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LOST & FOUND

HOW CAN I AVOID LOSING MY PET?

Confine it properly. If necessary keep it in a cage or enclosure. If you do so however, you should let it out often or whenever you are home so that it can socialise and interact with you and the family.

If you are a dog owner you should ensure that your house is properly fenced and the gate remains closed at all times whenever your dog is free to move around the premises. Take care that automatic gates do not accidentally open and that your dog does not escape when someone is leaving home or returning.

If you are a cat owner and your cat likes to wander, you may want to confine it in a suitable cage when you are not at home or when you are not around to supervise it. This will prevent disputes with neighbours who may not appreciate your cat paying unwelcome visits to their house. Caging your cat also protects it against outdoor dangers like vehicles and dogs. Cats spend much of their time resting and sleeping and will not be adversely affected by being kept in a suitable cage.

Get your pet sterilised. A sterilised pet is less likely to roam and get lost.

AIDS FOR TRACING A LOST PET

Fit your dog with a collar and place its licence badge on the collar. Singapore law requires that all dogs 3 months and older must be licensed and the licence badge must be on a collar placed around its neck at all times. The licence is obtained from the Centre for Animal Welfare and Control (CAWC). Please see

overleaf for address and telephone number of CAWC. Should your dog get lost it can be quickly traced to you through CAWC's licence records.

For other pets, you should consider placing an identification tag on your pet's collar. The tag should contain your pet's name and the telephone number at which you can be contacted should your pet be lost.

You can also get your veterinarian to implant your pet with a microchip. Each 'chip' has a special code which can be read with a scanner. The code should be lodged with the 'chip' supplier and CAWC. Should your pet get lost, the 'chip' can be read and you can be quickly reunited with your pet. The 'chip' is a permanent form of identification and will prevent disputes that may arise over ownership of a lost or stolen pet.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY PET IS LOST?

Immediately inform:

- 🐾 the nearest Police Station
- 🐾 CAWC
- 🐾 the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) at tel: 287 5355.

Provide information such as where and when your pet was lost and whether it has a collar and licence badge / ID tag.

Give its name, breed, age, sex, colour and describe any special body markings that it may have.

Put up flyers around the neighbourhood, at the veterinarian's or pet shop. The flyer should have the pet's photograph and a contact telephone number at which you can be reached. Search your neighbourhood and ask your neighbours for help.

Advertise in the Classified Ads of the newspapers. Consider offering a reward for return of your pet or information leading to the return of your pet.

WHAT DO I DO IF I FIND A LOST PET?

Hand it over to the nearest Police Station, CAWC or SPCA.

If the pet you found matches the description of a lost pet advertised in the Classified Ads or on notices or flyers, contact the owner.

Advertise in the Classified Ads. Most newspapers offer this as a free service.

