

IF YOUR PET IS LOST

Check the County Animal Shelter immediately at (530) 621-5795 in Placerville and (530) 573-7925 in Lake Tahoe or see www.edcgov.us/AnimalServices , ask to fill out a Lost Animal Report, and check the Found Animal Reports. A picture is very helpful!! If you live near the county line, check the other nearby shelters as well, just in case. The shelter staff here can tell you which other shelters might be located close by.

Contact the local Veterinary Hospitals to see if anyone has contacted them. The shelter staff may be able to tell you which ones are close to you. Ask to leave a Lost Animal Flyer with the vet hospitals. Again, a picture is helpful!

Advise your neighbors that your pet is missing, and make sure they have your contact information in case they see your pet. Post flyers around your neighborhood and at any local businesses (with permission of the owner, of course). Offering a REWARD brings attention to your flyers and ads, even if it's only \$5 or \$10.

Go to www.petspathhome.com or call the webmaster directly at (530) 622-2525 to post a Lost Animal Report on the website. You can use a computer for free at the local library, if you don't have one of your own.

Go to www.craigslist.org and post a Lost Animal Report. Make sure you post in the pets section, and the lost and found section in both the Sacramento and Gold Country forums.

Contact the Mountain Democrat, the Gold Panner, and the Windfall newspapers and run a Lost Pet Ad in each. Again, pictures are helpful!

Physically walk through the shelter at least every 3 days to be sure the Lost Report you filled out wasn't missed. State law requires that shelters hold stray animals with no ID for 4 working days, so you'll be safe checking every 3 days. You may want to ask to check our D.O.A. log as well, just to be sure.

Check www.petharbor.com DAILY, as that website is updated HOURLY.

Once you get your pet back, contact ALL places where you posted ads and advise them that your pet is home so they can take down flyers. Take your pet to a local vet and have them microchipped; it's a permanent form of ID that they can never lose, just in case they ever decide to run away again. The microchip is the safest, most effective way to make sure your pet has ID at all times, especially with cats.

ALWAYS make sure your dogs are CURRENTLY LICENSED with El Dorado County Animal Services and that they are wearing a snug collar with their license tag, as well as a name tag with your current phone number and address, even if your dog never leaves your house. Better safe than sorry.

If you have any questions, call (530) 621-7631 in Placerville or (530) 573-7925 in South Lake Tahoe. Thanks to the County for the use of this information.