



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 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.findingover.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.

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 to find one in your area.

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

Local Animal Shelters

Pets found in:	Will be brought to:
San Jose Cupertino Los Gatos Milpitas Saratoga Alviso	San Jose Animal Care Center 2750 Monterey Hwy, San Jose, CA 95111 (408) 794-7297 www.sanjoseanimals.com
Monte Sereno Campbell Santa Clara Mountain View	Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority 3370 Thomas Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95054 (408) 764-0344 www.svaca.com
Sunnyvale	Humane Society of Silicon Valley 901 Ames Ave, Milpitas, CA 95035 (408) 262-2133 www.hssv.org Lost Tour Hours – 10am to 6:45pm, 7 days a week
Gilroy Morgan Hill San Martin Unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County	Santa Clara County Animal Shelter 12370 Murphy Ave, San Martin, CA 95046 (408) 686-3900 www.countypet.org
Palo Alto Los Altos	Palo Alto Animal Services 3281 E Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (650)496-5971 www.cityofpaloalto.org
Fremont Newark Union City San Leandro	Tri-City Animal Shelter 1950 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538 (510)790-6640 www.fremont.gov
East Palo Alto San Mateo County	Peninsula Humane Society 12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94404 (650)340-7022 www.peninsulahumanesociety.org
Out of County? Ask a member of our HSSV Intake Team for help identifying your local shelter.	

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