



## Missing Dog Recovery Checklist

- Conduct a thorough search inside your home if the dog was not seen escaping, especially when missing a small breed dog, however even larger breeds can become trapped in basements or closets.
- Search your immediate neighborhood.
- Alert your pet's microchip company that your pet is missing (if applicable).
- File a Lost Dog Report at the Whatcom Humane Society and check back in-person every 3-5 days if possible.** Friends who would recognize your pet are also welcome to check on your behalf.
- Visit [lost.petcolove.org](http://lost.petcolove.org) to report your dog missing** and regularly check photos of unattended dogs brought into WHS or found by members of the community.
- Create lost dog posters/flyers – hang throughout the neighborhood and in high traffic areas.
- Distribute lost flyers door-to-door to neighbors.
- Hang a lost flyer on your front door. If someone found your pet and is looking around the neighborhood, it will help them know where the pet belongs.
- Contact your veterinarian and notify them of your missing pet.
- Call other local veterinary offices to see if any found pets have been turned in.
- Post lost ads and check social media groups like **Lost Pets of Whatcom County** (Facebook), neighborhood groups like **Nextdoor**, and **Bellingham Craigslist** (under the Community in both the “Lost+Found” and “Pets” sections)
- When found, update staff anywhere a lost pet report was filed.

**See the Missing Dog Recovery Tips for more information on recovering your missing pet.**

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