

TIPS TO FIND YOUR LOST CAT

YOLO COUNTY SPCA LOST & FOUND PROGRAM



1. **VISIT PETHARBOR.COM.** View the animals at Yolo County Animal Services on www.petharbor.com regularly. West Sacramento residents should also view animals at City of Sacramento Animal Care Services "just in case". Keep in mind that information listed may not always be correct, so please list "no preferences" in your search. You may also submit a lost pet listing to be sent to the shelter - include a picture if possible.
2. **E-MAIL US A LOST CAT FORM AND PHOTO OF YOUR CAT.** You can find our lost cat form at www.yolospc.org or on the shelter's Facebook page under the "lost and found" tab. Please e-mail the form and picture to us at lostandfound@yolospc.org. Please put "lost cat" in the subject line.
3. **SEARCH.** Talk to your neighbors and enlist their help. For timid cats, be sure to search places where they can hide. Early morning is an excellent time to search. Ask your neighbors if you may check their backyards. Keep searching regularly. For indoor only cats, leave their litterbox or a rug from the house outside so they can smell their own scent and recognize their home.
4. **MAKE FLIERS.** Keep it clear and simple. Use a photograph if possible (color copies are best). The more fliers you distribute, the more likely you will recover your cat! During the rainy season, laminate the fliers or place them in plastic sleeves.

Shy/timid cats tend to stay closer to home and go into hiding, so focus your search accordingly. For fliers, mention the cat is timid, may be hiding and to check their property. We recommend hand-delivering fliers to every household within one block and posting fliers within three blocks.

Confident/outgoing or intact, sexually mature cats may wander further from home. We recommend expanding the posting area to 2-3 blocks when you hand-deliver fliers and 5 blocks when posting.
5. **POST ON FACEBOOK AND CRAIGSLIST.** There are local "lost and found pets" Facebook groups for Woodland, Davis, and West Sacramento, and one for all of Yolo County - search Facebook for them and ask to join, then post information and a picture about your lost pet. Also post under the "pets" and "lost and found" sections on Sacramento Craigslist.
6. **NOTIFY VETERINARY CLINICS** in case someone brings your cat in injured or stray.
7. **CALL US WHEN YOU FIND YOUR CAT!** Please call the Yolo County SPCA at (530) 662-8858 so we can remove your cat's lost report and stop looking for it.
8. For more great tips, see www.catsinthebag.org

**** DON'T GIVE UP TOO SOON! YOUR CAT IS COUNTING ON YOU TO FIND IT! ****
**** GIVE LOST PETS A TICKET HOME –COLLARS, TAGS AND MICROCHIPS WORK!****

LOST / FOUND CAT REPORT

Today's Date: _____
Date Lost / Found: _____

Cat's Name: _____

Age: _____

Sex: Intact Male Neutered Male Intact Female Spayed Female

Fur: Short Medium (slightly fluffy/bushy tail) Long (very fluffy/bushy tail)

Color: _____

Is the color: Solid Tabby (stripes) Tabby (swirled pattern)

Are there distinct white areas? No Yes (please describe) : _____

Speacial Markings or Feartures? _____

Eye color: Blue Yellow/Green

Tail: Normal (long) Bushy/Fluffy Short (manx)

Body Size: Skinny Lean/Fit Average Overweight Obese

Cat's behavior around strangers: Timid/Fearful Confident/Friendly

Other Comments? _____

Is the cat wearing a collar? No Yes (please describe) : _____

Identification: No Tag Microchip

City where dog was lost / found: _____

Cross-Streets: _____

Owner / Finder Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Daytime #1: _____

Daytime #2: _____

Evening: _____

E-Mail: _____

- Please take the TIPS TO FIND YOUR LOST DOG handout attached to this form!

For staff use:

DOA___ VET___ FOUND___ SHELTER___ ADVISED___ SIGN-OFF_____