



# LOST & FOUND ANIMAL REPORT



TYPE OF REPORT

- LOST ANIMAL REPORT
- FOUND ANIMAL REPORT

TODAY'S DATE

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Work Phone

### ANIMAL INFORMATION

Animal Name

- Cat
- Dog

- Bird \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Breed

Gender

Spayed / Neutered

- Male
- Female

- Yes
- No

Primary Color

Secondary Color

Markings

- Size
- |     |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Small (<5lbs)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (5-10lbs.)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Large (11-20lbs.)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Giant (>20lbs.)  |
| Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Small (<20lbs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (21-50lbs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Large (51-100lbs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Giant (>100lbs.) |

Collar Type

- None
- Chain
- Nylon
- Canvas
- Leather
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Collar Color

Tags

- License
- Rabies
- Other

Tag Number

Microchip

- Yes
- No

Microchip Number

Other Information / Details

### LOST / FOUND INFORMATION

Date Lost / Found

Time Lost / Found

- AM
- PM

Location at which animal was lost / found. (Provide address or as specific a description as possible).

Circumstances

*Information below this line to be completed by Animal Services*

AID#

- BOLO

Thank you for filing a Lost & Found Animal Report. Animal Services staff will attempt to match the information received in your report to other animals reported as lost or found. Additionally, the information provided on lost animals will be provided to our officers and kennel staff for comparison to animals picked up in the field or brought into the shelter.

You may also submit a photo of the animal to be included with our lost and found records. To do so, email the photograph as an [attached file](#) to [lostanimals@sloanimalservices.com](mailto:lostanimals@sloanimalservices.com). **(Do not embed the image in the body of the email)**. In the subject line of the email, enter the Animal ID Number. If you do not know the ID number or are filing your report electronically, contact Animal Services at 781-4400.

## **LOST ANIMALS**

Filing a lost animal report is an important step in the effort to locate your missing pet. However, there are several other steps you should take to increase your odds of success. The likelihood of finding your animal will be significantly improved if you act swiftly and if you remain persistent in your efforts. Animal Services will work to get you and your animal back together, but descriptions of animals can vary and no one knows your pet as well as you, so don't rely solely on this lost report to get them back home. **Ultimately it is your responsibility to actively search for your pet.**

- **Visit the Animal Services Shelter regularly** – Stray animals brought into the shelter are held for their owners to reclaim them, but only for a few days. After that, they may be adopted, transferred to another facility or even euthanized if they have severe medical or behavioral problems. It is important that you come to the shelter and personally look for your pet on a frequent and regular basis – at least every 72 hours, if not daily.
- **Lost Pet Hotline** – Animal Services provides a daily recording of all animals brought into the shelter or reported as found in the last 24 hours. The recording updates daily at approximately 6:00pm and can be heard by calling 781-4407.
- **Animal Services Website** – All animals in the shelter and those reported to us as lost or found are listed on the Animal Services website ([www.sloanimalservices.com](http://www.sloanimalservices.com)) under the section "Find an Animal". Check these pages daily.
- **Twitter Alerts** – Animal Services sends out real time alerts when an animal is brought into the shelter or is reported to us as found. To receive descriptions of these animals and the location where they were found, subscribe to @SLOLostPets.
- **Go Online** - Post a notice with online community boards like [Craig's List](#) or Facebook. Be sure to check postings of "Found Animals" too.
- **Check local vets** – Finders of lost animals may transport them to a veterinarian, even if they aren't ill or injured.
- **Keep your info updated** – Make sure that your contact information on file with Animal Services is updated and correct. Also, double check the information on file with your vet and microchip registry.

## **FOUND ANIMALS**

If you have found a lost animal, it's important to remember that there is probably a worried owner looking for it somewhere. Taking it in off the street is the first step in keeping the animal safe and helping it get back home. But, there are still several more things which can be done.

- **Check for ID** – Even if you don't see a tag, some animals may sometimes have other identification which is not immediately obvious. Check both sides to see if a phone number or other contact information has been written there; look for tattoos on sparsely haired areas of the body such as the inside of the ear flaps, the belly, and thighs;
- **Check for a microchip** - You'll need help to do this as the chip is a small device implanted below the skin in the area of the shoulder blades. Since it can't be seen or felt, a scanner has to be used to detect it. Most vet hospitals and animal shelters will scan the animal for you at no charge.
- **Check Around the Neighborhood** - Check with neighbors to find out if their pet is missing or if they might know where the animal lives. Talking with mail carriers, delivery personnel or other people working in the area can also be helpful in finding the animal's home. Keep an eye out for "lost pet" posters as you go through the neighborhood.
- **Go Online** - Post a notice with online community boards like [Craig's List](#) or Facebook. Be sure to check postings of "Lost Animals" too.
- **Put the Word Out** - The more information you get out about a found animal, the better. Make up "lost pet" flyers. Include a clear, current photo of your animal; list the breed, sex, color, age, size or weight, and any distinguishing characteristics. Include your name and phone numbers.

**If you are unable to find the owner of a found animal, call Animal Services for a pick up.** While an animal's owner can often be found with a little bit of effort, the likelihood decreases as time goes on. That doesn't mean that there isn't a worried owner out there looking for it. They may just be looking in the wrong place. If you have not located the owner within 24-48 hours of finding an animal, you are unlikely to do so and should call Animal Services for a pick up. By bringing it into the shelter, the chances of reuniting a lost animal with its family are significantly increased since the shelter is the one place in the county that most pet owners will look, regardless of where they live or where the it went missing.

**Please note:** Under California state law, animals are considered personal property and there is no way to claim legal ownership of a found animal –no matter how long you've cared for it. If you are interested in making a found animal part of your family, the



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only legal way to do so is to turn it in to the Animal Services shelter and then adopt it after the stray holding period has concluded.



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