



LOST DOG ACTION PLAN

HOURS POST-FLIGHT

IMMEDIATELY

ACTION

- Please call your foster manager immediately
 - Put food and scent article at place where dog bolted, if feasible, or was last seen. Keep these items out until dog is found.
 - Drive immediate area and look for dog.
 - Talk to neighbors and others on the street and ask if they have seen
- *The scent article should be an item the dog associates with a familiar and desired person or animal.
- For a dog bonded with you, it could be an article of your clothing.
 - If the dog is new and/or frightened of you, use an item with its own scent, i.e., a dog bed or toy.
 - The dog's own scent may also be used for a dog bonded to its owner.

IN CASE OF SIGHTINGS

- Go to the area with high-value treats (cheese, bacon, rotisserie chicken, etc.) and a slip lead.
- Remain very calm.
- When you see your dog, **DO NOT CHASE.**
- Lower your body to the ground and use familiar, positive words like "treat" or "go for walk," etc.
- Understand that he may not come to you right away.
- The longer a dog is missing the more likely he has gone into survival mode, which means he is focused on food, water, shelter and security. He may perceive all humans as a threat—even you.
- If the dog flees, set up a feeding station using good-smelling food such as canned cat food, tripe, or fried chicken (deboned), and place a scent article nearby.
- Restock every day with fresh food. The goal is to keep your dog from leaving the area by providing for all his needs.
- If possible, monitor the feeding station with a trail camera or ask a neighbor to observe whether the dog is returning to the feeding station on a regular basis.
- Be sure to tell the neighbor not to approach the dog and scare it away.

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<h2>1 Hour or Less</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call local police departments/law enforcement (city, township or county, as appropriate), vet clinics, animal control agencies and shelters. Be sure to include those in your surrounding counties/communities. • See the list of Minnesota impound facilities <i>here</i>, or Google facilities in your area. • Place missing dog ad on local Craigslist Community > Lost & Found and Community > Pets • Report dog on Facebook lost dog pages for your area (i.e., Lost Dogs - MN).
<h2>4 Hours or Less</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make intersection signs. • Use brightly colored poster board and draw text large enough for drivers to see from the road. • Attach securely to stakes. • Prepare and duplicate flyer (<i>download Word template here</i>) • Be sure to mention to not pursue, chase, call out or whistle to a lost dog but instead to call you ASAP with the sighting location and time.
<h2>8 Hours or Less</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place intersection signs. • Post at nearby intersections and in front of where dog went missing from. <p>VERY IMPORTANT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin flyer distribution. This step has proven to be extremely successful in reuniting dogs with their families. • Place flyers in newspaper boxes or door-to-door all around the area where your dog went missing or was last seen. Do not put in mailboxes, as this is against the law. • Take along sturdy tape, a marker if needed and a staple gun to post on utility poles and street signs. These may or may not be removed by authorities per local ordinances.
<h2>24 Hours or Less</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve tracking dogs if available in your area. • Add your dog to the database at these websites: http://www.lostandpound.com http://www.findfido.com/FrameIt.asp?GoTo=Report.html https://www.pets911.com/

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2 Days

- Place a lost dog ad in your community newspaper in the Lost & Found section of the classified ads.
- Contact local radio stations — many will broadcast a free public service announcement for your missing dog.
- Send out a robocall (automated telephone call) from a fee-based service such as:
findtoto.com
petamberalert.com
- Be sure to specify the address for where your dog went missing, if other than your home address.
- Visit shelters in your area and surrounding jurisdictions to see if your dog has been picked up. Continue every other day.

3 Days AND more

- If no sightings are reported, expand your signage and flyering area by a mile per day and keep expanding as time goes on.
- Look for your dog on local and regional rescue groups' websites
Sometimes, well-meaning people will find a stray dog and give it to a rescue without reporting it anywhere as found
 - Search for your dog using Petfinder.com
 - For keywords, use any breed that might best describe your dog
 - If your dog is purebred or appears to be, contact local breed rescues and alert them to your missing dog
- Consider hiring an animal communicator
 - Use social media to ask for recommendations from people who have had successful experiences with an animal communicator in lost dog cases