WHAT TO DO IF A FOSTER PET BECOMES LOST

If a foster pet becomes lost, no need to panic! These things can happen, but be sure to call the organization you are fostering for immediately using the contact information provided to you.

After you've contacted them, here are some steps you can take to help find the foster pet.

1. Create a lost-pet flyer to post in your neighborhood and ask around.



- Create a flyer containing a photo of the foster animal and information on where the pet was last seen and how to get in touch with you. Include as many specifics in your flyer as you can, such as collar color, any tags, specific markings — anything that can help people identify the pet.
- The foster pet may still be in your neighborhood. Post your flyer within a radius of your home and ask your neighbors if they have seen the pet and if they can keep an eye out.

2. Post about the pet on your social media and community apps.



- Websites like NextDoor are neighborhood-oriented, allowing you to talk to your neighbors and post information about lost pets and where they were last seen.
- Post your flyer on the local Craigslist in the lost-and-found section.
- Some Facebook Groups within your community could be a great place to share.

3. Use lost-and-found pet websites that send alerts to local animal welfare organizations.



 Finding Rover and PawBoost are popular lost-pet platforms that can send alerts to your local animal hospitals, shelters and animal rescue groups, or even use facial recognition to scan found-pet alerts.

4. Keep looking.



- Remember, pets can be amazingly resilient and resourceful, so don't stop looking.
- When cats go missing, they are most likely hiding nearby in silence. Indoor cats tend to be afraid outdoors and will seek areas of concealment for their protection. Check under decks, porches and houses in the neighborhood, or in heavy brush areas.
- For dogs, more often than not, people are the key to finding them. Completing the steps given above has been highly effective in finding lost dogs.

For additional tips on searching for a lost foster cat or dog, visit **missinganimalresponse.com**.