

## WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOUR CAT IS MISSING

1. Contact adoption agency – they have advice and knowledge of your pet.
2. Contact microchip company – they will record the cat missing in their system, and confirm you are on as contact – this is important as often people don't transfer/register their microchips.
3. Put out litter tray and bed – the familiar odor may bring them back (food is less likely to.)
4. Walk the area looking for your animal and tracks or other traces.
5. Check shelters, every 2 days minimum, daily if possible, and view their on-line postings daily.
6. Put signs (simple and clear) up everywhere possible, particularly at main intersections. Post at Starbucks, laundromats, vets, pet stores, and pet groomers for at least a 2-mile radius. Contact local rescue groups.
7. Check at emergency vet offices.
8. Talk to neighbors and everyone about the pet that is missing – and any identifying marks.
9. Follow up on all leads, even if slim.
10. List on Petharbor, Petfinder, Tabby Tracker, other lost pet websites, Craigs List, newspapers AND review the found postings daily.
11. Do Pet harbor postcards (goes out to local radius from lost location).
12. Hire a tracker - best done in early stages, so scent is strong.
13. For shy animals check bushes – especially important with cats.
14. Notify local feral colony feeders in case cat joins a colony for food.
15. Leave food and water out in suspect locations (especially if the animal has been missing for days) and sprinkle flour around bowls to identify paw prints of species feeding.
16. Stake out locations and trap.

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