



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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