



Lost Dog Checklist

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Stay Calm – Do not chase

Chasing often causes dogs to run

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Put out scent items

Place scent items at point of escape to home/yard.

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Set up food and water

Use smelly food (rotisserie chicken, wet food, etc.)

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Call Animal Control & Local Shelters

Provide name, description, photos, microchip number, last known location, etc.

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Walk the area quietly

Note that many dogs will approach when you are calm and low to the ground (sitting).

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Set up return station and check it often

Set up crate, bedding, scent items, food, water, etc. Check it every 1-2 hours.

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Post in local lost pet groups

Lost Dogs of Minnesota, etc.

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Notify Neighbors & Check Cameras

Send quick note with photo to neighbors - reminding them not to chase. Ensure they have your contact information. Ask them to check any cameras (e.g. Ring, yard, etc.)

