

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND OR LOSE A PET:

Please remember that some shelters only hold your animal for 7 days so the faster you take action the quicker you can be reunited with your pet.

Contact your local Police Department @ the NON-EMERGENCY# (609-267-1111) to file a report in the event they receive notification of a found pet.

Lumberton Township is currently utilizing *New Jersey Animal Control, LLC* (609-685-3384) for Animal Control Services and the animal shelter is *Burlington County Animal Shelter* (609-265-5073). Be sure to contact them to file a report and continue to call on a daily basis.

Contact and visit all of the shelters in the area as your description of your pet may vary from the person on the other end of the phone. (ie., you describe your pet as a shepherd husky mix as you think the dog looks more like a shepherd but the shelter personnel may think it looks more like a husky and reports that your dog is not there). Animal Shelter locations in southern New Jersey can be found online and in the telephone directory.

Visit social media but do so carefully, only posting a clear picture of the lost or found animal stating the town where the animal went missing or was found and include a contact email only so your personal address is not available to the public.

Post flyers at local grocery stores, pet stores and vet offices being careful not to include your personal information.

Inform your mail carrier as they may see something while driving around the area.

Walk your neighborhood. If you have another pet in the house leash it and walk it around the neighborhood. The lost pet may feel more comfortable coming out around another animal rather than a human.

Place a sign on your lawn as the more people that see the sign, the more people that can help locate your missing pet.

Micro Chip your pet. Local shelters generally perform this at a reduced rate and your local vet provides the service as well.

Make sure you have a collar on your pet with the dog license and rabies tags attached.

Sometimes the tags may fall off so use a sharpie marker to write your telephone number on the inside of the collar.