



## LOST PET RECOVERY TEAM LOST DOG ACTION PLAN

HOURS POST-FLIGHT	ACTION	IN CASE OF SIGHTINGS
<p><b>IMMEDIATELY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put food and scent articles* at place where dog bolted, if feasible, or was last seen. This is called a 'comfort station'. If set up at home then place in an area where there are cameras, if possible.</li> <li>Drive immediate area and look for missing dog.</li> <li>Talk to neighbors and other people in the area and ask if they have seen your dog.</li> <li><b>DO NOT</b> call out your dog's name while searching.</li> <li>If you have another dog that is bonded with the missing dog then take him along also. Another known dog can draw your dog out to you better than you can. Make sure your 'magnet' dog is securely leashed at all times.</li> <li><b>Do not</b> walk across roads, as the dog may follow your scent.</li> </ul> <p>*The scent article should be an item the dog associates with a familiar and desired person or animal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For a dog bonded with you, it could be an article of your clothing. Make sure it is an item that has been next to your skin, and NOT freshly laundered. Socks is always a good choice.</li> <li>If the dog is new/frightened of you, use an item with its own scent i.e. a bed or toy.</li> <li>The dog's own scent may also be used for a dog bonded to its owner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you receive a call remember to <u>at least</u> ask the following questions: EXACT location dog was seen, date and time seen, direction of travel.</li> <li>Go to the area with high-value treats (i.e. cheese, bacon, rotisserie chicken, canned Vienna sausages) and a slip lead.</li> <li>Remain very calm</li> <li>Only ONE person (and maybe one dog) should work with your missing dog, more than one person will overwhelm the missing dog and he may run.</li> <li>When you see your dog <b>DO NOT CHASE</b> and <b>DO NOT CALL OUT TO</b>.</li> <li>Lower your body to the ground and use familiar, positive words like 'treat', 'walk', or the name of a person or other dog your dog is bonded with. Do NOT call the missing dog's name.</li> <li>Understand that the dog may not come to you right away.</li> <li>The longer a dog is missing the more likely he will have gone into 'survival mode', which means he is focused on food, water, shelter and security. He may perceive all humans as a threat - even you!</li> <li>If the dog flees set up a feeding station using strong smelling food - hot rotisserie chicken, tripe, bacon etc). Never leave chicken bones! Also place a scented article there.</li> <li>Refresh food every day. If raining you can loosely place a container lid on the food to stop it from getting washed away.</li> <li>The idea behind the feeding station is to keep your dog in the same area until you are able to catch him. People should not go walking the area to look for him, and no-one should approach the dog, as this will only push him out, and the search will be back to square one.</li> <li>If possible monitor the feeding station with a trail camera.</li> <li>Once you have the dog remaining at the feeding station then you can contact The Lost Pet Recovery Team and we may be able to arrange to capture your dog with a humane trap.</li> </ul>

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1 HOUR OR LESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact local vet clinics, animal control, and any animal control facilities bordering your county if you live close to a border.</li> <li>• If your dog is microchipped contact the company and report him as lost. Make sure your contact details are up to date and correct.</li> <li>• Scour 'found dog' posts on social media &amp; Craigslist.</li> <li>• Place 'lost dog' posts on social media sites, lost dog sites, and local neighborhood sites such as Nextdoor.</li> <li>• Be sure to mention location, date, time dog went missing.</li> </ul> <p> <a href="http://www.helpinglostpets.com">www.helpinglostpets.com</a>  <a href="http://www.pawboost.com">www.pawboost.com</a>  <a href="http://www.findingrover.com">www.findingrover.com</a> </p>
4 HOURS OR LESS	<p><b>VERY IMPORTANT (Most effective way to bring a dog home)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Make large signs to place at intersections within a 1 mile radius of 'point of loss'.</b></li> <li>• Use brightly colored poster board and make text and photo large enough for passing traffic to see.</li> <li>• Do not overfill with information, keep it simple. Large, clear photo of dog, LOST DOG, DO NOT CHASE, CONTACT NUMBER, is all that is needed.</li> <li>• Waterproof your signs by using packing tape, or laminating.</li> <li>• Smaller flyers can be placed at all the stop signs in the area. Place flyers in clear plastic document protectors with <u>opening at the bottom</u>, tape bottom to prevent flyer slipping out, then apply to stop signs using duct tape.</li> </ul>
8 HOURS OR LESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the dog is known to be in a small area then door-to-door flyering is effective. Place flyers in newspaper boxes, on doors, or close to mailbox - do NOT place inside mailbox as this is illegal.</li> </ul>
24 HOURS OR LESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit (in person) your local animal control facilities, and those bordering your county.</li> </ul>
2 DAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If no sightings expand your signage and flyering area by one mile per day.</li> <li>• Refresh your social media posts and check flyers/signage are still up.</li> </ul> <p>If you require further assistance and advice then reach out to us:  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LostPetRecoveryTeam">https://www.facebook.com/LostPetRecoveryTeam</a> </p>

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