



→ **LOST YOUR CAT? The first 24 hours are critical!** ←
CONTACT LARG - We will work with you on these steps.



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☑ **If you didn't SEE the escape, could your cat be IN YOUR HOUSE? It happens more often than people realize! If something scared him, kitty may be hiding, afraid to come out. Look everywhere and put smelly food in a central place to lure him just in case!**

☑ **FLYERS are the #1 best way to get your pet home! Community awareness is key! LARGE photo, the word LOST, & LARGE phone # with CALL IF SEEN!**

☑ Put up flyers 3 blocks in all directions to start. Place them in plastic page protectors or ziplock bags open-side down to protect from rain. Use tacks/staple gun and fluorescent tape (or print on bright paper). Remember, not everyone uses Facebook! **Minimum of 25** up within first 24 hours! **Sightings are critical!!!**

☑ **Contact number on all online posts! Have a second back up number or email if possible**

☑ File lost reports **ASAP!** Local animal control and shelter locations, SPCA and Online at **24PetConnect, Petco Love, Pawboost, Pet FBI.** Check found pet listings too!

☑ **Notify** microchip company if your cat is chipped.

☑ Put something with **your scent** outside where cat was last seen. Hang it so the wind carries your scent. Put out wet cat food/sardines/tuna/mackerel! The area should "smell like an irresistible cat smorgasbord!"

☑ **Walk** your neighborhood, speak to neighbors & hand out flyers. Have neighbors check doorbell & **security cameras** **Indoor cats that escape the home almost always hide very nearby. Neighbors should be alerted to check sheds, garages, under decks & shrubs.** Remember to **LOOK UP** in case your cat climbed!

☑ **If no sightings**, consider using a pet tracker or drone service like **First Response Drone & K9 search.** A valuable paid service that will determine the travel pattern of your cat **if you have no sightings or leads.**

☑ Post on Facebook and other social media sites to lost and found pet groups, mom's groups pages, hiking, biking, walking clubs, neighborhood/community groups, yard sale sites for your area, etc. **As many places on Social Media as you can**, as well as on Craigslist.

☑ Post to **NextDoor & Neighbors by Ring** free apps (don't need to own a Ring product to use the Neighbors app)

☑ Mount a photo on bright poster board and **handwrite LOST**, your phone number, & **CALL IF SEEN** in large print visible from a car. Place at intersections, gas stations **AND IN YOUR YARD!** You can cover these signs with cellophane from the dollar store to protect from rain. Home Depot and Lowes sell blank signs with stands and you can mount bright poster board to these.

☑ Check the shelter ***in person*** every 3rd day if possible. It is imperative that you check **IN PERSON** and find out how your local shelter(s) holds stray animals.

→ **DO NOT** dismiss cats that are posted based on photos alone (or collar, gender, etc.).

Shelters **DO** make mistakes on intake, & **photos can be VERY deceiving.** ←

☑ Check **Craigslist** (for sale, pets and lost & found sections) and Facebook sites daily! Barter sites etc., in case someone is trying to sell your lost pet.

☑ **ALERT** area Realtors, police, fire dept., mail carriers, delivery people, religious organizations, schools, school bus drivers, Uber & Lyft drivers. College Campuses, bulletin boards and online papers, gas stations, businesses in the area.

☑ Get **glass markers** and mark your car up (see below)

☑ **Map** out each sighting on Google Maps to establish pattern of lost pet

******KEEP A PICTURE OF YOUR FLYER ON YOUR PHONE, TO SHARE RIGHT AWAY WITH ANYONE. THEY CAN TAKE A PICTURE OR YOU CAN SEND IT TO THEM******



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YOUR CAR IS A MOVING BILLBOARD