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What To Do In Case You Loose Your Pet

By Kadence Buchanan

According to the most recent Synovate pet survey (Sept. 2005), conducted in nine markets across

the globe, the UK and the US were shown to be the two absolute leaders in pet ownership. But the world-wide annual statistics on missing pets are shocking. Over 10 million pets go missing every year and millions never make it back home. This short rescue guide was compiled in order to minimize the chances of you ever having to file a missing pet report and to provide to all US pet-lovers a comprehensive list of the things one should know and do before and after his/her independent companion decides to migrate and explore the unknown. Just read carefully the tips that follow keeping in mind that you should not get discouraged or panic if your pet disappears. By following our advice and keeping yourself organized and prepared at all times, the chances are that you will be reunited with your lost friend again soon.

Plan ahead: Create an emergency action list and keep it handy in house or car. Check frequently your pet's neck to ensure that the collar is in place and that its rabies tag and pet license tag are there; apart from pet's ID your current phone number should appear. If your pet carries a microchip or a tattoo have that number with you all the time (in your wallet). Make sure you have recent reliable photos of your pet. Create a pet file on your PC with pet web directories and have all the local pet authorities' telephone numbers also in print. Keep an updated map of your area with your emergency pet kit. Frequently check your locks, doors, windows and fence for possible escape passages. Do not trust strangers and never leave your pet unattended outside stores or inside vehicles. Register your pet to the available services of your area; you will save precious time if your pet becomes lost.

Your pet is missing: Check everywhere you can and do it quickly! Ask friends, neighbors and local pet authorities to assist you in your search. Create and distribute flyers including your pet's pictures and your phone number and never state the exact amount if you decide to offer a reward or your real name and house address. Scan your neighborhood and give a copy of the missing pet's flyer to everyone you meet, asking them to call you in case they see or hear anything. Have a real live person or if that is impossible a telephone recording machine answering the phone. Check all the clinics of your area frequently and visit the local shelters in person everyday. Befriend the employees and request their assistance. Inform the local veterinarian offices and the police. Provide all the details they need, but leave a few of your pet's characteristics out. These will later help you identify whether the person

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claiming to have found your pet has actually your companion in his/her possession. Never visit by yourself someone that called and reported to have your pet. Take a friend with you or arrange to meet in a public place or the police department. Contact the local media and create a publicity fuss. Publicize your pet's disappearance via the internet and local newspapers. Check the 'found pet' section of your local newspapers daily. Most importantly, do not give up hope. Keep looking and good luck!

Your pet is back: Once reunited with your pet, of extreme importance is for you to discover what circumstances allowed it to escape and perform any necessary changes to prevent a similar incident from happening again. Do not forget to call your neighbors, friends, local veterinarian clinics and shelters, to inform them that your pet is back. Of course, always remember to keep a collar and a current identification tag on your pet at all times, even when they are in your house. Your pet's ID is actually its ticket home.

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Things To Know Before Traveling With Your Pet

By Terrell James

Traveling with your pet can be a very fun experience. What better way for you and your loyal companion to explore new surroundings and adventures? Now before anyone takes a trip they should be well prepared. Since pets can not do preparations for themselves, you will have to do it for your pet. Here is some general advice and tips you should know before you take your pet along on a trip.

Check Your Pet's Condition.

You should be aware of your pet's physical condition before traveling. You should go to your veterinarian to check on your pet. Make sure your pet has all the necessary vaccinations and health certificates. Pets that are sick, pregnant, too young or old shouldn't be taken on a trip, and you should instead consider a pet sitter when you leave.

Driving in a Car

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When you have your pet in a car, you should have it in a carrier or a pet seatbelt. Don't allow your pet to stick its head out of the window. Besides the possibility of being hit by something, your pet can become carsick. If the weather is hot, you should have the air conditioning on.

When you drive, you should take several breaks to let your pet go to the bathroom. Never let your pet stay unattended for long periods of time in the car alone, even in a shaded area (the shade will move over time). The car might over-heat and dehydrate your pet.

You should not let your pet loose when traveling. The pet might run into traffic, get lost, etc.

Things to Bring for Your Pet

* Pet Food – You should feed your pet the brand you usually feed it, and avoid suddenly changing the diet. So if you are unsure where you are going will have the brand, bring some food.

* Bring Water – Bring about two – three gallons of water

* Two leashes and a extra collar

* Photograph of pet – There has been times when pets became lost when traveling with their owners. You should also bring a description of your pet. These will help greatly if unfortunately your pet becomes lost.

* Pet toys

* First aid kits

* Pet comb/brush

The general advice in this article will be helpful to anyone who wants to travel with his or her pet.

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