

# What to do if Your Dog is Lost

## Begin looking for your pet immediately

Don't wait for your pet to find their way home. Just because they've run away before and made it back home safely doesn't guarantee they will this time.

## Check the Animal Resource Center (that's us!)

First, "Register A Dog Lost" on our website under the Lost and Found page. Don't worry, just because your pet isn't at the shelter right now doesn't mean they won't eventually end up here. Lost dogs at ARC or found by the public can be viewed on our website under "Lost and Found." If you see a dog that may be yours, stop by and a staff member will accompany you through our kennels. A valid photo ID is required.

## Check social media

Social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor are great for spreading the word that your pet is lost. Create a post with a picture of your pet and ask friends to share it! There are also specific Facebook pages dedicated to reuniting lost pets with their owners.

## Register your pet with Petco Love Lost

Registration is free and simple! Visit [lost.petcolove.org](http://lost.petcolove.org) or download the mobile app. If your dog becomes lost, you upload a photo of them that is scanned against all stray pets currently in shelters. Using facial recognition, Petco Love Lost will then display any pets whose faces match.

## Create Flyers

Create flyers with an easily recognizable photo of your pet. Post them throughout your neighborhood and at local businesses, with permission.

## Check with other area agencies

**SICSA** - (937) 294-6505

**Humane Society of Greater Dayton** - (937) 268-7387

**Butler County Animal Shelter** - (513) 867-5727

**Clark County Animal Shelter** - (937) 521-2140

**Darke County Animal Shelter** - (937) 547-1645

**Greene County Animal Shelter** - (937) 562-7400

**Miami County Animal Shelter** - (937) 332-6919

**Preble County Animal Shelter** - (937) 456-4818

**Warren County Animal Shelter** - (937) 695-1352



[www.mcanimals.org](http://www.mcanimals.org)  
(937) 898-4457

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## Place a "Lost" ad in local newspapers

The Dayton Daily News offers free 3-line ads that run for three consecutive days in both the newspaper and on their website; each additional line after the third is \$3. Up to 10 photos can be added to the online portion of an ad at no additional charge. To add a photo to the newspaper is an additional \$10. Ads can be placed over the phone by calling (937) 610-7301 or by visiting <https://classifieds.daytondailynews.com/>.

## I Found My Pet! Now What?

### **Make sure your dog is wearing a valid license**

It is legally required that dogs over three months of age wear a valid license in Ohio, but did you know it can help your furry friend find their way home faster? A Montgomery County license can be traced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through the Montgomery County Auditor's website. This allows anyone who finds your dog to return them to you. Should your pup end up at the shelter, a license also provides legal proof of ownership and ensures that your dog will be held 14 days before becoming property of the County. This is quite comforting compared to the three days that an unlicensed dog is held before becoming County property.

### **Have your pet microchipped**

We understand that pets can be escape artists, and some are even capable of slipping out of their collar, leaving them without a license. In addition to their license, consider having your pet microchipped! The ARC provides this service for \$25 per animal, no appointment necessary.

### **Spay or neuter your pet**

Unaltered pets are more likely to run off looking for a mate. Avoid the heartache of a lost pet (and the surprise of an unexpected litter!) and have your pet fixed.

### **Do not leave your pet outside unsupervised**

Aside from avoiding them becoming lost, keeping an eye on your pet can keep them safe from other animals, people and dangerous situations.

### **Provide your pet with regular exercise**

A well-exercised pet is a tired pet - and tired pets are less likely to run off!