

# What to Do if You Find a Pet

From Pet FBI



## Check for ID.

A dog license or rabies tag can be used to find the owner. If there is no collar, the pet may be microchipped. Veterinarians or animal shelters will scan for a microchip for free.



## Use signs and flyers.

Post large, brightly colored signs where the pet was found and in your front yard. Create flyers and go door to door. Post on bulletin boards and in veterinarian clinics. You can use our template at [PetFBI.org](http://PetFBI.org) to create your flyer.



## Walk the area.

Most pets are lost close to home. Walk the neighborhood to see if anyone recognizes the pet. Hand out flyers.



## Get the word out.

Contact your local animal shelter, vet clinics, and your local police department. Sometimes it is not possible to keep a pet until the owner is found. If you surrender the pet to a shelter, be sure you take it to the shelter in the county or city where it was found. Transporting a pet to a shelter out of the area or surrendering it to a rescue greatly decreases the chances of the owner being found.



## Use social media and the Internet.

Post on [PetFBI.org](http://PetFBI.org), [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com), the lost and found section of Craigslist, neighborhood Facebook pages, and other lost and found social media sites.

For more tips or to file a found pet report, go to [PetFBI.org](http://PetFBI.org). Always free of charge.