

FOUND PET HELP

Tips from Lost Dogs Arizona

At the shelter:

- Even if you are leaving the pet you found at the shelter, there are still things you can do to find the owner and reunite a family.
 - Get a good photo of the pet
 - Get the "A number" from the shelter so that you can follow the status of the pet online via <http://www.petharbor.com>
 - Post a Found pet flyer on the Lost & Found bulletin board, at both county shelters. Include a photo and your contact information as a minimum. Follow the posted requirements.
- If you are able to hold the pet you found until the owner is located, file a found pet report with the shelter. You can do that at the Lost/Found desk or by calling 602-372-4598. The pet will automatically be posted to www.petharbor.com and the county interactive map at <https://gis.maricopa.gov/ACC/Stray/index.html>.

When you get home:

- Go to www.LostDogsArizona.org and the Lost Cats of Arizona Facebook page for more assistance.
- Post the pet you found on www.HelpingLostPets.com and print the provided flyer. Your listing will be posted on Lost Dogs Arizona or Lost Cats of Arizona Facebook pages.
- Check that the pet has been posted on the county interactive map and look for pets reported lost at <https://gis.maricopa.gov/ACC/Stray/index.html>
- Search for lost reports submitted by the public on <http://www.petharbor.com>.
- If you are holding the pet in your home, post to www.findingrover.com and search for matching lost pets.
- Post an ad on craigslist, in both the Pets and the Lost & Found sections. Check for lost ads.
- Using the flyer provided by Helping Lost Pets and neon colored paper as a background, create signs and post them where the pet was found, at major intersections, at businesses.
- Post on social media sites. On Facebook, post on Straydar, Lost Dogs of Arizona, local/community pages; swap/sell pages, HOA pages, your own page.
- Post on NextDoor.com, Twitter.
- Post an ad in your local newspaper
- Hand out flyers to neighbors, letter carriers, delivery personnel, veterinarians and other businesses in the area.
- Check the area for Lost pet signs.
- Contact any rescues for the breed of dog/cat you found. Worried owners may be contacting them. Some rescues are listed on <http://www.lostdogsarizona.org/>. Also check www.pacc911.org
- Monitor the pet's progress at the shelter. Arrange for rescue resources if you are able to and it is needed. Let the shelter know if you are interested in adopting.
- Check your email and phone often for messages from worried owners.