



Tips to help prevent your pet from going missing

- **Have your pet microchipped:** Many vets offices, shelters and rescue organization can scan your pet and find out where your pet should be returned if lost. Cats and dogs are not the only pets that can be microchipped; birds and reptiles can be microchipped also.
- **If your pet is microchipped, make sure your contact information is current and correct:** If you move, change your address and phone number with the Microchip registry. View the list of microchip registries on the Missing Pet Resource page.
- **Get your pet a reflective collar:** A reflective collar will make your pet more visible at night and in dark places.
- **Make sure your pet's id tags are current.**
- **If you have a small dog, get your dog a bell:** Toy sized dogs can wear a bell on their collar so if they are under furniture or in a small hiding place, you can hear the bell and find them quickly.
- **Check collar and leash for any breaks, tears, or weak spots:** Check collar and leash for any breaks, tears or weak spots before you go on your walks. Put your hand through the loop in the leash if you have to carry lots of packages.
- **Check your yard for escape routes:** Check out any escape routes, such as holes near the fence, or items such as, furniture that the pet can use to climb over the fence, and any broken boards
- **Keep gates locked & display a sign reminding others to keep the gate locked:** Many dogs escape because a gate has been left open by someone that didn't know that there was a pet in the yard.
- **Keep dogs inside during holidays and parties:** Especially on Fourth of July and Halloween.
- **If you have an Invisible Fence make sure you change batteries as recommended.**
- **Spay or neuter your pet:** Many vets agree that intact pets have a tendency to roam. Please talk to your vet about the advantages to spay and neutering.