# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET GETS LOST?



# **BEGIN SEARCH**

Before your pet has time to roam too far, immediately begin searching within a 2 mile radius from where your pet was last seen.

# **GATHER NEIGHBORS**

Gather neighbors and friends to search the area your pet was last seen. Don't forget your pet's favorite treat or toy and call out words they respond to, such as "toy" or "treat" along with their name.

#### **CONTACT AKC REUNITE**

Contact AKC Reunite's 24/7 Reuniters Helpline at 800-252-7894 to let us know your pet is lost and so we can confirm your contact information is up to date. You can also activate a Lost Pet Alert to shelters, veterinarians and pet lovers in your immediate area.

# **PRINT POSTERS**

Create and print lost pet posters including your pet's name, photo and phone #. (AKC Reunite makes it easy with our Lost Pet Alert - go to **akcreunite.org/alert** for more information.). Next display the posters around the area your pet was last seen, including veterinarians and local

#### **CONTACT SHELTERS**

Contact all of your local shelters, humane societies and the police to report your pet missing with an accurate description of your pet: hair/ coat length and color - don't forget special markings: size; age; ear type: pointed, long, short, droopy. Continue to call the shelter on a daily basis and repeat this information since shelter staff can change from day to day.

#### **EXPAND YOUR SEARCH**

Visit local shelters and humane societies to see if your pet is there on a daily basis. Keep optimistic and REMEMBER, if your pet is microchipped, the chances of your pet returning home increase dramatically!

# WHAT IF I AM SEPARATED FROM MY PET DURING AN EMERGENCY?

Make sure that your family is in a safe location before you begin your search.

- 1. If you are in a shelter that houses pets, inform one of the pet caretakers and give a picture of your pet.
- 2. Contact animal control about your lost pet.
- 3.Call your microchip company (AKC Reunite 800-252-7894) to make sure all the information about you and your pet is current.



www.akcreunite.org 800-252-7894



#### Important

Make sure your pet has a collar tag and is enrolled in a lost pet recovery service, like AKC Reunite. That way if your pet is ever lost, Good Samaritans can call us via the phone number found on your pet's AKC Reunite collar tag. If your pet's collar falls off or if its tag is lost, a local veterinarian can scan for a microchip. If your pet's microchip is enrolled with AKC Reunite, we will help reunite you and your pet! To enroll your pet with AKC Reunite call **800-252-7894** or go to **www.akcreunite.org**.



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