

Lost and Found Dog Procedures

Fido's Friends Dog Club

Before Your Dog is Lost:

- Ensure your pet has updated microchip information. Check [here](#) for more information and where to get a microchip at low to no cost. If your dog is already microchipped, you can register and keep your information up to date [here](#) (there is no charge for this service).
- Get a sturdy collar with an updated name tag, including current phone number.
- Check your home and yard for holes. Pets can escape through the tiniest of spots.
- [License](#) your dog with Pima County to take advantage of DocuPet's HomeSafe service. (Please note: Every dog three (3) months of age or older which is kept within the boundaries of cities, towns or unincorporated areas of Pima County for 30 days or longer is required to be vaccinated for rabies and licensed by Pima County. Additional benefits to licensing can be found [here](#).)

Lost Dog Procedure:

1. **If your dog is lost**, please be prepared to supply the following information:
 - a. Owner's name, phone number and address
 - b. Dog's name, breed, color, size, gender, whether it's microchipped, description of collar and tags and any other distinguishing characteristics
 - c. A picture of the dog to share on social media and emails
 - d. Where and when the dog was last seen and direction of travel. For example: "10am on Sunday 4/3, running north on the west side of Sun City Blvd at Rising Sun".
 - e. Whether it's likely the dog would cooperate if called and leashed/confined by a stranger - or if it's best to simply notify the owner of the dog's location.
2. Most dogs are found within 1 mile of home within the first 24 hours.
 - a. Walk the neighborhood where it was last seen.
 - b. Ring a few doorbells and ask the residents if they've seen the dog.
3. Call or text members of the Fido Club at (612) 747-0487 (Kris Sigford) or (612) 205-0084 (Mary Murck) to send a flash email to all Fido's Friends members – or if you need help with the additional following suggestions:
 - a. Post a lost dog notice on both the [SCOV](#) and [Fido Friends](#) Facebook pages (include as much of the info above as you are able to provide).
 - b. Contact the Administration Office at (520) 917-8068 (during normal office hours) to report a lost dog. An email will be distributed to the SCOV community asking the finder contact the owner directly if the dog is seen (your name and phone number will be included on the email).
 - c. Call the Volunteer Posse at (520) 229-5080 to ask that they keep a lookout.
 - d. Go to the [PACC Lost and Found Pets website](#) or text "LOST" to (833) 552-0591. Either method will provide links on how to file a report about the lost pet, view animals at the shelter and get proven pet-finding tips that will expand your search outside of SCOV.

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Found Dog Procedure:

If you can safely capture and handle a lost dog, check its tags for identification and call the owners. If there is no answer, you can check the [Community Directory - Sun City Oro Valley](#) for an address (you must be logged in). If no information is available or you are unable to safely capture or handle the dog to check the tags:

1. Note where and when the dog was last seen and direction of travel. For example: "10am on Sunday 4/3, running north on the west side of Sun City Blvd at Rising Sun".
2. Note the breed, color, size, gender, description of collar and any distinguishing characteristics – and if possible, take a picture for use on social media and emails
3. If you are label to safely leash the dog, walk around it around the neighborhood where it was found:
 - a. Watch for people in cars, golf carts or on foot who might be looking for a lost dog.
 - b. Ring a few doorbells and ask the residents if they recognize the dog.
 - c. Check to see if the dog has a microchip. Any vet office can do that for you for free.
4. If you are unable to find the owners or capture the dog, call or text members of the Fido Club at (612) 747-0487 (Kris Sigford) or (612) 205-0084 (Mary Murck) and provide:
 - a. Your name and phone number
 - b. If you have contained the dog, please include your address and whether you are able to hold onto it until the owner is found - and if you are willing to be contacted directly by the owner, with your name and number shared on social media and emails.
 - c. #1 and #2 above – and whether you have a picture (when we contact you, we'll let you know how to get it to us)
 - d. If you've already checked for a microchip, share any information it gave you.
5. Fido Club will:
 - a. Post a found dog notice on both the [SCOV](#) and [Fido Friends](#) Facebook pages.
 - b. Contact the Administration Office at (520) 917-8068 (during normal office hours) to report a found dog. An email will be distributed to the SCOV community asking the owner to contact the finder directly (if you are willing) or alternately a member of the club.
 - c. Contact the Volunteer Posse at (520) 229-5080 to ask that they keep a lookout
 - d. Send a flash email to all Fido's Friends members for help in locating owner or finding someone willing to temporarily keep the dog if needed.
 - e. Follow the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) "Lost and Found Pets" process by texting "Found" to (833) 552-0591.
6. If it appears the dog is reactive and too dangerous to approach, please contact PACC Dispatch at 520-724-5900, extension 4 to receive an immediate response.