

## IF YOU'VE LOST A PET

To those of us who treat a pet as a member of the family, losing one can be a very heart wrenching experience. Persistence is the key to finding your lost pet.

Check with you neighbors, go door to door and hand out flyer containing a picture and description of your pet. Offer a reward.

Check your local shelter's website, lost and found page:

Lied Animal Shelter [www.liedanimalshelter.org/lostpets.html](http://www.liedanimalshelter.org/lostpets.html)  
(City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Clark County)

Henderson Shelter [www.cityofhenderson.com/animal\\_control/lost\\_found.php](http://www.cityofhenderson.com/animal_control/lost_found.php)

Boulder City Animal Control [www.ci.boulder-city.nv.us/AnimalControl/](http://www.ci.boulder-city.nv.us/AnimalControl/)

Nevada SPCA [www.nevadaspca.org](http://www.nevadaspca.org)

Contact local shelters. Go to the shelters with a picture and description of your pet, every other day.

Lied Animal Shelter	655 N. Mojave Road	455-7711
(City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Clark County)		

Henderson Shelter	390 Athens Avenue	565-2033
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Boulder City Animal Control	810 Yucca Street	293-9283
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Nevada SPCA	4800 W. Dewey Drive	873-7722
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Contact local rescue groups:

Las Vegas Valley Humane Society	434-2009
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Save Our Strays	363-8616
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Heaven Can Wait	227-5555
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Check the newspaper's lost and found section in the classified ads. Place an ad in the newspaper.

If your pet has a microchip, contact the microchip company and inform them, also use the opportunity to confirm they have updated contact information for you.

Be persistent and enlist as much help as you can from your family and friends.

### More specifically:

1. Immediately **print fliers with a picture and description of your animal**. On the flier should be a picture of your animal, a detailed description, general area where the pet was lost, your name, telephone number(s) and "reward offered". The reward offered does not need to be a great amount but might entice children in your area to help look for your lost pet. Place the fliers in as many locations in your area as you can. Don't forget the local veterinarians, convenience stores and grocery stores. You should ask the management permission to place the flier and then have tape with you to actually put the flier up yourself.
2. **Go door to door** in your area and either talk to your neighbors or leave your flier. The more people who know your animal is lost; the better. Comb your neighborhood especially in the

morning and early evening or at your pet's normal feeding time. For cats kept mostly inside place an article of clothing with your scent along the perimeter of your property to entice your cat back into your yard. Indoor cats are at a huge disadvantage once outside being able to sense their way home.

3. **Visit the animal shelter in your jurisdiction.** If your pet was lost in the city of Las Vegas, unincorporated areas of Clark County and in North Las Vegas visit the Lied Animal Shelter at 655 N. Mojave Road. In Henderson visit the Henderson Shelter at 390 Athens Avenue. In Boulder City visit the Boulder City Animal Control at 1390 San Felipe Drive. You need to visit the shelter in your jurisdiction every other day. Most shelters are only required to hold an animal for 72 hours. Animals can travel so if your pet isn't in the shelter of your jurisdiction, check the other shelters also.
4. If you can, **visit the shelters in neighboring jurisdictions.** Lost animals can travel or be transported to another neighborhood before being picked up and taken to a shelter.
5. When visiting the shelters you need to not only look at all the animals being held but to also **check the books located at each shelter.** Shelter books will list animal description of those animals found dead, those animals injured and receiving medical care at a veterinarian and those found animals being held by individuals and organizations.
6. **Call as many animal organizations as you can** and give a detailed description of your lost animal along with your name and telephone number. Follow up this telephone call by mailing the organization your flier with your pet's picture.
7. **Check the newspaper's lost and found section** in the classified ads and if you can afford to do so list your pet in the lost section.

### **Before It Happens:**

If your pet(s) are outside at all they need to have on a collar and tag. This is their best ticket home. A collar without a tag is useless in helping your pet find his way home.

Microchips are inexpensive in highly effective. They provide a means of identifying your pet that is nation-wide. Most vets and shelters have the ability to check for a microchip, and then call for the owner information. A dog or cat may lose a collar with tags, but not a microchip. Microchips are the size of a piece of rice, and are implanted under the skin by your vet.

For all your animals:

1. Keep current I.D. photos of each of your animals, front and side.
2. Write down detailed physical descriptions of your animals including eye color and distinguishing characteristics. Keep it on hand.
3. Keep tags on your animals at all times as required by law.
4. Write your address and phone number on their collars with an indelible ink marker.
5. Keep a copy of your micro-chip and / or your rabies and city license tag numbers.
6. If leaving your animal in the care of others, seriously consider your choice of caretaker. Provide them with the relevant information as described above. Consider professional kenneling