

## PREVENTION TIPS

- Make sure your pets ID tags/ microchip information are up to date
- Periodically check collars for tears or frays in material
- Walk your dog on a harness or a martingale collar to prevent him from backing out of a buckle collar and getting loose
- Check fences for any holes or weak spots that may need repair and never leave your dog unattended if any are found
- Transport nervous or flight risk dogs in a dog crate, check crate is secure before departure
- Make sure all screens are secure so they cannot be pushed out by a curious kitty
- Transport all cats in a carrier at all times, check prior to departure that carrier is secure
- Consider obedience/leash training for dogs and behavior modification if your cat is prone to door darting
- For more information on these suggestions call our helpline at (973) 377-2253

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: PROFESSOR BUTTERSCOTCH REUNITED WITH HIS MOM AT OUR NORTH BRANCH SHELTER AFTER MISSING FOR OVER 6 DAYS.

## Lost & Found Pets

### *Recovery & Prevention*



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### When your pet goes missing

- If you did not see your pet exit the home, do a thorough check—this is especially important for cats
- Time is always of the essence—do not wait for your pet to return home as he may not be able to
- Canvas the area—cats tend to stick extremely close to home while distance traveled by dogs can vary
- While canvassing the area, talk to neighbors and ask for help in some way
- Call your local police station, animal control, animal shelters, microchip company if applicable and veterinary offices to alert them of your missing pet
- Post flyers and posters in your area—if you are unable to print flyers ask around
- **Visit** shelters to drop off flyers and ask to see any stray animals recently taken in
- Harness the power of social media by sharing your flyer with lost and found communities in your area
- **Do not give up hope!** Many pets are found after a pet parent has given up hope, which leads to the pet going unclaimed at a shelter

## SPECIES SPECIFIC TIPS

### Cat

- 92% of (indoor only) missing cats are found within 3-5 homes, 84% (outdoor access)
- When missing, cats tend to stay close to home so be sure to pay close attention to the immediate area of where your cat was last seen
- Cats tend to hide in silence and often do not come when called— searching with a flashlight can aid in searches due to a cats eye shine
- Be certain to check every nook and cranny your cat could possibly have gotten in, around or under (*no space is too small to check!*)
- While canvassing your neighborhood ask neighbors if YOU can check under their decks/ sheds—don't be afraid to get dirty, your cat could have gotten into something he doesn't know how to get out of!

### Dogs

- Do not wait for your dog to come home, the first hours are often crucial to finding him
- Social dogs are likely to be brought in to a home or a shelter so do not limit your search area to only areas you think your dog may visit—cast a broad search net by visiting many shelters and posting flyers/posters
- If you see your dog do NOT chase him as this may cause him to run faster and farther into dangerous situations
- For fearful dogs contact your local animal control to ask about assistance with humane traps

## POSTERS + FLYERS

- Use bright neon poster board (22"x28") at intersections and busy streets
- Use 4"-5" stencil letters and waterproof black permanent markers to create legible notice that a pet is missing
- Use a full page color photo and large text to inform those passing by what to look for, where to look and who to call
- Use plastic sheet protectors and clear packing tape to keep photo and information protected
- Hand out flyers to mail carriers, neighbors—post on community bulletin boards, around town if permitted
- Use together for a powerful combination to aid in getting the word out on your missing pet



Some information modified from  
[missingpetpartnership.org](http://missingpetpartnership.org)