



## **Pet Recovery Tips**

Most California shelters only have a 3-day holding period for animals without identification, so time is not on your side. Use these tips to increase the likelihood of bringing your pet back home.

### **1. ARM YOURSELF WITH KNOWLEDGE**

[www.missingpetpartnership.com](http://www.missingpetpartnership.com) is the best lost pet site that we know of. Check it out for tips and tricks to aid in reuniting with your pet as well as for information on lost pet behavior.

### **2. PUT UP POSTERS & HAND OUT FLYERS**

Post in areas with high foot traffic rather than in busy intersections - people are more likely to read signs while walking than when driving. Use neon colored poster paper and write important information, such as your contact details and animal's description in large print. Include a picture of your pet. Hand out flyers to neighbors and post in local hang-outs (Starbucks, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.).

### **3. VISIT LOCAL SHELTERS**

Take a lost tour every day at your local animal shelters. While most shelters post information online, animals often look different when they are scared and you may not recognize your pet's photo.

### **4. REGISTER OR UPDATE YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP**

If your animal has a microchip, call the microchip company to report your pet missing. Also, confirm that your contact information is current and that your phone can receive voicemails.

### **5. RENT A HUMANE TRAP**

If your pet is frightened and you are unable to catch them, setting a humane trap with yummy bait may help you recover him or her.

### **6. POST A LOST PET AD**

Check [www.findingrover.org](http://www.findingrover.org) for found ads and post a lost pet ad. Use social media and post to Facebook, Twitter, and Next Door (a mobile app that allows you to directly reach out to your neighbors) to get the word out. Search and post lost ads on our website: [www.hssv.org](http://www.hssv.org).

### **7. TAG YOUR CAR**

Use window markers to write your lost pet's information on your car windows. This will broadcast your pet while you're driving around the area.

### **8. HIRE A PET DETECTIVE**

Visit [www.missingpetpartnership.com](http://www.missingpetpartnership.com) to find one in your area.

**Most importantly, don't give up! Keep looking and actively searching for your pet!**