

LOST DOG GUIDE

No Animal Left Behind Search & Rescue

SCENT STATIONS

- Place the owner's unwashed items (clothes, towels, sheets, pet bed, etc.) where the dog was last seen — anything that smells like home.
 - If lost from home: Leave a door cracked open (if safe) so the dog can re-enter.
 - If lost on a trail: Leave scent items both where the dog went missing and at the trailhead.
 - Leave a car door open if safe.
 - Do NOT chase or follow into the woods/trails.
- Most dogs will return to the trailhead or vehicle.

SEARCHING ON FOOT & USING CALMING TECHNIQUES

- Do NOT yell, chase, or follow after the dog.
- Stay calm, breathe, and move slowly.
- Carry: a slip lead, a clip leash, high-value food, and scent items. (High-value food = irresistible items like chicken, hot dogs, sandwich meat, liver, etc.)

If you see the dog:

- Sit or crouch low to the ground.
- Turn your body sideways or away.
- Avoid direct eye contact.
- Speak softly and calmly.
- Toss small pieces of high-value food gently toward the dog.
- Stay put — be patient.
- Act like you are eating and "drop crumbs" to lure them closer.
- Crinkle a food bag to grab attention.
- Build trust — let the dog approach you at their own pace. Patience is key!

If the dog leaves the area:

- Leave food, water, and a scent item where you were sitting. (Dogs often return to check this spot.)
- Always return to your scent station/feeding spot if walking on foot.
- Avoid getting into a vehicle mid-search — this can lead the dog to a "dead end."
- Remember: dogs have strong noses and can track your scent back.

If you have another bonded dog:

- Bring them along during the search.
- Their presence can help spread a familiar scent and guide the lost dog back.



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SPREAD THE WORD

- Post immediately on local Facebook groups and the Nextdoor app. (We can help suggest the right pages.)

- Share a clear photo and description of the dog.

Include:

- Date & time last seen
- Exact location
- Owner's phone number (for calls/texts if spotted)

- Talk to everyone you meet in the area.
- Hand out flyers with the dog's picture and your phone number.
- Post flyers in local businesses.
- Contact local shelters & update microchip information.
- The more people who know, the higher the chance someone reports a sighting (or realizes they've already seen the dog).

NEON SIGNS FOR SIGHTINGS

- Use LARGE neon poster foam boards to put up in the surrounding area.
- Write clearly in thick black marker:
- LOST DOG CALL/TEXT [xxx-xxx-xxxx] with sightings
- DO NOT CHASE
- Include a picture of your dog

BEWARE OF SCAMS

- If you share your number online, scammers may contact you pretending to have your pet.
- Never send money without proof & always trust your instincts!



Tony – Rescued 6/27/22

We understand the fear and worry that comes with them being missing. Please know you are not alone.

Our non-profit team, based in Gilpin County, CO, is ready to help guide and support you in every step of the search.

With patience, care, and community, hope is never lost.

 Call or Text (303) 653-4799

We're here for you — and for them.

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