

FINDING FELIX

(Smart tips for locating your lost cat)

Your cat is missing, and you're in panic mode. Stay calm: Although injured or fearful felines might not immediately reveal their hidey-hole, most lost cats are found close to home. Follow these steps to find your fraidy cat.

Scour your house by checking all small spaces—inside torn box springs, under furniture, and in chimneys, closets, basements and attics.

Investigate within a five-house radius, including outbuildings, crawl spaces and garages. Talk to your neighbors about letting you search their property.

Alert your neighbors by posting eye-catching posters in your neighborhood with contact information and a recent, clear image of your cat.

Consider recent events—have you or your neighbors renovated or moved recently? Your cat might have hitched a ride on a moving truck or be trapped in a newly constructed wall.

Search at night, with a flashlight, when the streets are quieter and he's more likely to feel safe out in the open.

Consider using tools such as humane traps containing a can of his favorite stinky food and motion-activated wildlife cameras placed close to home.

Visit local animal shelters every few days—a kindly stranger might not have known that your cat already has a loving home. (And when you find him, put a collar and tag on that bad boy!)

Don't give up! Many cats are found after weeks or months of searching.



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