LOST & FOUND PETS

Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control, LLC (LFACC)

LFACC works diligently to reunite lost pets with their rightful owners. This includes scanning each animal for a microchip and searching for a license or rabies tag or other ID on the animal. LFACC makes every attempt to contact owners when there is a lead based on existing ID. When animals come in without any ID, LFACC must rely completely on owners to actively look for their missing animals.

If you have LOST your pet:

- <u>Visit our facility</u> during walk-through hours: Mon.-Thu. & Sat. 12-6pm, Fri. 12-8pm, Sun. 1-5pm
 - If your animal is not here, fill out a <u>lost report</u> with our Return-to-Owner Department (RTO)
 - If someone in the community finds your animal and files a found report with LFACC, we can match the reports for a reunion
 - o Plan to visit every day if possible as new stray animals are received daily
- <u>Use the LFACC online search feature</u> for "Lost Animals" at www.lfacc.org (Lost and Found tab)
- Walk your neighborhood to see if anyone has found a pet—check for any posted flyers, contact local vet offices and your neighborhood association
- <u>Post flyers</u> with the animal's picture and the date it was last seen around your neighborhood, at local vet offices, and at pet supply stores
 - o LFACC provides a printable flyer on our webpage, www.lfacc.org (Lost and Found tab)
- Place a lost ad:
 - o Lexington Herald-Leader, (859) 233-7878—3 lines for 3 days at no cost
 - o Craigslist.com, lost/found and pet sections—repost daily or at least every other day
- <u>Download the free Finding Rover app</u> and use your phone to upload a photo of your lost dog
- Find more information on searching for a lost pet on:
 - o Petfinder.com
 - Lost and Found Pets of Lexington, KY through Facebook
 - o Oliveralert.com
 - Copper Alerts through Facebook

If you have FOUND a pet:

- Search for ID tags and call any numbers listed
- Walk your neighborhood to see if anyone is looking for a lost pet—check for any posted flyers, contact local vet offices and your neighborhood association
- Bring the animal into the LFACC shelter where it will be kept safe and easily visible for the owner to find
- If you choose to house the animal until the owner is found, fill out a <u>found report</u> with an RTO associate which can be matched to a lost report we might have on record
- Use the LFACC online search feature for "Found Animals" at www.lfacc.org (Lost and Found tab)
- Have the animal scanned for a microchip at LFACC or a vet's office
- Post flyers with the animal's picture and the date it was found around your neighborhood, at local vet offices, and at pet supply stores
 - Hint: keep a defining feature about the animal a secret, you can use this information to confirm if a
 caller is the owner (i.e. male/female, color/shape of a spot on the animal's coat, a noticeable scar)
- Place a found ad:
 - o Lexington Herald-Leader, (859) 233-7878—3 lines for 3 days at no cost
 - o Craigslist.com, lost/found and pet sections (we do not recommend posting a photo)
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LFACC RTO Department

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