

# Finding Your Lost Pet

- Visit Hernando County Animal Services immediately when your pet is lost. Do not wait more than four days to visit since animals are held for five days when they are picked up.
- Contact other shelters in the area, including the Humane Society and the S.P.C.A. If you live near another county, contact the animal control agency in that county.
- Search your neighborhood. Give your neighbors your phone number and a description of your pet.
- Keep recent photographs of your pet so that you can distribute copies to agencies and neighbors. A photograph is the best way for someone who doesn't know your pet to identify him/her.
- Post signs at stores, community centers, businesses or other places that will give you permission.
- If you believe your pet is stolen, instead of lost, notify the Sheriff's Department.
- Beware of scams. Be suspicious if someone calls to say they have found your pet and asks you to send money for the pet's return. Always leave one identifying characteristic out of descriptions so you can be certain the caller actually has your pet.
- Leave familiar items outside your home to help attract your pet if he is disoriented.
- Don't give up hope. Owners have found their lost pets months later at animal shelters.
- **ALWAYS KEEP A COLLAR AND LICENSE TAG ON YOUR PET !!!**  
This will significantly improve your chances of finding your lost pet.

## Hernando County Animal Services

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## If Found Please Call