



Society for the Friends of Ferals

Helping the Helpless

Tips for a Lost Cat

Here are some tried and true tips to get you started. Please read through each tip carefully and do as many as you can ASAP! We know it's difficult, but **TIME** is so important. The more time you spend outside now the better. Some cats hide and don't meow.

1. Please post on your **Personal Facebook Page** and make it public so everyone can share.
2. **Posters/flyers** have proven to be successful and you will need to start canvassing door-to-door as soon as possible handing them out. Posters are key!
3. Place a piece of **clothing or blanket with the scent of kitty and/or your family** that she likes most with some food and water outside in a sheltered area. Place her litter box outside.
4. Sometimes, if you can **leave your door open**, they will come back in on their own. Just lock up any other pets in another room.
5. Go talk to your neighbours and surrounding areas and hand out posters. Talk to people on the street. You will be surprised at how helpful they will be! If no one is home, place your poster in the mailbox. **Place posters on poles, vet offices, corner stores, grocery stores, etc.** and check around restaurants and other such places where there may be a food source.
6. **Ask your neighbours to check their sheds, barns and garages** as kitty may have been locked inside.
7. Ask around your neighbourhood for any known "**Cat Ladies**" in your area. They know and see all concerning kitties.
8. **Put flyers in your car windows** so that they may be seen when parked in your yard or wherever you travel.
9. **Call the local veterinary clinics in your area, the SPCA and animal control. Post on other sites such as Nova Scotia – Lost Dogs, Cats & Pets, Lost Pets NS, Lost and Found and Adoptions in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia Lost Cat Network, Valley Waag Animal Shelter, Facebook Radio stations and yard sales.** Invite your pet loving friends to these Facebook sites.
10. When it is quieter at night, cats tend to roam more frequently. It's good to go around searching with a flashlight, looking under bushes, decks etc., anywhere there is a potential hiding place near where you live. Good luck in your search and never give up!

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