

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND/LOSE A PET (Houston Texas area)

Plan Ahead **BEFORE** Your Loss

- Take photos of your dog alone (to post on flyers)
- Take photos of you with your dog (often used in proving guardianship)
- Get the App -> PiP Lost Pet Facial Recognition → <http://www.petrecognition.com/#WhatisPiP>
- Get the App -> Finding Rover Facial Recognition → <http://www.findingrover.com/>
- Read How to Find Your Lost Dog → <https://www.fidofinder.com/find-your-lost-dog/>

Begin looking as soon as you discover your pet is missing.

Start by searching your home, both inside and out.

Walk around your neighborhood or the location your pet was noticed missing from. Call your pet's name, and bring some items that your pet is familiar with and typically responds to. These could be treats your pet likes, a noise making toy, jingling car keys, a training device like a clicker or whistle, or a collar and leash. Check routes that may be familiar to your pet such as a typical path for a walk. Enlist as many people as you can to assist in the search, particularly if they are someone your pet knows and would respond to. Bring a flashlight if it will be dark soon. Broaden your search for your lost pet.

Start checking local animal shelters for your lost pet, in person and online. Because there may be animal shelters or animal control agencies in your area that do not upload data online try to check all the local animal shelters in person at least every other day. Shelters attempt to list all impounded animals in a timely manner, however, performing an online search is not a substitute for personally visiting shelter facilities to look for your lost pet.

Advertise your lost pet.

One of the most important steps you can take is notifying the public of your lost pet. Create lost pet flyers that include the date and location your pet was lost from, pet's name, photo, color, breed, age, collar color, and any identifying characteristics. Be sure to include a phone number where you can always be reached, but for safety reasons do not include your name or address on the flyer. Try to use brightly colored paper to increase visibility.

TIPS on making & posting your flyers → <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-tips/posters-5555/>

How big an area to cover depends on the number of flyers you are able to produce, but at least a one mile radius is recommended.

Use your car as a billboard to advertise your lost pet!

→ <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-tips/how-to-tag-your-car/>

Within a few days the Lost Pet Postcard service from Petharbor can get postcards with a picture and description of your pet delivered to mailboxes in the area your pet was lost. All you have to do is perform a LOST pet search on PetHarbor.com and follow the prompts.

Read how it works! → http://www.petharbor.com/LPP_FAQ.htm

Place an ad in the local newspaper(s), and check the newspapers' found ads regularly. Most importantly, don't give up. Pets can be found weeks or months after they disappear. Good luck!



Online Resources

Shelters (Houston, Pasadena, Pearland, Sugar Land) **AND Rescue Groups Listing**
<http://www.petharbor.com/>

Animal Control Contact Reference Map (Harris County):
http://hspca.convio.net/site/DocServer/Animal_Control_Reference_Map.pdf?docID=4001

B.A.R.C. - City of Houston Animal Control
3200 Carr St Houston, TX 77026 713-229-7300
http://www.houstontx.gov/barc/lost_pet.html

Best Friends Animal Society Rescue and Reunite Center
<https://bestfriends.org/hurricaneharvey/lost-and-found-pets>

CAPS Animal Shelter (Citizens for Animal Protection)
17555 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77094 281-497-0591
<http://cap4pets.org/contact/contact-lost-found> <http://www.cap4pets.org/programs/lost-found-pets>

City of Sugar Land Animal Services
101 Gillingham Lane Sugarland, TX 77498 281-275-2364
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?NID=373>

Conroe Animal Shelter
407 Sgt Ed Holcomb Blvd Conroe, Texas 77304 936-522-3550
<http://www.conroeanimalshelter.com/lost-or-found-petcontact-info.html>

Dogs and Design
<http://www.dogsanddesign.com/available-dogs>
Houston, TX

Fort Bend County Animal Services Shelter
1210 Blume Road Rosenberg, TX 77471 281-342-1512
<http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=1605>

Galena Park Animal Control Division
1107 5th Street Galena Park, TX 77547
713-675-3471, and 713-672-2556 ext 316
<http://www.cityofgalenapark-tx.gov/2148/Animal-Control-Division>

Galveston County Animal Resource Center
3412 Loop 197 North (25th Ave. North) Texas City, TX 77590 409-948-2485
<https://www.gchd.org/animal-services/lost-and-found>

1. Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services
2. HCPHES Veterinary Public Health
612 Canino Road Houston, TX 77076 281-999-3191
 1. <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Services-Programs/Services/Shelter-Services/LostPet>
 2. <http://www.countypets.com/> <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/About/Organization/VPH>

Houston SPCA
900 Portway Drive Houston, TX 77037 713-869-7722
<http://www.houstonspca.org/adopt/found-animals/>

Humble Animal Control
240 Dennis Street Humble, TX 77338 281-446-2327
<http://cityofhumble.com/lost01.html>

Houston Humane Society
14700 Almeda Road Houston, TX 77053 713-433-6421
<http://www.houstonhumane.org/about-us/lost-found>

Jacinto City Animal Control & Public Works Department
12202 Market Street Jacinto City, TX 77029 713-453-7411
<http://www.jacintocity-tx.gov/animal-control/>

LaPorte City Animal Control
1201 South 4th Street LaPorte, TX 77571 281-471-3811
<http://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/375/Animal-Adoption-Redemption>

League City Animal Control
821 North Kansas Avenue League City, TX 77573 281-554-1377
<http://www.leaguecity.com/index.aspx?NID=592>

Missouri City Animal Control
1919 Scanlin Road Missouri City, TX 77489 281-403-8707
<http://www.missouricitytx.gov/index.aspx?NID=497>

Montgomery County Animal Shelter
8535 State Highway 242 Conroe, TX 77385 936-442-7738
<http://www.mcaspets.org/lost-pet>

Pasadena Animal Control
5150 Burke Road Pasadena, TX 77504 281- 991-0602
<http://www.ci.pasadena.tx.us/default.aspx?name=aca.home>

Pearland Animal Control
2002 Old Alvin Road Pearland, TX 77581 281-652-1970
<http://pearlandtx.gov/departments/animal-services>

Rosenberg Animal Control
1207 Blume Road Rosenberg, TX 77471 832-595-3490
<http://www.ci.rosenberg.tx.us/index.aspx?page=71>

Seabrook Animal Shelter
2101 Humble Drive Seabrook, TX 77586 281-474-2590
<http://www.seabrooktx.gov/index.aspx?NID=212>

Sugar Land Animal Control
(see City of Sugar Land Animal Services, above)

Craigslist "pet" <http://houston.craigslist.org/search/pet>

Craigslist "lost+found" <http://houston.craigslist.org/search/laf>

Find Toto <https://www.findtoto.com/>

FidoFinder.com <https://www.fidofinder.com/>

HelpingLostPets.com <http://www.helpinglostpets.com/> **MAKE A FREE FLYER**
http://www.helpinglostpets.com/petdetail_B/postpet.aspx?rc=0669&s=LF
Lost and Found Pets Texas <http://www.lostandfoundpetstexas.com/>
LostMyDoggie.com http://www.lostmydoggie.com/cart/pet-info.cfm?packagetype_lmd=4
Lost Pet USA lostpetusa.net/home

Nextdoor.com (if you live in a neighborhood community)

Pawboost.com <https://www.pawboost.com/> **MAKE A FREE FLYER**

Petharbor.com <http://www.petharbor.com/>

Begin by entering your city or zip code on the left and follow the prompts from there (Tip: The fewer items you select to search on, the more animals you will see. Keep in mind your description of the animal may differ from that of the shelter staff.) At the bottom of the results pages you can also click on the "Display Animals Registered FOUND by the Public" link to review pets that individuals have found and posted on Pet Harbor. Be sure to check back often as new animals are added every hour. It sometimes takes weeks or even months for an animal to be turned in to a shelter, particularly if someone has taken your pet into their home in hopes of finding its owner. Because there may be animal shelters or animal control agencies in your area that do not upload data to this web site, try to check all the local animal shelters in person at least every other day.

Register your lost pet with Pet Harbor. Click the [Register your Lost Pet](#) link located at the bottom of the results page (directly under the "Display Animals FOUND by the Public"). Complete the form and you will receive e-mails when pets matching your description arrive at one of the shelters you selected or are entered as a found pet by an individual. If the shelters you selected have supplied us with an appropriate e-mail address your lost pet information will be forwarded to them as well.

PetKey.org <http://petkey.org/Pet-Recovery/viewlostpets.aspx>

Texas Litter Control <http://www.texaslittercontrol.org/humane-resources-contact-info.html>

The Center for Lost Pets <http://thecenterforlostpets.com/>

Facebook:

Harris County Lost/Found Pets
Houston Heights Lost and Found Pet Page
Houston Lost and Found Pets
Lost and Found Pets of Houston
Lost Dogs of Texas <https://www.facebook.com/findtexasdogs>
Lost or Found pets – around Houston or Tomball, Tx
Lost & Found Pets of Houston / Harris county
Montrose / Midtown Lost & Found Pets – Houston, TX
Your community Facebook page, e.g. "Beg, Barter, Sell and Buy in"

Take an animal you found to any veterinary office to scan for a microchip.

****Remember**** - DO NOT hand over a pet you found to anyone without the proper confirmation of rightful ownership. Dog fighting is a problem in Houston and a "Free to a Good Home" or a found dog/cat is an opportunity for them. Also, be aware of "Flippers" (people who find/steal dogs and sell) are always looking for the chance to make a buck.

If your efforts are exhausted and you are unable to locate the owners, find a new home, or keep yourself, try the following:

First Option - Breed Specific Rescues:

Run an online search to get a list:

Breed specific rescues, ex. Dachshund, Husky, Doberman, Shih Tzu, etc.

Second Option - No-Kill Shelters/Rescues:

Texas Litter Control - TLC - <http://www.texaslittercontrol.org/>
Clipped Ear Cat Sanctuary - <http://www.clippedear.org/>
Feral Feline Retreat - http://www.feralfelineretreat.com/About_Us.html
Friends for Life - <http://www.adoptfriends4life.org/>
Frisky Paws Rescue - <http://www.friskypawsrescue.org/>
HOPE - Homeless & Orphaned Pets Endeavor - <http://www.homelesspets.net/>
Operation Pets Alive - <http://operationpetsalive.org/>
Homeless Pet Placement League - <http://www.hppl.org/>
Jurassic Bark Rescue - <http://www.smartpetz.com/>
LSBR - <http://www.LoneStarBoxerRescue.com>
A Smart Rescue - <http://www.smartpetz.com/>
Buster's Friends - <http://www.bustersfriends.org/>
Adopt A Cat Texas - <http://www.adoptacattexas.org/>

Final option - Kill Shelters:

CAP - Citizens for Animal Protection:

The Save Rate for CAP was only 48% the last time that they were honest and released their records to the public. They also have "euthanasia only" contracts with surrounding counties, meaning that they take in animals from surrounding communities and kill them for a fee. **

Houston SPCA:

The Houston SPCA's Save Rate was only 35% the last time that they were honest and released their records to the public.
We believe that their Save Rate is drastically lower than this now. **

B.A.R.C. - Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care: (Houston's animal control / city pound)

B.A.R.C.'s Save Rate was 71.52% (2015) - (50.48% in 2013) **

B.A.R.C. killed or "lost" 7,715 pets in 2015 alone - (12,596 pets in 2013) **

That is 21 pets KILLED by B.A.R.C. every single day in 2015.

Harris County Animal Control:

Harris County's Save Rate was only 36.38% in 2015 - (11% in 2012) **

Houston Humane Society:

The Houston Humane Society's Save Rate was only 11% the last time that they were honest and released their records to the public. They also have "euthanasia only" contracts with surrounding counties, meaning that they take in animals from surrounding communities and kill them for a fee. **

** Information obtained from: <http://www.nokillhouston.org/houston-kill-shelters/>

Find out which candidates will work to end shelter killing in Houston by following
Houston Voters For Companion Animals → <http://www.houstonvotersforcompanionanimals.org/>

Houston Pets Alive
<http://www.houstonpetsalive.org/>
Animal Shelter / Humane Society
Houston, TX

The City of Pasadena, Texas
<http://www.ci.pasadena.tx.us/default.aspx?name=aca.home>
Pasadena, TX

Pearland Animal Control and Adoption Center
<https://www.pearlandtx.gov/departments/animal-services>
Pearland, TX

Sugar Land Animal Services
101 Gillingham Lane
Sugar Land, TX 77478
281-275-ADOG (2364)
animalservices@sugarlandtx.gov
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/373/Lost-Found-Pets>

Special Pals Inc
3830 Greenhouse Road | Houston, TX 77084
281-579-7387 (PETS)
info@specialpalsshelter.org
<http://specialpalsshelter.org/>

Montgomery County Animal Service Center
8535 Hwy 242
Conroe, Texas 77385
<https://www.mcaspets.org/>

