

Tips To Find A Lost Pet

If your dog or cat has become lost, these tips can help you and your pet find each other!

- Don't Hesitate! The minute you realize your pet is missing, start looking. The sooner you start the better your chances of success
- Walk the neighborhood, talk to everyone you run across, and leave your phone number
- Call local animal shelters and animal controls. Even if you think it is too soon for your pet to have been taken to the shelter, you should file a lost pet report.
 - Make sure to be specific when giving details about your pet. If you can, send the shelter an image of your pet to aide in the search.
 - Regional Animal Shelter 804-769-4983; King William Animal Control 804-769-0492; King & Queen Animal Control 804-785-7400; Essex Animal Shelter 804-443-0726; Caroline Animal Shelter 804-633-9041; Hanover Animal Shelter 804-365-6485; New Kent Animal Shelter 804-966-9500; Gloucester Animal Shelter 804-693-5290; Middlesex Animal Shelter 804-758-2779.
- If your pet is microchipped, contact the microchip company to report that your pet is lost and verify that your contact information is current.
- Check with local veterinary clinics and emergency hospitals in case your pet has been injured and taken there.
 - King William Veterinary Clinic 804-769-3200; Aylett Animal Hospital 804-769-1530; Tri-County Animal Hospital 804-785-9955.
- **Create a flyer to circulate in the area where your pet was last seen.** [This template \(https://www.petbridge.org/lost-found/lost-found-poster-generator.html\)](https://www.petbridge.org/lost-found/lost-found-poster-generator.html) will help you quickly make a poster to print and share online.
- Contact private animal welfare agencies. Most private shelters and rescues do not house strays. However, they may keep a record of lost and found reports.
- Post to your neighborhood's website and social media.
 - [craigslist](#)
 - [Nextdoor](#)
 - [Petco Love Lost](#)
 - [PawBoost](#)
 - [King William Virginia/ King & Queen Virginia lost and found pets](#) Facebook page
 - [King William Happenings](#) Facebook page
- Once you have been reunited with your pet remember to notify anyone you reported your pet with that they have been found.
- Prevention! It is recommended that all pet owners take the following precautions so that in the event your pet goes missing, your time apart can be as short as possible!
 - Identify your pets with engraved tags on their collars, even if they never go outdoors.
 - Microchip your pet. Any changes to your contact information must be provided to the microchip company for a microchip to be effective.
 - Add your pet to your neighborhood pet directory on Nextdoor.
 - Register with Petco Love Lost, which uses pet facial recognition.

