

LOST PET QUICK TIPS:

- DO act quickly!
- DO be proactive!
- DO be thorough & persistent!

Take advantage of every chance to spread information about your pet.

- Do NOT wait for your pet to find its own way home. Your pet may be scared, confused, or hurt.
- Do NOT wait for someone to see your report.
- Do NOT assume shelters or vet clinics will be able to contact you. Most only have limited time and resources.

“In coming to your veterinarian and PetFBI.org, you’ve already taken an important step. Do not give up! Happy reunions are possible after many months or even years!”

- Maresa Fanelli, Founder of Pet FBI



Pet FBI Is:

- Easy to use and search — Reports never get buried and are available for up to 5 years
- Open to ALL pets — Even livestock!
- 100% FREE to use
- All-volunteer and nonprofit
- Nationwide — We’re open to all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

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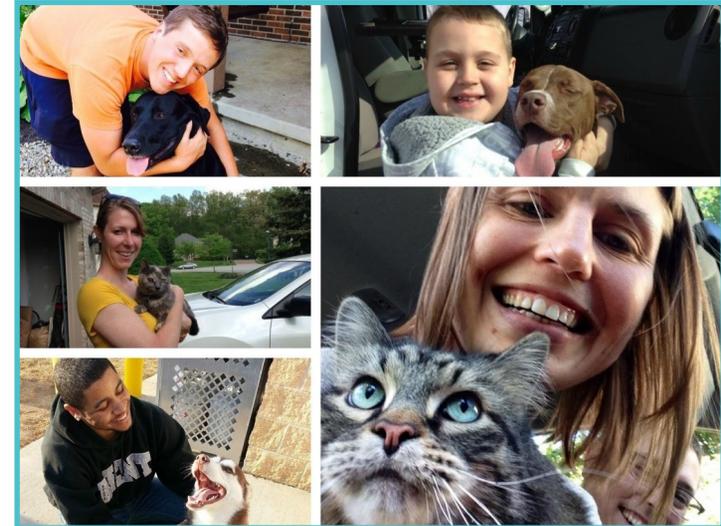
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ACTION PLAN: 12 STEPS TO FINDING YOUR LOST PET





12 STEP ACTION PLAN

1. Search Every Nook & Cranny

Start with your property; your pet may be scared or injured. Look in unlikely places like air ducts and car engines.

2. Contact the Authorities

Call Animal Control and Police, and ask that they keep a written record of your pet. They'll be the first to know about a stray.

Don't forget to tell your veterinarian, too!

3. Pound the Pavement

Search the neighborhood by foot and car. Do this as soon as possible and also just before dawn when the area is quiet. Use a treat bag, and nice, calming voice. Enlist your neighbors to help search their yards.

4. Go Viral

REUNIONS CAN HAPPEN IN AS LITTLE AS 10 MINUTES WITH PET FBI.

Spread the word online as much as possible.

- PetFBI Database: www.petfbi.org
- PetFBI-Ohio Facebook: www.facebook.com/petfbi.org
- Social media pages for local vet clinics, shelters, communities
- Make a Facebook page dedicated to your lost pet to coordinate resources

5. Create & Post Flyers

This is still a tried and true method.

- Create a free flyer at PetFBI.org.
- Print it on large, bright colored paper.
- Place them at intersections, schools, shelters, vet clinics, and other community locations.

REMEMBER: PETS CAN TRAVEL MILES FROM HOME OR BE RELOCATED BY SOMEONE ELSE.

6. Make Home Attractive

Many pets come home late at night.

- Leave items that smell like home (blankets, litter box) outside by the door to help them find their way.
- Include strong smelling food.
- Leave a window or door open & watch.

7. Set a Humane Trap

Even if a pet sticks close to home, it may be too scared to catch. Set a humane trap with food and check it often. Work with authorities if you catch another animal.

8. VISIT SHELTERS OFTEN

DO NOT ASSUME A VET OR SHELTER WILL CONTACT YOU IF YOUR PET IS FOUND.

Collars can fall off and microchips can be missed. Plus, your pet may look different than your description. It's up to you to check



9. Cruise the Classifieds

Place and browse the classified ads in local newspapers (print and online).

Be sure to check the "Pets for Sale/Adoption" section. Your pet may have been stolen or rehomed.

10. Contact Clean-Up Crews

You may have to face the possibility that your pet was killed by a car or trapped by wildlife control.

Pet FBI's Facebook team will often post notices of deceased pets if found; however, city services may give you more help.

11. Monitor Pet FBI Regularly

- Check the Found Pets section of the database (petfbi.org)
- Watch visitor posts on the Pet FBI Facebook page.

12. REPEAT!

DO NOT GIVE UP.

Although most reunions occur within 30 days, many pets can be found much later.

