

What to Do if You Find a Dog

Many, many people are reluctant to take a found dog to the humane society or local animal shelter for fear the dog won't be reunited with its owner and instead be euthanized.

What else can you do?

If you do take the dog to the humane society or animal shelter, you can leave your contact information with a note that if the owner is NOT found, to call you, as you will consider adoption. From there, you can decide what you want to do.

Alternatively, here are some other things you can do to try to find the dog's owner.

#1 Start by checking the dog for a tag or microchip. Tags should be obvious as they would be on the dog's collar. Most humane societies or emergency clinics will have a scanner and will scan the dog to identify a microchip. If they find one, they will try to contact the owner.

#2 Contact your local humane societies, animal shelter, local veterinarian's office, and local animal emergency clinic. Fax or take them a flyer to post on their bulletin board.

#3 Create a flyer and include information about where the dog was found, the date it was found, a description of the dog, a photo of the dog and your contact information.

#4 Post signs or flyers with a picture of the dog throughout the neighborhood where the dog was found. Try the local library community board, the grocery store and the ice cream parlor. Attach the flyers to telephone poles.

#5 Place an ad in your local paper or papers (since it is free!) Even if the owner doesn't read it - a friend of theirs might!

#6 Walk through the neighborhood and ask around if anyone has lost a dog.