WHEN YOUR DOG OR CAT IS LOST

- ☐ LOOK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ASK PEOPLE IF THEY HAVE SEEN YOUR PET; LET THEM KNOW IT'S MISSING. OFFER A REWARD. DRIVE AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (OR WHEREVER THE PET WAS LOST) AT NIGHT: SOMETIMES LOST ANIMALS HIDE OUT DURING THE DAY. DRIVE SLOWLY— THE ANIMAL MAY RECOGNIZE THE SOUND OF YOUR CAR.

- ☐ CHECK ALL ANIMAL SHELTERS IN YOUR AREA IN PERSON AT LEAST EVERY THREE DAYS. KEEP TRYING. YOUR PET MAY WANDER (OR BE KEPT BY SOMEONE) FOR A WHILE BEFORE BEING TURNED IN.

- ☐ POST NOTICES IN SHOPPING CENTERS, ON TELEPHONE POLES, IN VET OFFICES, IN PET STORES AND GROOMING PARLORS. USING A PICTURE OF YOUR PET WILL ATTRACT ATTENTION. (HAVE BLACK & WHITE PICTURES OF YOUR PETS ON HAND IN CASE THEY GET LOST.)

- ☐ PUT AN AD IN THE NEWSPAPER. WATCH THE "FOUND" ADS — RESPOND TO ANY THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE YOUR DOG. A WEEK OF WANDERING CAN TURN A WHITE POODLE INTO A "GRAY MUTT."

- ☐ IF A LOCAL RADIO STATION HAS A LOST-AND-FOUND PET BROADCAST, NOTIFY THEM.

PREVENTION:

- MAKE SURE THAT YOUR PETS ALWAYS WEAR CURRENT I.D. TAGS.
- HAVE WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS (SIZE, COLOR, WEIGHT, MARKINGS) OF YOUR PETS ON HAND IN CASE THEY GET LOST.
- IF SOMEONE ELSE IS CARING FOR YOUR PETS, LEAVE THEM A COPY OF THIS PAGE.
- KEEP YOUR PETS AT HOME.

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