

HELP! I Found A Lost Pet!

We have put together some resources to help reunite pets and their families. If you lost a pet or found a stray, please keep in mind that most lost pets remain close to home. Immediately hang flyers in your area, alert neighbors, and post on Facebook and other social media community pages.

IF YOU FIND A LOST PET AND YOU WANT TO HELP REUNITE THEM WITH THE OWNER ...

If you find a stray animal, you can take it to a vet clinic, a Chicago Police Station or Chicago Animal Care and Control to check for a microchip and try to find the owner. CACC is happy to assist with scanning for microchips daily between 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. without an appointment.

Next, go to helpinglostpets.com to create a lost pet profile. Please consider fostering the animal to give the owner time to find the pet. Lost pets typically stay close to home so fostering them where they are found helps get pets home. In addition, you can help to find the pet's owner via social media by posting flyers (helpinglostpets.com) on pages like Lost Dogs Illinois, Lost Cats Illinois or other community sites. If you can't keep the pet, please bring the pet to Chicago Animal Care and Control between the hours of 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. to drop the animal off.

CATS Most of the cats you see outside are best left where they are. Cats wandering outside are usually not far from their homes and are unlikely to be lost. A cat that is not injured, ill or in imminent danger is unlikely to need assistance. If you find a cat ill, injured, or in immediate danger, call 3-1-1 or visit 311.CHICAGO.GOV or bring the cat to CACC: 2741 S. Western Ave. (12 P.M. - 7 P.M.) [Read more here](#)

KITTENS When we find a litter of kittens, our good-hearted instincts tell us to jump in and help. Thankfully, human intervention is typically not required. If the kittens are not ill, injured, or in immediate danger, the best thing you can do is to leave them alone. Mother cats may leave their litters for several hours while looking for food or avoiding humans. Mom will likely return shortly, and it's critical that the kittens remain in her care as she offers the best chance for their survival. [Read more here](#)

DOGS

- [Lost Dogs Illinois](#)
- [Helping Lost Pets](#)
- [Microchip Research](#)
- [PAWS Chicago](#)
- [Lost Dogs of America](#)
- [PetFBI](#)
- [Lost Dog Action Plan](#)

IF YOU DECIDE TO LEAVE A LOST PET AT CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL...

Dogs that arrive at CACC without a tag, microchip, or other forms of identification will be available for adoption and transfer to rescue after 3 full days of viewing on petharbor.com/chicago and at the shelter. Cats impounded without tags, microchip or other forms of identification will simultaneously be marketed for redemption to owner, adoption, and transfer to rescue as soon as they arrive. We strongly encourage owners to microchip and tag their pets.

AGENCIES APPROVED TO TAKE IN STRAYS

In addition to CACC, these agencies can take in stray animals within the city of Chicago. Please contact them directly for hours and fees.

Animal Welfare League 6224 S. Wabash Ave 773.667.0088 www.animalwelfareleague.com

Tree House (cats only) 7225 N. Western Ave. 773.262.4000 www.treehouseanimals.org

Garrido Stray Rescue www.garridostrayrescue.org 773.416.4111

Harmony House for Cats 2914 N. Elston Ave. 773.293.6103 www.hhforcats.org