



LOST/FOUND PET TO-DO LIST

You might want to post an ad on all of the following. Check back OFTEN with these sites for new postings. You can also print flyers directly from some of these sites after listing the pet.

[NextDoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)

[PawBoost.com](https://www.pawboost.com)

[PetHarbor.com](https://www.petharbor.com)

[LostMyDoggie.com](https://www.lostmydoggie.com)

[Craigslist.com](https://www.craigslist.com)

(Also check pets for sale.)

[FindingFido.com](https://www.findingfido.com)

[HelpingLostPets.com](https://www.helpinglostpets.com)

[FindingRover.com](https://www.findingrover.com)

[PetFBI.org](https://www.petfbi.org)

[AdoptApet.com](https://www.adoptapet.com) (found pets)

[Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) (found pets)



The following are local Facebook groups that you might want to post under. Check FB on a regular basis for new postings.

1. Moreno Valley CA Lost & Found Pets
2. Riverside California Lost & Found Pets
3. Moreno Valley/Perris/Riverside/San Bernardino CA Lost & Found Pets
4. Riverside County Lost and Found Pets
5. Inland Empire Lost & Found pets

If the lost pet is microchipped, make sure to go online and confirm that you indeed remembered to register your pet and/or that your contact information is correct/current. If you cannot find your microchip number, call the facility who implanted it and find out.

If you have found a pet, take it to the nearest shelter or clinic or pet store to have it scanned for a chip. If no chip is found, try another facility. Not all scanners are universal or accurate 100% of the time, and there are several different chipmakers using different technology that require the use of a universal scanner.

Also make sure that the person scanning goes from head to toe. Typically the chip is placed on their back between the shoulder blades but over time can dislodge and slip downward.

Put out flyers in the neighborhood where the pet was last seen/found and at all local veterinarian offices, clinics, and hospitals.

Make sure your ad/post/flyer has all the pertinent information, including photo, description, name, any distinguishing characteristics, breed, age, sex, whether or not it is microchipped or tagged, neutered/spayed, last seen/found where, reward, if any, If pet needs medication, and your contact information.

Put up a bright yard sign in your own yard.

Register the pet as having been lost/found with each of the shelters.

Bring flyers to the shelters and/or fax them.

Riverside Animal Control fax number: [951-358-7300](tel:951-358-7300)

Moreno Valley Animal Control fax number: [951-924-7284](tel:951-924-7284).

Make a police report of theft or lost property. You can do this online with the Riverside Police Department.

You may need that incident report number in the future should you need police assistance. [RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT LINK](#)



WHY TAKE THE RISK? GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED

Make sure you reply to the posters/members on these sites out of courtesy and to give status reports, as this will encourage them to keep on looking and sharing on your behalf. People do care and are eager to help.

Once the pet is reunited, please do not forget to touch base on all of these sites as well to let everybody know they can end their search.

It is advised to place a collar and I.D. tag on all your pets to be worn at all times. Don't rely solely on a microchip or lost and found ads.

Most lost and found pets are without collars and identification tags. Many pets are found without a chip or with a defective chip, and some people do not even bother to have a found animal scanned for a chip, and some owners forget or don't know they have to register their pet online once the chip is implanted. The veterinarian does not typically do that for you.

Lastly, even though a chip can have a 20-year lifespan, have your pet's chip checked yearly to make sure it is operational.