

LOST DOG?

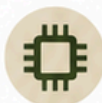
What to do.

Lessons from Zucchini's six-day adventure

01 PREVENTION

Prevent an escape

Transports, travel to meet-and-greets, and foster transfers are **HUGE** escape risks for dogs who already feel insecure and scared after everything they've been through.



Chip AND tag your dog. Keep contact information current.



Consider a GPS tracker for runners. AirTags are not GPS trackers.



Secure every car ride with a vehicle safety harness or a secured crate.



Leash your dog before letting them out of the car. Foster and newly adopted dogs may spook easily and don't know the area.



Check gates, fences, and the fit of collars and harnesses.

02 IF MISSING

If your dog goes missing



Act immediately. Calmly check nearby hiding places. Ask neighbors to check garages, sheds, and under decks.



DO NOT CHASE, SHOUT, OR CALL OUT. Ask others to let you know the exact location, time, and direction of travel.



If you see your dog: Sit quietly with your side turned toward them. Do NOT make eye contact. Pretend to eat, making noticeable eating sounds, and gently toss food near you.



Leave familiar bedding or worn clothing near the escape point. Ask a recovery expert before laying scent trails.



Post on Nextdoor, PawBoost, Facebook, and neighborhood lost-pet groups.



Make flyers with a photo, last-seen location/date, and phone number. Leave off the dog's name. Add: **DO NOT CHASE—REPORT SIGHTINGS.**



Contact shelters and animal control. File reports, check listings, and visit shelters. Notify the microchip registry and your rescue if fostering.



Avoid scams. Be cautious of callers claiming they have your dog. **Do NOT send payment.** Trust your instincts!

03 GET EXPERT HELP

Still missing? Get expert help



Contact an experienced lost-pet recovery team. A thermal drone search may help in suitable conditions.



Use expert guidance to set a food station with a camera near confirmed sightings.



Use an experienced humane-trapping expert. Let them guide timing, placement, and monitoring to avoid frightening the dog away.



Save & share. Help a dog find their way home.

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