

Ten Things To Do If You've Lost Your Cat

1. **Go to your local shelter** to fill out a lost cat form. Some shelters hold “strays” for a few days, and others have no hold time for cats without a tag or microchip. Don't wait to see if your cat comes home—GO NOW! Check shelters in surrounding counties too. Go back daily until your cat is found.
2. **Is he microchipped?** Alert the company. Verify your phone number on file is correct.
3. **Is he trapped somewhere?** Check closets, cupboards, , box springs, & small spaces indoors. Search sheds, vehicles (trunks/under hoods too), garages, buildings under construction, & under porches.
4. **Most cats are found within 4 or 5 houses.** Look at dusk/dawn when he's most likely to come out. Look up, under, & inside. Scared, lost cats often won't make a sound even when you're nearby. Use a flashlight to watch for his eyes to reflect back. Ask neighbors if YOU can check their yards too.
5. **Make free flyers: www.HelpingLostPets.com.** Go door-to-door with them to alert everyone he's missing & ensure they have a photo of him & your phone number. Post flyers in local businesses, bus stops, vet clinics, etc. Give them to your mailman, delivery drivers, bus drivers, & school kids.
6. **A familiar smell may lure him back.** DO NOT place his litter box outside. This will attract other cats or loose dogs which may scare your own cat away, and discourage him from coming back. DO put out bedding, fur from another dog/cat he is buddies with, or your worn (dirty) clothing.
7. **Bait a humane trap with tuna/canned food, & water.** Place in the shade. Monitor closely—especially on hot days! Even a few minutes confined in a trap on a hot day could endanger your cat's life.
8. **Get the word out fast!** Post your flyer to Craigslist (Pets and Lost/Found sections), news -papers, Facebook pages, & online sites. Watch closely to see if he's listed as found or being sold. Check www.HelpingLostPets.com/MAP to see if he's been registered as found. Check these places frequently!
9. **Post large brightly-colored, easy-to-read signs** at major intersections and in front of your home that say: LOST CAT & your phone number.
10. **Does he have a buddy?** Place him in a SECURE cat carrier and sit outside with him. His meow may make your lost cat talk back, so you know where to search—or he may come out of hiding.

—> **MORE TIPS:** www.lostdogsflorida.org/how-to-find-your-lost-cat.html



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