

# Dogs at high risk of becoming lost:

- \* Newly adopted
- \* In foster home
- \* Rescue dogs during transport
- \* In an unfamiliar place
- \* Recently moved to new home

## Keep your dog safe!

### The trip home:

- Properly fitted collar with ID tag and phone numbers
- Microchipped and registered to YOU
- No stops or potty breaks!
- Dog is securely confined in crate or  
Harness securely attached to seat belt with a restraint
- Two leashes: 1 to collar, 2nd to harness. NO Flexileads!  
Firm grip on leash
- Or, close one leash in back door so the handle is outside,  
allowing you to grab leash handle before opening door

### The first month:

- Check the fence. Can he get under, over, or through it?
- Lock gate with a padlock
- Don't leave him in the yard unattended
- Until you know what to expect from each other, no outings  
or trips away from home
- Double-leash him if leaving the yard using a martingale  
collar and harness
- NO Flexileads—EVER! If you drop the leash, it'll drag noisily  
behind him. He'll panic, run to escape. What's chasing me?

### If your dog gets lost:

- Do not call or chase him! Sit down. Don't make eye contact. Sweet talk to him quietly, and gently toss tasty/smelly treats.
- Immediately call the shelter, rescue, foster home, breeder or former owner to enlist their help.  
Don't delay out of embarrassment or fear of repercussions. Do what's best for your dog!
- Fill out a lost dog form through our partner: [HelpingLostPets.com](http://HelpingLostPets.com). This free service allows you to download  
flyers, and enters him into a map-based, searchable database. Our volunteers will be notified so we can help.
- Visit [LostDogsFlorida.org](http://LostDogsFlorida.org) for more tips

