

I Lost My Cat

Follow these steps:

- 1. Take action immediately. Do not wait to see if your cat will come home.
- 2. If you see your cat escape, immediately, quietly follow the cat outdoors. Take a phone with you as you might need assistance.
- 2. Speak softly to the cat, approach slowly, quietly and do not run or chase the cat. The cat might hesitate and allow you to pick it up.
- 4. If not, continue to follow the steps below. Cats usually find a place to hide in the near vicinity.
- 5. Place food, water and a cat bed by the door or window from which the cat escaped. The bedding should have the cat's scent on it. Place additional food and water in other locations where the cat can find it.
- 6. If possible, leave the window or door open from which the cat left. Cats often try to return turn and go back in the entry they escaped from.
- 7. The cat is likely within hearing or seeing distance. Search your yard under decks, behind bushes and the yards of your neighbours. Search calmly, talk quietly and listen for any responding meows. Repeat the process several times during the day(s).
- 8. Sit in the yard off and on for periods of time and talk quietly to the cat. It may be very close listening to you.
- 9. Go door to door and talk to your immediate neighbours.
- 10. **Put up Lost/Missing Posters** in your neighbourhood. Include a photo and offer a reward.
- 11. Deliver notices to your immediate neighbours. Download MEOW Foundation's editable Microsoft Word Lost Cat Flyer template at <u>www.meowfoundation.com/resources/downloads</u>.
- 12. If your cat is tattooed, notify the veterinary clinic where the cat was tattooed and make sure your owner information on file is up-to-date.
- 13. If your cat is microchipped, notify the veterinary clinic that implanted the microchip and the microchip company. Verify your contact information is up to date.
- All MEOW cats are microchipped with PETIDCO (formerly AVID Canada) Microchips. To notify PETIDCO, call 1-800-338-1397. They will notify clinics in the city. If you are still within the first 30 days of the adoption process contact our Adoption Department: 403-454-0919.
- 15. If you spot your cat but are unable to catch it, MEOW rents humane traps. https://www.meowfoundation.com/programs/rescue-intake/

Other Agencies to Contact:

- 1. MEOW Foundation Email a poster to intake@meowfoundation.com
- 2. Calgary Humane Society in person at 4455 110th AVE SE or view found
- 3. City of Calgary Call 311 to submit a lost report
- 4. Place online notices for no charge on Kijiji.ca, Calgary Herald and Calgary Sun Classifieds.
- 5. Post on YYC Pet Recovery page on Facebook
- 6. Notify other smaller groups such as:
 - Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) at 403-243-1910 or online at www.arf.ab.ca
 - Pound Rescue Okotoks at 403-938-4890 or online at <u>www.poundrescue.com</u>
 - Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society at 403 804-4334 or visit http://aarcs.ca



- 7. Call the Emergency Veterinary Clinics:
 - Western Veterinary at 403-770-1340
 - Calgary North Animal Hospital at 403-277-0135
 - <u>C.A.R.E. Centre</u> at 403-520-8387
 - McKnight 24 Hour Veterinary Hospital at 403-457-0911
 - Fish Creek 24 Hour Pet Hospital at 403-873-1700

Do not give up. We hope you are reunited soon.

