

## FOUND A LOST PET?

Only 17% of pets that end up in shelters get reclaimed by their families.

70% of lost dogs are found less than a mile from their home.

Here's how you can get lost pets back home faster:

### FIRST THINGS FIRST:

- Check the pet for ID tags. If they're wearing a Maricopa County tag, call 602-506-PETS and follow the prompts.
- Bring the pet to a veterinary office, shelter, or pet supply store and ask them to scan for a microchip.
- Visit the MCACC stray animal map tool ([maricopa.gov/162](http://maricopa.gov/162)) to look for lost reports that may be a match.
- Walk them around the area where they were found.
- Look for lost pet flyers in the area.

\* Kriemer, T. (2021). A New Web-Based Tool for RTO-Focused Animal Shelter Data Analysis. *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, 8. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fvets.2021.644444>

### THINK LOST, NOT ABANDONED

- File a found report at [pets.maricopa.gov](http://pets.maricopa.gov).
- Hang up found pet flyers in the area.
- Post the pet on social media and the Nextdoor app.
- Use the facial recognition technology at [lost.petcolove.org](http://lost.petcolove.org) to check for matches.

### SCHEDULE AN INTAKE APPOINTMENT

For sick or injured pets, please call 602-997-7585 or visit [azhumane.org/report-an-injured-stray](http://azhumane.org/report-an-injured-stray)

MCACC shelter intakes are available by appointment only at [maricopa.gov/162/Lost-Found-Pet#2](http://maricopa.gov/162/Lost-Found-Pet#2)