

Angel's Haven

Boarding & Rescue

LOST AND FOUND PET TIPS

Contact the following to give a lost or found report:

Winnipeg Humane Society (dogs or cats): 204 982-2025

Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter (dogs or cats): 204 832-7387

Darcy's Arc (dogs or cats): 204 889-2098

Animal Services/City Pound (dogs only): 204 986-2155 or 311 24/7

Charleswood Pound (dogs only): 204 985-0617

Quagga Stray Cat Rescue (cats only): 204 237-1958

Cat Tails Rescue (cats only): 204 338-9725

Animal Emergency Hospital, 400 Pembina Hwy (24 hour Animal
Emergency Hospital, they often receive lost pets) 204 452-9427

- If you lose a pet that was adopted from a rescue or is being fostered, make sure you contact the rescue and give a lost report.
- Veterinary hospitals or clinics in the area the pet was lost.
- After filing lost pet reports it is a good idea to visit the Winnipeg Humane Society (dogs and cats) and Animal Services (dogs only).

FOUND PETS

Check for identification.

Dogs should have a *City of Winnipeg license tag* with identification number. Animal Services will be able to trace the owner through the identification number. Call 311 any time 24/7 and they can trace the owner through the license/identification number.

Dogs or cats can have a *rabies tag* with an identification number issued by local veterinarians. The issuing veterinarian office phone number will be on the tag and they will assist in tracing the owner.

Some dogs and cats wear identification tags purchased at pet shops with the pet's name, owner's name and/or phone number.

Look in the pet's right ear (dogs or cats) if the animal is comfortable letting you do so, as there might be a *tattoo number*. If the tattoo is readable, contact the Winnipeg Humane Society or a local veterinary clinic for assistance in tracing the owner. If you are unable to read the tattoo number, phone the Winnipeg Humane Society or local veterinary clinic to make arrangements to have it read. Most clinics will do this for free.

Make arrangements to take the dog or cat to the Winnipeg Humane Society or a local veterinary clinic to be scanned for a *microchip*. This service is free and if the pet is microchipped the owner can be traced.

CONTACT THE MEDIA

Winnipeg Free Press classified: 204 697-7100. A "lost" or "found" ad of approximately 25 words can be placed for free for four days. If needed, the ad can be run again for free upon another phone call to *The Free Press*.

Winnipeg Sun classified: 204 775-7575. A "found" ad consisting of three lines may be placed for free for three days. A "lost" ad of three lines can be placed for three days for about \$3.00.

Canstar Weeklies (Community Newspapers): 204 697-7050. A "lost" or "found" ad can be placed for free in the community paper for the area in which the pet was lost or found.

🚫 Remember to continually check the newspapers to see if someone has placed a found ad regarding your lost pet. If you find a pet, the owner may have placed a lost ad.

INTERNET SERVICES FOR LOST OR FOUND PETS

- Facebook page, Winnipeg Lost Dog Alert: info@winnipeglostdogalert.com
- Facebook page, Winnipeg Lost Cat Alert
- Facebook page, Lost or Found Animals
- Petlynx.net
- Kijiji Winnipeg
- Used Winnipeg.com
- Buy and Sell Winnipeg
- Craig's List Winnipeg

① Always check these services to see if someone has placed a “found” ad if your pet is lost. If you find a pet, the owner may have placed a “lost” ad.

OTHER TIPS

Contact schools in the area that the pet was lost or found. Ask the school office to do a public service announcement. Children of all ages are a great resource. Provide a poster to put up as well.

Posters: Posters of lost and found pets should be delivered to neighbours, posted on any community bulletin boards, such as those found in veterinary clinics, pet stores, grocery stores, schools, school bus depots, etc. The poster should also ask the public to check their outbuildings (garages and sheds). Pets, particularly cats, are curious and they may have wandered in and become trapped.

Signs: Put a very large sign on your front yard to give passers-by a heads' up to your lost or found animal.

If you are unable to temporarily take in a found pet, or search for its owners, please contact the Winnipeg Humane Society (dogs and cats) or Animal Services/Pound (dogs only). After hours, please contact the Animal Emergency Hospital to see if they can assist you.

PROTECT YOUR BEST FRIEND

Ensure your pets are tattooed and/or microchipped. Tattoos can fade and become unreadable, and may be limited to a local registry so adding a microchip is a good idea, particularly if you travel with your pet. Microchips are inserted under the skin in between the shoulder blades. The chip can be read by a handheld device available at nearly all shelters or veterinary hospitals. The information associated with your pet can be retrieved by phone or online, providing a speedy return home. Microchips offer protection worldwide and are truly lifesavers for many pets. A simple trip to your veterinarian for around \$65.00 will provide your pet the utmost protection.

Dogs are required to be licensed in the City of Winnipeg. Most veterinarian offices carry the forms or it can be completed online. A collar tag will be issued. There is a substantial discount for spayed or neutered dogs.

Cats should not be allowed to roam free. It is a City bylaw that they reside on the owner's property unless they are being walked on a harness and leash no longer than six feet. A safe outside enclosure can be built to keep the cat on the owner's property.

All pets should wear a collar with their identification tags. Personalized identification tags engraved with your pet's name and your telephone number, or other information, may be ordered from pet shops, veterinarians' offices and online.

Ensure you have a recent photograph of your pet should they become lost. You will need this to make posters.

How well do you know your pet? What colour are her eyes? Does he have distinguishing markings? What colour are the whiskers? You should be able to provide details about your pet that will make them easier to identify.

Do you have your pet's tattoo number, license, and microchip information handy so that you can provide this information when making your lost reports, posters and ads?

Register your pet with Petlynx. While there is a fee for registering, it lasts for the animal's lifetime. Or your pet's rabies tag (from your veterinarian) may be registered at www.getmehome.ca for no cost.

QR (quick response) Code tags are a newer form of identification. Each tag has its own QR code that can be read by a smart phone, or accessed online at any time. You can update your pet's medical information, your phone number and address online as well. This is particularly valuable if you travel with your pet. This example of a QR code says "I am a lost dog."



If you move or change telephone number(s) it is critical that you update your pet's information linked to the tattoo, microchip, license etc. The veterinarian that inked the tattoo, the Winnipeg Humane Society should be updated as well. Call Animal Services to update license information and contact the microchip company as well. If you adopt a pet, ensure all information is updated with your particulars.