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## LOST PET INFORMATION

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\*Animal Aid does not take in strays and has no method for tracking lost pets

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### **A Lost Pet Is Not Necessarily a Lost Cause**

There are a number of routine things to try in order to recover your animal. Persistence and effort can go a long way. The following are some ideas to try in attempt to recover your pet.

#### *1. Update your pet's microchip information*

If your animal has a microchip, the first call should be to the microchip company to let them know your animal has gone missing. Some companies also allow you to update this information on their website. If you are unsure of which microchip company to contact, your vet will have a record of microchip information in your pet's file.

If your pet does not have a microchip, this is a good time to think about one. The cost is usually reasonable and having a microchip can increase the odds of being reunited with a lost pet.

#### *2. Contact your local county animal shelters*

Contact the county shelters where you live to see if your animal has been found. The county shelters are usually the first place a person will take a stray animal.

File a "lost" pet report on the website with your county shelter. Also, check the "found" pet report for the same location.

File a "lost" pet report on Craigslist.org and other similar websites. Check both the "Pets" section and the "Lost/Found" section of Craigslist for anyone who may have found your animal. If you are unable to access a computer, ask a friend who has one to help you.

#### *3. Notify your neighbors and post flyers in your neighborhood*

Last, but by no means least, check in with your neighbors and blanket the neighborhood with flyers. Many missing pets are lost within their own "territory." You can join online community forums like Facebook Groups (PawBoost) or Nextdoor Neighborhoods to post about your missing pet or search for "found pet" posts in your area. Ask your neighbors to check their property's hidden spaces, such as tool sheds, crawlspaces, or even garages as a scared pet will often hide. If possible, post flyers with a color photo of your pet. Be persistent and thorough. It is not unusual for a neighbor to think they have found a stray and start feeding it. They may even bring it inside and adopt it as their own. It is wise to leave a flyer or description of your pet with local veterinary offices, as a vet visit is often one of the first steps in caring for a stray pet.

### **If You Found a Stray Animal**

Check your neighborhood for flyers and post a "found" listing on your county shelter website and Craigslist. Both are free of charge. Additionally, most veterinarians will scan an animal for a microchip free of charge.

If the animal is injured or in danger from the weather or other animals, please take it to the Animal Services location nearest you. All loose dogs should be taken to your local Animal Shelter.



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## COUNTY SHELTERS

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### CLACKAMAS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

**Phone:** (503) 722-6519  
**Location:** 13141 SE Highway 212  
Clackamas, OR 97015  
**Email:** [dogcontrol@clackamas.us](mailto:dogcontrol@clackamas.us)  
**Website:** [www.clackamas.us/dogs](http://www.clackamas.us/dogs)

### COLUMBIA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

**Phone:** (503) 397-3935  
**Location:** 2084 Oregon St.  
St. Helens, OR 97051  
**Website:** [www.co.columbia.or.us/animalcontrol/](http://www.co.columbia.or.us/animalcontrol/)

### MARION COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND SHELTER

**Phone:** (503) 588-5233  
**Location:** 3550 Aumsville Hwy SE  
Salem, OR 97317  
**Website:** [www.mcdogs.net](http://www.mcdogs.net)

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

**Phone:** (503) 988-7387  
**Location:** 1700 W Columbia River Hwy  
Troutdale, OR 97060  
**Website:** [www.multcopets.org](http://www.multcopets.org)

### WASHINGTON COUNTY: BONNIE L. HAYES SMALL ANIMAL SHELTER

**Phone:** (503) 846-7041  
**Location:** 1901 SE 24th Avenue  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
**Website:** [www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/at/dog/dog.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/at/dog/dog.htm)