

LOST & FOUND



STEPS FOR OWNERS AND FINDERS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY

STEP 1

Search for your pet at BARCS and other local Baltimore Metro Area shelters. The legal hold period for a lost animal in the State of Maryland is 72 hours, so it is important that you continually visit nearby shelters to search every day.

STEP 2



Scan me with your smart phone!

Upload Lost or Found Pets on Petco Love Lost: BARCS partners with Petco Love Lost and highly recommends that both owners and finders use this free facial recognition resource. Each time someone posts a photo of a pet they've lost or found, Love Lost scans its database—along with its shelter partners' databases—and provides possible matches and necessary contact information within seconds.

STEP 3

Create Paper and Digital Flyers: The more people in the community who see your lost pet's photo, the greater the likelihood of your pet being reunited with you. We suggest hanging posters in the neighborhood where the pet was lost or found and also in community locations like post offices and grocery stores. Posting on social media pages like neighborhood Facebook and NextDoor groups can also get the word out quickly.

Need help making a flyer? Petco Love Lost (Step 2) automatically generates a printable flyer of your pet.



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LOST PET PREVENTION

DON'T SKIP THE MICROCHIP!

Microchips reunite families and save lives. A microchip is an identification device that is inserted under the skin on the back of a pet's neck. It is the size of a grain of rice and does not hurt the pet. When a lost pet is brought into a shelter or veterinary office, it's scanned for a microchip, and the owner's contact information is provided automatically. You can purchase a microchip at BARCS low-cost, public clinics or from your veterinarian. Be sure to register your microchip on the chips registry and keep it up to date.

MORE WAYS TO PREVENT LOSING AN ANIMAL COMPANION:

- Make sure your pet's name tags have your current address and current phone number.
- Have rabies and license tags on your pet at all times.
- Write your name and phone number directly on the animal's collar with a permanent marker, as tags may fall off.
- Keep your pet properly restrained on a leash when outside of your home.
- Do not leave your pet outside unsupervised.

