

### Cover All Bases

- Visit Dane County Humane Society's website at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) under "Lost Pets." Photos are updated regularly.
- Visit DCHS (or your local shelter) every 2-3 days. Ask to view all of the animals that are the same species as your missing pet. Owners will often describe their pet in different terms than a shelter uses.
- Contact Dane County/Madison Animal Services Officers at (608) 255-2345 (or your local non-emergency police dispatch). It is a good idea to call towns that are near yours. Cats and dogs can travel quite a distance.

Deforest	(608) 846-6756
Madison	(608) 255-2345
Middleton	(608) 827-1000
Fitchburg	(608) 278-2980
Verona	(608) 845-7623
Maple Bluff	(608) 244-3390
Monona	(608) 222-0463
McFarland	(608) 838-3151
Cottage Grove	(608) 839-4652
Sun Prairie	(608) 837-7336
Oregon	(608) 835-3111
Mt. Horeb	(608) 437-5571
Stoughton	(608) 873-3374

- Contact local veterinarians.
- Internet sites can be helpful and are viewed by many people, including Animal Services Officers. A few examples:

*Lost Dogs of Wisconsin:* [lostdogsofwisconsin.org](http://lostdogsofwisconsin.org)

*Craigslist:* [madison.craigslist.org](http://madison.craigslist.org)

*Cats in the Bag:* [catsinthebag.org](http://catsinthebag.org)

*Pet Amber Alert:* [petamberalert.com](http://petamberalert.com)

## Protect your pet with a microchip AND an ID tag.

The combination of a **microchip** and an **ID tag** is the ideal way to reunite you and your pet if you get separated. It gives the best of both worlds by providing visual and implanted identification.

DCHS is pleased to offer microchipping and tagging services at the main shelter during all open hours. No appointment is necessary. The **ID tag** provides immediate owner information. The **microchip** provides backup information if the ID tag is separated from the animal.

### Walk-In Microchip Pricing:

Dogs: \$40      Cats: \$25

**Microchips at Time of Redemption: \$15**

### Hours:

- Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 12—7 pm
  - Sat/Sun: 12—5 pm
- Closed on Wednesdays



## HELP!! I've Lost My Pet

### Helping Lost Paws Find Their Way Home



Dane County Humane Society  
5132 Voges Road  
Madison, WI 53718

(608) 838-0413, ext. 182  
[giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org)

Most of us never expect our beloved pets to be lost or stolen. We hope that leashes, fences and doors will be enough to keep them safe at home. The reality is that accidents do happen, and when they do, many owners don't know what to do.

- Get organized
- Create flyers
- Distribute information
- Hit the town
- Encourage your pet to come home
- Cover all bases

## Get Organized

- Write down all current information about your missing pet: name, gender, species, breed, color, special markings, length of hair, size, age and any tags or collar that they might be wearing.
- Find a current photograph of your pet that can be copied and/or emailed.

- Create flyers on neon paper, using a current photograph and information such as name, description and where last seen. Other pertinent information such as fearful, timid and favorite hiding places could be helpful.
- Words should be in bold and solid letter form which can be easily read from a passing car.

- Post flyers on intersections of streets and highways. If flyers are posted outside, they should be in a clear plastic sleeve.
- Pass out posters to neighbors, post in grocery stores, gas stations, local restaurants, veterinary clinics and pet-friendly businesses.
- Make your car a moving poster.
- Contact Dane County Humane Society at (608) 838-0413, ext. 182 (or your local shelter) to fill out a lost pet report. Once filed, send a picture to [lostandfound@giveshelter.org](mailto:lostandfound@giveshelter.org).
- Place a “free” ad in the Wisconsin State Journal by calling (608) 252-6363 or online at [www.madison.com](http://www.madison.com).

- Get your neighbors and family involved. Kids are great at “getting the word out.”
- Do a thorough search of your house, both inside and outside. Check under bushes or other places where your pet could be hiding. Look for areas and buildings where your pet could be trapped.
- Mail carriers, bus drivers and delivery drivers usually have the same routes and would be great at helping spot your pet. Ask if they could carry a flyer in their vehicle.



- Leave out, at both your front and back doors, a dish of food, your pet's bed or blanket, a favorite toy and an article of your clothing.
- Set your cat's litter box out and stir it daily. Do not clean it.
- Open your garage door slightly so your pet can fit through it safely.
- Many animals forage for food between 1-5 a.m. because they feel safer. Go out at night, bring food and make noise, such as the rustling of a treat bag, which may motivate your pet to come towards you.
- If you see your pet, do not run towards it. Remember, they are scared and stressed. Move slowly, using a soft and calm voice.
- When your pet is found, please make sure to notify neighbors, shelters and Animal Services Officers. Remove all of the flyers you posted.