

## GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU FIND YOU'RE LOST PET:

- Make up fliers with your pet's description (include a picture if possible). List sex, color, tags, collars or distinguishing characteristics, the area lost, and your information for someone to contact you. Post the notices on supermarket bulletin boards, Animal Service's Lost and Found Board, with other humane organizations, schools, and nearby neighbors.

Here is a site to help you create the flyer: [www.petbond.com](http://www.petbond.com)

- Be persistent!! Often times, well meaning people will keep a lost pet at their house for an extended period before turning the dog or cat into the animal shelter
- Come to the animal shelter. Only you can positively identify your pet. As much as we would like to help you, we cannot identify your animal over the phone.
- Check the shelter at least every 72 hours. Unlicensed, stray dogs and cats are only required to be held for three days before they can be adopted, rescued or even euthanized.
- Call or send in a notice to your local newspaper as people who find pets may also check for a lost/found report made.
- If you have recently moved, leave notices with neighbors in both your old and new neighborhoods, and check with agencies in that area.
- Make sure that all current and correct information is on file for your dog's license and rabies tags.
- If your animal has been micro chipped, make sure the company has your current information. Check your neighborhood frequently on foot. Be sure to check at night. If your pet is in an area it is not familiar with, it will only come out when it is quiet.

Post pictures and location/date lost on Facebook groups:

- Lost and Found Pets in Madera County.  
(Most Shelter employees and volunteers are a part of it.)
- Lost & Found Pets in Madera, Ca
- Mountain Dog Watch
- 559 Lost & Found Pets
- Madera Ranchos Pet Page
- Central Valley Missing / Found Pets

You can also place lost reports on [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com)