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 **Place posters in a minimum of a 20-block radius of your home and offer a reward.** If possible, put a large photo of the pet on the poster along with the information on where the loss occurred, height, weight, collar and spay or neuter status. Contact your highway department to check on dead animal removals.

 **If your animal was tattooed,** notify the organization where you registered your pet.

 **If there are any indications your pet was stolen,** immediately contact your local law enforcement agency.

***Thank you for caring!***

The National Humane Education Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a sentiment of kindness to animals in children and adults.



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# Preventing and Locating Missing Pets


***Here's what  
you can  
do to  
help!***




*Out of five million family pets reported missing each year, as many as two million are stolen. The majority of these pets end up at research institutions because the multi-billion dollar animal research industry created the supply and demand market for stolen dogs and cats.*


## Preventing Missing Pets


*These simple guidelines may help you in reducing the chances that your pet will be lost or stolen:*

 **When your pet is outside on a run or in a fenced yard**, make sure the gates and fences are secure. In your home, keep doors locked and windows screened and secured.



 **Take extra precautions during thunderstorms**, parties or fireworks when some pets become frightened by the noise.

 **Initiate or join a neighborhood crime watch** and invite your neighbors to do the same.

 **Don't allow your dog or cat to go outside in its yard space without a leash or harness.** At minimum, your dog should be taught the basic commands of sit, stay, and heel.


 **Have your pet spayed or neutered** to reduce its tendency to wander.

 **When transporting your cat, use a cat carrier.** Dogs may travel in a portable

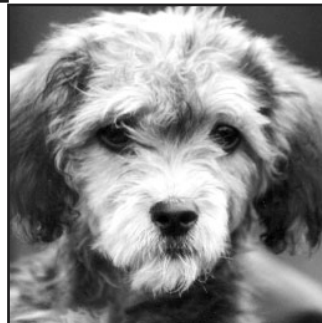
kennel if they are unaccustomed to car rides.


## Locating Missing Pets

*Should your pet become missing, following are some recommended steps to locate it:*

 **Call all area animal shelters, humane societies, veterinary clinics and boarding kennels and give them a description of your pet.** Repeated visits to local shelters are recommended since shelters handle thousands of pets and may fail to recognize a stray from the description reported.

 **Place an ad in your local newspapers** and continuously check the “found pet” ads. Notify radio and TV stations that offer lost pet announcements.



 **Walk and drive through the neighborhood looking**

**and calling for your pet.** Talk to neighbors and children as well as anyone who might have been working in the area such as mail carriers, lawn care professionals or street crews. Remember that if your pet is frightened or injured, it may be hiding.