



NATIONAL ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL ASSOCIATION

The most effective methods to get lost dogs home.

According to the Return-to-Home Joint National Survey by National Animal Care & Control Association & PetHub Inc. (2022-23)



Finding Your Lost Dog What to Do WHEN 1st 24 Hours & Beyond

First 24 hrs

- PHYSICAL SEARCH
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- ID TAGS
- NEIGHBORHOOD APPS
- LOCAL SHELTER

Waste no time.

Days 2-3

- PHYSICAL SEARCH
- NEIGHBORHOOD APPS
- LOCAL SHELTER
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- REGIONAL SHELTER

Be methodical.

First Week

- LOCAL SHELTER
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- NEIGHBORHOOD APPS
- LOST PET DATABASES
- REGIONAL SHELTER
- POSTERS & FLYERS
- PHYSICAL SEARCH

Repeat the steps.

First Month

- NEIGHBORHOOD APPS
- REGIONAL SHELTER
- LOST PET FORUMS
- PHYSICAL SEARCH
- MICROCHIP
- LOCAL SHELTER
- ID TAGS

Don't stop looking.

After 1 Month

- REGIONAL SHELTER
- LOCAL SHELTER
- LOCAL POLICE
- TRAP
- NEIGHBORHOOD APPS
- PET DETECTIVE
- ID TAGS
- MICROCHIP

Never give up.