



What To Do If You Lose Your Pet

Everyday South Salt Lake Animal Services receives dozens of calls from people missing their family pets. We offer the following information to assist you should your pet become lost. Contact South Salt Lake Animal Services at 801-483-6024 as soon as you are aware that your pet is missing. We need a detailed description of your pet and the location that it is missing from. We also need the information necessary to contact you should we locate your pet.

Contact the local veterinarian offices, as well as the Animal Control agencies and shelters in surrounding areas (a list of all the Salt Lake valley animal shelters and agencies is available online at www.utahhumane.org). Lost pets are sometimes picked up by concerned people and they may not be turned in to the correct animal shelter or agency. It is a good idea to visit the animal shelters in person as you know your pet better than anyone.

Canvas your neighborhood and alert your neighbors to be on the lookout for your lost pet. You may want to make some up some flyers and post them around the neighborhood and at your local convenience and grocery stores. A lost pet ad in the newspaper is also a good idea. Please make sure that all dogs (even indoor dogs) have a current city license and a rabies vaccination tag (which is required by state and city ordinances). South Salt Lake City dog licenses are available at the Animal Shelter at 2274 S. 600 W. or City Hall (220 E. Morris Ave.) All cats should have a collar and rabies tag (which is required by state and city ordinances). It is also a good idea to have a personalized identification tag with the owner's name, address, and phone number affixed to their collar.

An excellent form of permanent identification is a MICROCHIP. South Salt Lake Animal Services offers microchips for \$20.00. Please call the shelter at 801-483-6024 to get more information about micro chipping your pet. We scan every animal that we get into the shelter for a microchip and in some instances the pet can be returned to the owner the same day.

Please call Animal Services at 801-483-6024 if you see a lost or stray animal. The owner may be out searching for that animal. Lost or stray pets are often confused and scared. They are in danger of being injured or hit by a car. If you find a lost pet please bring the animal into the shelter and advise us where the animal was found. This gives the owner the best possible chance of being reunited with their pet. When you turn in a lost animal, you are given the first opportunity to adopt the animal if the owner does not claim it.

Should you lose your pet, **DO NOT GIVE UP LOOKING**. We have seen pets reunited with their owners **YEARS** after they were lost because of a microchip. Please remember that a collar and identification could make all the difference on being reunited with your lost pet. Please feel free to call us or come down to the shelter if we can assist you in anyway. One of our goals is to be able to get **ALL** lost pets home and we rely on the citizens of South Salt Lake to help us meet this goal.