

# Found an Animal

- 1. Does the animal have a tag or microchip?** There may be owner or veterinarian contact information that can help get the animal home. The finder is always able to go to a local animal hospital, Petsmart/Petco and shelter to scan for a microchip.
- 2. Take a few good photos of the dog, including the face and body.** Make sure to leave the collar and feature identifying marks. Do not alter the appearance of the animal - this includes grooming.
- 3. Upload a photo of the pet to the Petco Love Lost app or [website](#).** Petco Love Lost connects to the Animal Foundation's database - it also has facial recognition to match lost and found pets!
- 4. Make a found animal report on our website under 'Get Pet Help.'** Click on 'Lost and Found Pets' scroll down to the bottom of the page and you'll see multiple options for 'Register A Found Pet'. This report will be shared with social media, national lost and found pet databases/interactive maps, and create a free found flier for you.
- 5. Share the flier on NextDoor** and post fliers in the neighborhood in which the animal was found. Animals are generally found within a few hundred feet of where they live. Post the flier with local veterinary offices, pet supply stores, community bulletin boards, community mailboxes, etc.
- 6. Take the animal to a veterinarian or pet supply store to scan the animal for a microchip.** Even if there is no owner information, a microchip may have additional information that can help track back to the owner. Be sure to document the microchip number and manufacturer for further research, if needed.
- 7. Take the animal around the neighborhood** that it was found in and see if anyone recognizes it. Again, most animals are found close to where they belong.
- 8. Still unable to find the owner?** Contact The Animal Foundation's Lost and Found department by emailing [lostandfound@animalfoundation.com](mailto:lostandfound@animalfoundation.com). They will schedule you an appointment to drop off the found pet.
- 9. When the animal is returned to the owner please ensure to remove all fliers and update any reports/posts you made.**



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