Place

My Pet Is Lost ...What Should I do?

This is exactly what I thought when our beautiful little Min Pin rescue dog Ruby, got away from my daughter, while we were out of town. I was in a panic, worried, and broken hearted. Once we found her, we wanted to get this information out to everyone. Don't get caught unaware like we did. My friend Vicki, a totally committed dog rescue person, not only helped find Ruby but she also helped me put this information together so other people wouldn't feel the helplessness we did when Ruby ran away. Follow these simple but comprehensive steps to help keep your pet safe, or to find them, if they stray from home.

And visit Vicki at www.furbabies.com for designer dog clothing, collars, and shampoo at non-designer prices

Have A Snuggly Day,
Susan Marie & Ruby



First Things First:

- **Contact friends and neighbors**, (especially ones who know your pet) ask if they will keep an eye out for your pet or help you look for them. Children are especially good at this but only ask if you know the children and their parents. Leave everyone you see or talk to, a flyer with your pet's information on it. Bring treats with you and call to your pet as you go.
- **Check all around your house**, inside and out, in closets, basements, crawl spaces, under beds, in cabinets, in or behind large appliances like refrigerators, washers, dryers, heaters etc. In garages, sheds, under decks and porches. In bushes and even in trees if you're looking for cats, in pipes and drains, under your car and everywhere else you can possibly think of. Bring a flashlight with you; little eyes light up in dark corners and at night with a flashlight. That may be the first thing you see. Bring treats!
- **Flyers get the MOST results and are the easiest and quickest way to get the info out**. Make a flyer with your pet's picture, name, color, breed, gender, weight, markings and if they're friendly or shy etc. Include the date and place they went missing and your phone number. (A little hint ... you can put down fake medical needs or medications so people won't be as apt to keep your pet, they'll think the pet will be too much trouble to care for) **Never include your name, address, or pictures of your kids**. If you offer a reward, do not state the amount, just say there is a reward. There are people out there who are not trustworthy. It's a good idea to either leave a distinguishing mark your dog may have off it's description, so you can test a person who says they found your pet, or ask if your pet has a particular mark that doesn't exist. If they say yes, you know they don't have your dog. Post your flyers everywhere. Tack or tape them to trees, telephone poles and any other surface you can. Place them in paper boxes, front doors, library & grocery store bulletin boards, area stores & shops, & all around your surrounding neighborhoods. (Melody Pugh of www.pet-detective.com/flyers.html shares how to put your flyer together and free templates.)
- **Call the local police department** of your town and surrounding towns. Often people will call the police when they find a stray pet in their yard. If the police have your information they will let you know that an animal of that description was seen or is being held at someone's house. (Never go to a house alone, take an adult friend or family member with you)
- **Call the Dog Warden** in your town, give them the pertinent information about your pet so they can keep an eye out.
- **Tell your mailman, paperboy, delivery people, lawn care people etc**. They are all over your neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods and may just be the one to spot your pet (Give them a flyer)
- **Most local and regional papers have a lost and found section**. They often let you put your ad in free. (Also make sure to check the **Found section** of the paper in case someone has found your pet)
- **Notify or visit any shelters or dog pounds in your immediate area**. Make sure they know you are looking for you're your lost pet (always leave a flyer). Google your city and area animal shelters such as "Cleveland area animal shelters" or "Chicago dog pounds" etc. you will get an entire list of them for your area. Re-check often!
- **Rescue services** are often on the lookout for dogs so make sure to notify the rescue services, especially for your breed. Google the name of your dog breed, and rescue, or rescue service and you will find a list of the different rescue services for the type of dog you are looking for, such as "Min Pin Rescue Service"
- **Contact the Humane Society and the SPCA** in your area and give them your pet's vital information. (Fax a flyer)



Entice Your Pet Home:

- **Put their favorite blanket, or toy** on the deck, porch or driveway maybe even their bed (good at night)
- **Put out a worn or dirty article of clothing** that your pet's favorite person often wears (Especially good at night when you can't be watching. Hunters do this when they lose a hunting dog and will often come back to the animal lying on the clothing). Dirty sweatshirts, jackets, socks etc. work really well.
- **Put food and water out** for them (use odiferous food, like pizza, Vienna sausages, warm freshly cooked chicken, steak etc.)
- **Leave a trail of treats** from the direction they ran in that leads them back to your home (big enough that birds won't eat them)
- **Lightly sprinkle flour** on your deck, porch or driveway so if they come back at night you can see the tracks the next morning (at least you will know they are in the area)
- **If you have another dog**, take them with you to look for your lost pet. Let them leave their mark on trees, bushes, grass or sidewalks leading back to your house. (Go from your house, in the direction wherever you think your pet has gone, and then back home again. Leave a circle of familiar scent that will lead your pet back home.
- **If you have another pet** get them to bark in your yard or neighborhood, your lost pet will often recognize the other dog's bark and find their way home (good for puppies or new dogs who aren't completely familiar with the area you live in)
- **Be coaxing and loving to your pet when you find them**. They may think you are angry or they are in trouble and shy away or even run away from you. Always have a leash, and treats with you to entice them.



Don't get scared like our Mom did, keep this information in a handy place.

Licks & Nuzzles, Lucky, Ruby, LG & Noah Norman Bear



- **Leave treats or food leading to your door**, (you can also have your other dog bark), leave your door open so your pet can walk into the house (don't do this unattended, you don't want to find a family of squirrels or other animals taking up residence in your kitchen while you're not looking). Try shaking the box with their food or treats in it and calling them like you do when it's time to eat.
- **If you have another dog**, leave them on a leash or loose at night inside by an entry or patio door, if they see your pet at night they will usually bark and wake you up. (if your lost pet can't get in they may wander off again) Leave a light on.
- **Check (Google area) animal clinics and emergency pet hospitals** to see if your pet was brought in injured.



Were To List Your Lost Pet:

www.craigslist.com go to the lost and found list under community services and fill out your dog's information.

www.fidofinder.com allows you to give information about your dog, and even post a reward if you choose to. Any information on your dog will be emailed to you directly.

www.petfinder.com click on Classifieds – Click on Post an Ad – you can also Search to see if anyone has found your dog – Click on Pets Found

www.findthatpet.com put in your zip code, type of pet, Breed, Gender and Pet ID # (such as microchip number)

k9amberalert-owner@yahoogroups.com write and ask to have your pet posted on the amber alert for lost dogs.

www.petharbor.com will connect you to an amazing amount of information from local animal shelters, the SPCA, Humane Society, county or city Animal Control and also private animal-welfare organizations.

www.thefelinefinders.com specialize in finding lost cats, they also give a free 10 minute consultation 866-469-6369

Pet Detectives:

www.petfbi.org If you are an Ohio resident there is a service called Pet FBI, an all-volunteer non-profit organization. There is no cost to users. Visitors can post or search lost and found pet reports and obtain advice and contact information for Ohio animal shelters, humane societies and Ohio rescue groups.

www.pethuntersinternational.com will help you find pets in California, Maryland and North Carolina

www.sherlock.com for a Fee Sherlock Bones will do much of the work for you including giving you a list of all the people you should contact in your area 800-942-6637

www.pet-detective.com Melody Pugh works closely with Annette Betcher (check her free templates before making your flyer)

www.annettebetcher.com Animal Communicator (similar to a psychic only more intuitive) – works with issues, illness, lost or stolen pets (When Vicki called Annette she knew Ruby was lost even though Vicki called about another dog. She also knew when Ruby was found). Amazing! 360-871-4774 Pacific Time Zone, 8:30am to 5pm

When you find your pet, remember to thank everyone who helped you look for them. Also take down all the old flyers and contact the services you registered your pet with to let them know your pet is home safe. You may want to give a small reward or gift to the person who found your pet. If many people were involved helping you find your pet, have a "Rescue" party to thank everyone at once.

Help Keep Your Pet Safe:

- **Take several close up pictures of your pet**, alone, in different positions and keep them in a file (can be on your computer).
- **Train your pet to come to a silent dog whistle.** The sound can carry up to a mile. (Try blowing it when they're outside and you want them to come in, and then give them a good treat so they will come to you. They will associate the sound they hear with something good to eat).
- **Train your pet to come to a "clicker"**-always give them a treat! (Good if your dog is close by)
- **Create a pet file** with pictures, Vet info, local rescue & pound info, meds, shots, tags, license number, a copy of this info, etc.
- **Spay or neuter your pets** so they are less likely to stray far from home.
- **Never leave your pet outside unattended** they can be easily distracted and wander off, or be lured away
- **If you transport a cat, always keep it in a carrier.** They can easily be frightened and bolt from their owner's arms.
- **If you're transporting a dog, always have it on a leash**, especially in an unfamiliar area.
- **Get a tag at the local pet store with your pets name on it and your phone number** (not your address) that way people can call you if they find your pet. (If you use more than one collar, get one for each collar).
- **When you have your pet spayed or neutered, or next time you go to the vet, have them microchipped.** A chip is about the size of a grain of rice. Most pounds, the SPCA, and Humane Societies will scan for chips. Register the chip. The vet will give you paperwork; it includes your dog's vital information. Make sure to **register it with the microchip company.** www.homeagain.com & www.avidmicrochip.com are the most recognized microchip companies. Ask your vet about pet tattoos as well.
- **Check out Pet GPS systems** google them or try www.globalpetfinders.com or www.roameoforpets.com
- **Make sure your yard is safe for your pets.** If you have a fence, make sure it's secure and your pets can't get through it, or dig their way out. Keep gates and entrances locked. If your dog is on a line, make sure the line is secure and not worn or frayed. If you have an invisible fence, don't allow your pet in the front of your home alone, people can reach right down and pick them up. Small dogs are the most susceptible to this.
- **Try PetSmart's new Pet Hotels & Doggie Day Care** for secure, worry free travel www.petsmart.com/petshotel



Have a great pet tip ... send it to [Lucky 4 Dogs](http://Lucky4Dogs.com) ... and we'll post it on our site.

For copies of this go to www.lostpetinfo.com, www.greatmoneyfun.com or www.furbabies.com

Keep a copy of this information on the inside of a kitchen cabinet and also in your pet's file; the faster you react to your pet's disappearance the better chance you have of finding them.

Feel free to put the link to www.lostpetinfo.com on your web site, or send it to anyone who has kitties or puppies. Licks & Nuzzles, Lucky & Ruby, LG & Noah Norman Bear

