



# HOW TO: FIND A LOST CAT

*It's scary when a pet goes missing, but most lost cats are found less than a third of a mile from where they escaped. Use the following systematic approach to bring your cat home.*



## PREVENT PET LOSS

Ensure your cat has an up-to-date microchip and a collar with ID. Register your microchip at [found.org](https://www.found.org).



## ALERT YOUR COMMUNITY

Post eye-catching posters in your neighborhood with a clear image of your cat and your contact information. Share the same information in local NextDoor and Facebook groups.



## UPLOAD YOUR PET'S PHOTO TO [LOST.PETCOLOVE.ORG](https://www.lost.petcolove.org).

The site uses facial recognition software to find your pet.



## INVESTIGATE WITHIN A FIVE-HOUSE RADIUS

Get permission to check under decks and porches and in crawl spaces, garages and sheds.



## SEARCH AT NIGHT

Scared cats are more likely to venture out of hiding when the neighborhood is quiet.



## NOTIFY ANIMAL SHELTERS

Submit lost-pet reports to local animal shelters. Visit in person to ensure your cat isn't accidentally missed.



## USE TECHNOLOGY

Place food and water near where your cat escaped or where your cat has been sighted. Use a motion-activated camera to see if your cat visits the spot. Once you know where and when your cat is eating, you can set a humane trap to capture them.



## CONSIDER RECENT EVENTS

Your cat may have hitched a ride on a moving truck or be trapped in a newly constructed wall.



## DON'T GIVE UP

Many cats are found after weeks or months of searching.

→ Get more tips at [humanepro.org/find-lost-cat](https://www.humanepro.org/find-lost-cat).



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