

Contact all of the phone numbers listed under "Help Agencies" (listed on the left) as soon as possible. Provide a clear description of your pet: breed, sex (spayed or neutered), name, age, weight, color, surgical scars, color of eyes, any distinguishing markings, collar/tags, tattoo or microchip.

Place an ad in the San Antonio Express News. Run over a weekend, several times if necessary. (Ads for "found" animals are kindly provided by the Express News free of charge.)

Contact your neighbors.

Prepare a flier and distribute in your neighborhood and subdivision. Put up signs where allowed.

Walk/drive your entire area daily...keep in mind, frightened or scared animals can and do travel long distances.

Look in culverts/drainage ditches if close to your home.

Walk on the grass to leave a scent trail for your dog back to your home. Animals normally cannot pick up your scent from the asphalt or cement.

Go in person to the City of San Antonio Animal Care Facility. Take a current picture of your animal if possible. Also provide a flier, copies of your City License and Rabies Certificate/tags. Leave a phone number where you can be reached. Check back with this facility every other day.

Take your dog's favorite treats with you during your search. Do Not run after or at your dog...Stay Calm. Sit down on the ground; call the name of your dog softly and quietly, encouraging the dog to you. Place a treat out in front of you so that the dog can pick up the familiar smell. Be Patient! Remember that this treasured pet is frightened from its adventure away from home and family.

Contact veterinary clinics, grooming shops and boarding facilities in your area.

Check the telephone book yellow pages under "Animal Shelters" to determine if there is a shelter close to your home. Call.

Do not wait to report a lost or found pet.

The sooner you notify the Help Agencies, the faster the networking operation begins!