

LOST DOG INFORMATION

- **Start looking for your pet immediately!** Most lost dogs are found close to home. Spend the first couple of hours searching your neighborhood. Be sure to take treats, collar, and a leash. Check again late in the evening or early in the morning when streets are quiet and your dog may come out of hiding. Ask your neighbors to check garages, under decks, around sheds etc. and to keep an eye open for your pet. Hand out fliers to neighbors who walk dogs! **Alert your mail carrier!** Call Enforcement (614-525-3400) to see if anyone has called about a loose dog in your area.
- **Come to the Franklin County Dog Shelter in person as soon as possible**, to file a lost dog report and to look for your dog. You must identify your dog in person. The Shelter cannot identify dogs over the phone. By the time you discover your dog is missing, it could have already been picked up by an Animal Control officer, the police, or by a private citizen.
 - ✎ **Be sure to check the “Found Dogs” posted on our lobby bulletin board**, too. These dogs are not at the shelter but are being held by the person who found them.
 - ✎ **Come back at least every other day to look for your pet.** Dogs that are not wearing a current dog license are held for only three days. The Shelter is open from 11 am to 7pm weekdays and from 9am to 5pm weekends. (Closed legal holidays.)
- **Create lost dog FLYERS** - 8 1/2" X 11" sheets of paper to distribute to neighbors and key locations in your area—e.g., veterinary offices, boarding kennels, pet shops, groomers, post offices, supermarkets, etc. Make plenty of flyers--at least 75 to 100 initially. Be specific but brief about the description of your dog and include a photograph if possible. If your dog is a lesser known breed like a Shibu Inu, consider adding descriptors such as Brown/Pointy Ears/Curlly Tail. **Leave one flyer at the FCDS.**
- **Make POSTER size signs** and post in front of the home where dog went missing from and at nearby intersections --USE large (28" X 22") bright-colored poster board, permanent markers, and make letters large enough for drivers to see! The center of the poster should be your flyer placed in a sheet protector.
- **Offer a reward** if you wish, but do NOT specify the amount. Do not pay the reward to anyone until after your dog has been returned.
- **Post a lost dog report on the Franklin County Auditor’s Lost/Found Bulletin Board at <http://www.franklincountyauditor.com/dogs/bulletin-board-info>**
- **Place a “lost dog” ad** in the newspaper and watch for found ads.
- **Change your answering machine/voice mail greetings** to encourage people to leave a detailed message if they have sighted your dog.
- **Check with nearby municipal and county Animal Control officers/agencies** (see listings below). Call Enforcement (614-525-3400) to see if anyone has called about a loose dog in your area.
- If you spot your lost dog and he will not come to you, **DON'T CHASE HIM** or he may run into traffic or out of sight. Instead, sit on the ground, calmly call his name; offer treats to entice him to come to you.
- *If your dog has a microchip make sure to contact the service provider to let them know dog is missing and **update information/phone number if necessary.***

Municipal Animal Control Officers

Bexley: 614-239-888

Whitehall: 614-237-6333

Westerville: 614-614-901-6863

Also consider contacting municipal police departments—e.g., Grandview, Reynoldsburg, Gahanna

County Dog Wardens

Delaware: 740-368-1915

Licking*: 740-349-6562

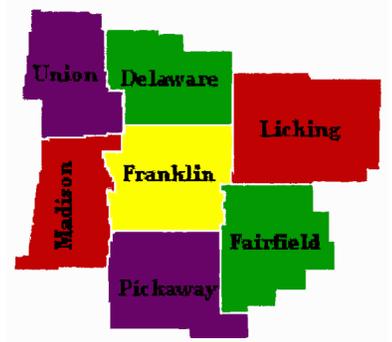
Union: 937-645-3016

Fairfield: 740-653-4582

Madison: 740-852-7387

Franklin: 614-525-3647

Pickaway: 740-474-3741



*Licking County Lost/Found ebulletin board:

www.lcounty.com/ac/lcaso/frmFound.aspx

Local Animal Agencies

Capital Area Humane Society

614-777-7387

www.cahs-pets.org/

Citizens for Humane Action

614-891-5280

www.chaanimalshelter.org

Pets Without Parents

(614) 267-PAWS [7297]

<http://www.petswithoutparents.net/>

OSU Vet Hospital

614-292-3551

<http://vet.osu.edu/vmc/hospital-companion-animals>

MedVet

614-846-5800

<http://www.medvetohio.com/>

Capital Referral Vet&Emergency

614 870-0480

<http://www.cvrec.org/>

Dead Animals Picked Up

City Engineer/Refuse Department 614-645-5966; County Engineer/Refuse Dept: 614-462-3072

Helpful Web Sites

Petfinder has useful information as well as a section to post lost and found www.petfinder.com/after-pet-adoption/find-lost-dog.html.

The **Pet FBI** web site is a *free* information center for missing dogs and other pets in Ohio. Pet FBI is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Visitors can post or search lost and found pet reports and obtain advice and contact information for Ohio animal shelters, humane societies, and Ohio rescue groups www.petfbi.com.

Craigslist (www.craigslist.com) Log in to Craigslist for Columbus (there is one for every major city), choose "Community" and then "Lost & Found." and "Pets." You can advertise for a missing pet and look to see if anybody has posted a "Found" ad that matches your pet. Write a brief description of your pet, provide your phone number; do **NOT** provide your address. Craigslist will give you the option of "anonymizing" your email address so that others can only contact you through Craigslist and not directly.



Missing Pet Partnership (www.missingpetpartnership.org) and **Lost Dogs of Wisconsin** (<http://lostdogsofwisconsin.org>) offer tons of behavior-based lost pet recovery tips as well as tips on creating effective posters, flyers, and car window tags.

Facebook.com and Twitter.com Use social media to get the word out about your missing dog. If you do not use Facebook, ask the neighbor's teenager for help.

Be safe and smart-never respond to a found contact alone!

Do Not Give Up!

Franklin County Dog Shelter, 4340 Tamarack Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43229, 525-DOGS (3647)

www.franklincountydogs.com