

Your Cat Needs A Tag

Lost cats that are not reclaimed are a major contributing factor to the shelter and stray animal population. There are a few things you can do to increase the chances of reunion should your cat go missing:

- Purchase a safe breakaway collar and make sure you have a tag that has your current contact information listed.
- Ensure the contact information on your cat's microchip is up to date. Cats with microchips are 50% more likely to be reunited with their owners.
- Get special pet screens for windows and ensure there are no doorknobs that your cat can open. Give them several window perches so they can watch birds and wildlife from the comfort of inside your home.

If your cat does slip out unnoticed, don't panic!

- Cats tend to stay close by and will hunker down in a spot they perceive as safe, such as underneath the deck or in a neighbor's garage.
- In addition to searching your property, you should get permission from your neighbors and conduct a physical search of their property, looking under and inside every conceivable hiding space.
- A missing cat study conducted in 2017 revealed that 40% of lost cats found by their guardians are recovered by conducting a physical search.
- Put up neon posters with a clear photograph of your cat and your contact information.
- Put their litterbox outside. It will help them smell their own scent and lure them back home.

Also remember to post a notice on social media. Many communities have a "Lost and Found Page" where you can post your pet's information as well.



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