

Lost or Found a Pet

LOST/FOUND PETS:

- If your pet comes into the Madera County Shelter with a Madera County dog license, an ID tag, or a microchip, we can contact you immediately.
- Look around your neighborhood carefully. Many animals will hide not far from home. Look under bushes, especially for cats.
- Please visit our lost and found website to report a missing or found animal.
- Personally, visit and walk through both of our buildings every two days to look for your pet. (Due to covid-19 restrictions we ask for you to check our website first at Maderacounty.com (under government click on Animal Services) and look at the current dogs or cats in the shelter. Animals are held for 72 hours unless they have a current dog license, or microchip, then they are held for 10 business days. After the holding period, animals can be put up for adoption or go to rescue.
- Post flyers (see sample below) in the neighborhood where you pet was lost or found, with a description and picture.
- Talk to local businesses, your mail carrier, paper delivery person, garbage hauler, local veterinary clinics, pet stores, and neighbors.
- Ask elementary schools in your area to post a flyer. Kids are every-where and may see your pet.
- Check the found ads in the local newspaper and place a lost ad. If you offer a reward, do not disclose the amount. Also check out the Nextdoor app. for your area to see if anyone posted anything.
- Check your social media groups Facebook has many of them for example:
 - (a) Pets Lost and Found in Madera County
 - (b) Lost and Found Pets in Madera Ca
 - (c) Mountain Dog Watch
 - (d) Madera Ranchos Pet Page
 - (e) Madera Ranchos Pet Page and Beyond
 - (f) 559 Lost and Found Pets
- Check surrounding shelters in your area examples:
 - (a) Fresno County- Fresno Humane Animal Services
 - (b) City of Fresno- CCSPCA
 - (c) City of Clovis- Clovis Animal Services
 - (d) City of Kerman- Kerman Animal Control
 - (e) City of Chowchilla- Chowchilla Animal Control
 - (f) Merced County- Merced County Animal Control

EXTRA TIPS FOR FOUND PETS:

- If you find a cat or dog, please bring it to a local shelter or veterinarian to have it scanned for a microchip.
- If at all possible please try to hang onto the pet for at least 24-72 hours to give an owner who lives in the area time to see your posts or flyers and contact you. Most animals usually live within a few blocks of where they were found.

PET LOSS PREVENTATIVES:

- Purchase a dog license at Maderacounty.Docupet.com and attach it to your dog's collar. Keep the collar on your dog at all times.
- Purchase an ID tag for your cat or the optional cat license for County residents and attach it to their collar.
- Consider having your pet micro-chipped (available at the Madera Animal Shelter , FMAS vaccine clinic, or any local vet). It acts as a permanent ID. Be sure to keep the microchip updated with any change of address, phone number, or owner information with the microchip company.
- Avoid the heartache get your pet micro-chipped!

Lost Pet

Found Pet

DESCRIPTION OF LOST OR FOUND PET

AREA PET WAS LAST SEEN:

PET'S NAME:

BREED:

COLOR:

MARKINGS:

AGE:

SEX:

SIZE/WEIGHTS:

EYES:

ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING FEATURES:

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Photo of Lost/Found Pet



If you have any information about this pet,

Please contact: _____

at:

DAY PHONE: _____

EVENING: _____

EMAIL: _____

OTHER: _____

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