

LOST DOG

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION TO FOLLOW SHOULD YOUR DOG BECOME LOST?

It is important to have a mental, if not a documented plan of action to follow should your dog become lost. The following is a list of suggestions to help you create your own plan.

- Keep a collar with current tags on your dog at all times. One of the tags should have a day and a night phone number.
- Also microchip your dog to permanently identify him. Many vets and groomers offer these services. A lost dog may lose his collar or identity tag.
- Keep a current photo of your dog on your cell phone and on your computer so you can quickly make posters to put around neighborhood.
- Determine how much effort, time and money you can afford to spend looking for your dog. Rewards can be helpful.
- Contact the local and surrounding police and fire departments. (Dogs have been known to travel as much as 20 to 30 miles from home).
- Contact and leave posters with all local veterinarians, groomers, dog training clubs, shelters and rescue groups.
- Place an ad in the newspaper. Include breed, size, color, sex, age and any other additional descriptive information.
- Seek support from your friends and neighbors. Email them a picture and be ready to give them specific tasks to perform.
- When your dog is found, remember to notify all contacts you have made. Remove all flyers and posters.