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Pet Search Checklist

The following checklist is designed to help reunite you with your lost pet. The order in which you perform these tasks depends greatly on the personality of your pet - read the Lost Dog/Lost Cat Tip Sheet for an in-depth discussion of the best strategy for your pet.

✓ **READ:** Review the Missing Pet Partnership Lost Cat Tip Sheet/Lost Dog Tip Sheet and visit the MPP website: www.missingpetpartnership.org

✓ **SEARCH:** Conduct an aggressive physical search

- Search neighbors' yards (with permission), under decks and bushes, and in sheds, garages, and crawl spaces (**this is usually the most important step for missing cats**)
- Search local shelters (see *Area Shelter List*)
- Call/visit local vets (find a list of local vets at webvet.com/main/vetFinder)
- Rent wildlife cameras and/or humane traps (**this is usually the most important step for missing cats**)

✓ **POST SIGNS:** Post signs where the pet was lost/last seen (obey local sign laws*)

- Post neon "Lost Cat/Lost Dog" insert signs and/or "Reward" insert signs
- Use step stakes to post signs at intersections/on lawns (with permission)
- "Tag" your car windows using neon markers (usually for dogs only)
- Distribute flyers to local vets, coffee shops, bulletin boards, neighbors, etc. (*we recommend Googling "sign ordinance" and your city name to determine the sign ordinances in your area)

✓ **POST/SEARCH ONLINE:** Search and post ads to classified websites and newspapers

- Craigslist —Search and post your pet's info in "Lost/Found" and "Pets" sections
- PetHarbor.com —Search for your pet in area shelter listings and report your pet as "lost" using their online feature - Be sure to upload a photo of your pet. If someone finds a pet matching your animal's description or if a shelter receives a similar pet, you will be notified via email.

- Visit our new Twitter feed to see all stray animals that come into our shelter: @SacLostPets.
- **Keep posting and searching daily!** It may take days or weeks for someone to post a found animal online

✓ **HOPE:** This is the most important tip — DO NOT GIVE UP HOPE! Many pets are recovered weeks or months after they go missing!

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