



# FINDING A LOST PET



We understand the distress families face when their beloved pet goes missing and we hope that the following tips will help reunite you with your lost loved one.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET GOES MISSING

1. Carefully search your home and make sure that your pet isn't hiding. Be sure to check any unusual places it has access to. Ask family and friends to help you search.
2. Tell the neighbours that your pet is missing. They could help you look for it or just keep an eye out. Make sure you take a recent photo to show them.
3. Walk around the neighbourhood and call your pet's name. If your dog is lost, concentrate on the areas where you usually take it on walks and any other places you have recently visited.
4. Create a 'Lost Pet' flyer and distribute it to houses and shops in your neighbourhood. The flyer should include a photo, your pet's name and what it answers to, a detailed description, when and where your pet went missing, your name and contact number, and mention a reward (if applicable).
5. If your pet is microchipped and the details are not current, contact the microchip agency and update your details immediately.

## WHO TO CONTACT

1. Your local council: Your pet could be at the council pound, or a member of the community could have seen it in the neighbourhood and notified the council.
2. Animal shelters in your region and surrounding areas: This is best done in person, as it is the only sure method of identifying your pet. If you don't find your pet at a shelter on your first visit, it will be worthwhile to visit again after a few days.
3. Local vets: Many vets have 'Lost and Found' display boards.
4. Local papers: You can place a notice under the 'Lost and Found' section of the local newspaper. Some local radio stations will also make announcements about lost pets.

A list of useful contact numbers is on the reverse of this sheet.

Remember to be persistent and keep looking. We recommend a repeat visit to your local shelter or council pound at least every six days. Legally, these facilities are only required to hold stray animals for eight days.

Frequent visits to shelters will give you the best chance of finding your lost pet.

We wish you the best of luck and hope that you are reunited with your pet soon.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ Proof of ownership may be required.
- ✓ Photo ID is required to claim an animal, and proof of registration is necessary for council pounds.

**RSPCA BURWOOD EAST 9224 2222**

3 Burwood Highway [www.rspcavic.org](http://www.rspcavic.org)  
 Burwood East, 3151 - Melways 61 F6

**RSPCA PENINSULA 5978 6706**

1030 Robinsons Road [www.rspcavic.org](http://www.rspcavic.org)  
 Pearcedale, 3192 - Melways 141 C3

**ANIMAL AID (Victorian Animal Aid Trust) 9739 0300**

35 Killara Road [www.animalaid.com.au](http://www.animalaid.com.au)  
 Coldstream, 3770 - Melways 281 F7

**AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY 9798 8415**

Cnr Chapel & Homeleigh Roads [www.aaps.org.au](http://www.aaps.org.au)  
 Keysborough, 3175 - Melways 94 B2

**BLUE CROSS ANIMAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA 9722 1265**

26 Homestead Road [www.bluecrossanimals.org.au](http://www.bluecrossanimals.org.au)  
 Wonga Park, 3115 - Melways 24 J12

**CAT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF VICTORIA 9434 7155**

200 Elder Street [www.catprotection.com.au](http://www.catprotection.com.au)  
 Greensborough, 3088 - Melways 20 J6

**LORT SMITH ANIMAL HOSPITAL 9328 3021**

24 Villiers Street [www.lortsmith.com](http://www.lortsmith.com)  
 North Melbourne, 3051 - Melways 2A K8

**LOST DOG'S HOME & CAT SHELTER 9329 2755**

2 Gracie Street [www.dogshome.com](http://www.dogshome.com)  
 North Melbourne, 3051 - Melways 2A C7

**GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY 5248 2091**

325 - 329 Portarlington Road [www.gaws.org.au](http://www.gaws.org.au)  
 Moolap, 3221 - Melways 231 G4

**SAVE-A-DOG SCHEME 9824 7928**

Weir Street [www.saveadog.org.au](http://www.saveadog.org.au)  
 Glen Iris, 3146 - Melways 59 E5

**DOGS VICTORIA 9788 2500**

655 Westernport Highway [www.dogsvictoria.org.au](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au)  
 Skye, 3977 - Melways 128 J12

**FELINE CONTROL COUNCIL OF VICTORIA 9720 8811**

3/15 Newcastle Road [www.connect.to/fccvic](http://www.connect.to/fccvic)  
 Bayswater, 3153 - Melways 64 K4

**After hours emergency vet services**

Eastern Suburbs (Mount Waverley) .....	9803 8122
Northern Suburbs (Bundoora) .....	9467 2255
Western Suburbs (Werribee) .....	9731 2232
Southern Suburbs (Highett) .....	9532 5261
Southern Suburbs (Hallam) .....	1300 653 858
Southern Suburbs (Frankston) .....	9770 5555
Northern Suburbs (Essendon) .....	1300 259 683

**Do not forget to check your local council for the phone number and location of it's pound**

Ballarat City Council .....	5320 5500
Bass Coast Shire Council .....	1300 226 278
Boroondara City Council .....	9278 4444
Brimbank City Council .....	9249 4000
Cardinia Shire Council .....	1300 787 624
Casey City Council .....	9705 5200
Colac-Otway Shire Council .....	5232 9400
Frankston City Council .....	1300 322 322
Glenelg Shire Council .....	5522 2200
Glen Eira City Council .....	9524 3333
Greater Bendigo City Council .....	5434 6000
Greater Geelong City Council .....	5272 5272
Greater Dandenong City Council .....	9239 5100
Kingston City Council .....	1300 653 356
Knox City Council .....	9298 8000
Hobsons Bay City Council .....	9932 1000
Maroondah City Council .....	1300 882 233
Melton Shire Council .....	9747 7200
Monash City Council .....	9518 3555
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council .....	1300 850 600
Port Phillip City Council .....	9209 6777
Stonnington City Council .....	8290 1333
Surf Coast Shire Council .....	5261 0600
Warrnambool City Council .....	1300 003 280
Whitehorse City Council .....	9262 6333
Yarra Ranges Shire Council .....	1300 368 333

**Current as of December 2011**

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