



ABC's to remember...

Act quickly

Be organized and
thorough

Contact as many people
as possible

Don't give up!



Anchorage Animal Care and Control Center

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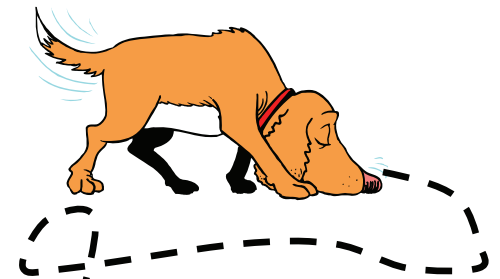
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Shelter Hours:
Monday - Friday
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Closed:
New Years Day
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Christmas

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www.thecenterforlostpets.com

Lost Your Pet?



**What you need to
do to bring your
pet home!**



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Where To Start:

Keep in mind that pets can just get scared or nervous and hide. Don't rule out the possibility that your family pet is (literally) in your own back yard.

Post signs in the area where your pet was lost, including a photo and description with breed, age, name, color, markings, and when/where lost. Offer a reward in big letters. For an unusual breed, say something like "looks like a cocker spaniel". List a phone number that is always answered or has voice mail.

Talk to your neighbors, it's possible your missing pet may be trapped in their shed or garage and they don't even know it.

Grab a leash and begin to canvas the area where your pet was lost. Call your pet's name loudly and often.

Listen carefully for faint sounds from a trapped animal. Hand out your lost pet sign to neighbors and anyone else you may run into.



Be sure to canvas a wide area as your dog may have traveled blocks or even miles from where he was originally lost.

Leave fresh food and water on a porch or sheltered area close to your home. Put an unwashed piece of clothing outside in a cardboard box – the familiar scent may help guide your pet home.

Flyer, Flyers Everywhere!!

Place your lost pet signs around areas such as gas stations, laundry mats, and grocery stores, but don't forget to make sure it's okay with the business.

Let the local veterinary clinics know about your lost pet. Some people don't know Animal Control exists and will take any pet they find to their nearest veterinarian. Also leave flyers at Pet Emergency and Diamond Animal Hospital (24-hour clinics), the Alaska SPCA, the Alaska Humane Society (cats only), groomers, dog parks, and pet-supply stores.

Tell your mail person, garbage collectors and others regularly in the area that your pet is missing. If you moved recently, check with the people around your old home. Sometimes animals don't quite get the memo on your change of address and try to go back.

Advertise Your Search!



Place an ad with the Anchorage Daily News (257-4444) – it's free for a week!

Post your lost pet online. There are many 'Lost & Found' web sites. The HSUS has sponsored www.TheCenterForLostPets.com, as one central location for when you've lost or found a pet. Go to their "More Help" page for other sites to check out. Also post on Craig's List in both "Alaska Lost & Found" and "Alaska Pets."

Make sure to check for "Found Pet" ads and postings as well. Many times people will keep a found pet at their home and simply place an advertisement in the newspaper or post online.

Come into Anchorage Animal Care and Control Center (AACCC):

- Make sure to gather your pet's vet records and some photographs to take to AACCC (to prove your pet's ID, shot history, and spay/neuter status if found).

- Check through **all public animal areas** at AACCC (remember there are cats in the "Puppy Room") and if you don't see your pet, go to Customer Service to ask for a walk-through of the newly arrived animals.

- Fill out a **lost animal report** and place it in the "lost" binder. Check the **found reports** in the "found" binder, in case someone has located your animal but not brought it into our shelter. Check the DOA binder for all deceased animals brought to Animal Control.

- It is important that you physically go to the shelter at least every other day. New pets come in daily. Simply calling is not enough. Your pet may not be listed with the front desk when you call or the description in the computer may



not match how you describe your pet. Only you can positively identify your pet.

Even if your pet was wearing ID when they were lost or is microchipped, it is highly recommended that you physically go to the shelter. Your pet's ID tag may have come off and chips can fail to be detected by scanners.

Looking For a Lost Cat?

Cats are known to be masters at Hide and Seek. Start inside your home (closet, basement, clothes dryer, anywhere a cat could be trapped) and work your way out (garage, shrubbery, sheds, vehicles) to surrounding property. Cats are known to climb to a safe spot or hunker down somewhere quiet if they are scared and not used to being outside.



Grab a flashlight for checking in crawl spaces under your and your neighbor's home, tool sheds, etc. Bring an open can of tuna and search at night when streets are quiet. If your cat normally comes running when he hears the sound of a favorite treat, shake the can or packaging to get his attention.

Set a live trap and check it regularly. Traps can be borrowed from AACCC for a \$50 refundable deposit.

Don't give up!

Keep coming in to AACCC, checking with neighbors, looking online and in the paper, etc. Sometimes it takes a little while, but we want to get your pet back to you!

Warning!

Don't let your emotions override your common sense. Never pay reward money or shipping costs without first viewing at least a clear photograph of the 'found pet'. Make sure to leave out a piece of information that only the true finder would know, such as the color of your dog's collar or a distinguishing mark (bent ear, a curly tail), when creating your flyer, newspaper ad, and other postings. Sadly, there are scam artists who prey on people who have lost a pet in order to collect a reward.