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Procedure for lost dog:

1. Immediately position a carer in the place where the dog was last seen
2. Immediately deploy other carers to look around the area and ask locals for assistance
3. Contact the owner and advise them what's happened

If within 2 hours the dog is not found:

1. Call the microchip database they are registered with and report them as lost or stolen. Make sure your contact details are always up to date.
2. Contact your local authority dog warden, via your local council – they are legally responsible for stray dogs and may well have picked up your pet. They will hold on to stray dogs for seven days but, after this time, dogs will be rehomed or put to sleep if no home can be found for them.
3. Contact neighbouring local authorities too as dogs may move across local council borders
4. Call local kennels/charities – it's possible someone has found the dog and taken them to a local rehoming centre or kennels
5. Contact local vet surgeries or animal hospitals – if your dog has been injured, they may have been taken there for treatment
6. Check online lost and found websites and notice boards in your local area. Register your dog on DogLost, a free national database which is run by volunteers who will help you to search for your dog.
7. If you think your dog has been stolen, call the police
8. Put up notices in your local area with an up to date photo of your dog
9. Visit places where other dog walkers go and ask them to keep an eye out for your dog