

MISSING DOG RECOVERY TIPS

Extremely Social Dogs:

- Likely to approach/come to any person who calls them
- These types of dogs are likely to be taken in to someone's home or brought to a shelter
- Canvas the area and go door to door talking to people
- If you have more than one dog and your missing dog is social, consider bring your other dog with you on search to further entice your missing dog to come out
- If your dog has a favorite noisy toy, bring it with you on your search and use that noise
- Hang large neon posters and hand out flyers to people and local businesses
- Contact local shelters with a detailed description of your dog including microchip # if applicable, ask if there is an e-mail you can send a photo to or a way they can share it online
- Share you're a photo of your dog and information on multiple lost pets facebook pages/groups, consider posting an ad on craigslist
- Visit shelters and rescues in person frequently
- Leave your dogs bed/crate out with his and your scent on it

Shy and Fearful Dogs:

- Less likely to approach people, even the owners in some cases, or come when called due to fear
- Distance traveled will depend on is he/she has been chased by anyone in effort to catch him/her
- If you have more than one dog and your missing dog is fearful, bring your more social dog on a long training lead or long/dragline
- May be recovered later than a social dog due to wariness of surroundings and people
- May eventually come out to find food but are prone to running at sudden movements
- May need to be humanely trapped, so call shelters/animal control to see if they rent out humane traps for dogs
- Consider renting/purchasing a wildlife camera to catch footage of what is coming around the trap so it can be effectively trapped
- Canvas the area, hang posters, distribute flyers, share on social media (be sure to note something to the effect of "Fearful, do not chase!", call shelters and rescues
- Contact animal control and check in frequently to see if there have been any sightings or if dogs matching the description of your dog have been brought in

General Tips:

- Dogs that escape due to opportunity (gate/door left open, habitual diggers or climbers, etc.) are more likely to be closer to home than a dog who is running due to panic or extreme fear
- Consider tagging your car with paint markers, this turns your vehicle into a mobile flyer advertising your missing dog- hang a large color photo in window if possible