

So, You Have Lost Your Dog

Losing a pet who has wandered from home is devastating to a family, especially children. Sometimes, it turns out fine and the dog returns a few hours or days later. Sometimes, the days turn into weeks into months and hope fades. Sometimes, the dog never comes home again. Sometimes there was nothing you could have done to avoid the heartbreak of loss, and sometimes there is. This guide will tell you how prevent losing your dog as much as possible, or if the worst happens, give you some options for most effectively protecting your pet and getting your dog back home. Try not to give up too soon. Some dogs are found after months.

Here are the findings 2 Ohio studies on lost pets and reported in the January 2007 *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*:

- Fewer than one in 10 dogs (under 10%) return on their own.
- More than one in four dogs (over 25%) were found because the animal wore a dog license or identification tag at the time of its disappearance.
- More than one out of three owners (35%) found their lost dogs at a shelter.
- Posted signs resulted in the return of 15 % of recovered dogs.
- 4.5 % of the dogs made it home because of an advertisement in the newspaper.

In all, 71% of all of the lost dogs in the studies were found!

Prevention & Preparation

Dog licenses – By law, all dogs must be licensed and have the Ag & Markets tag affixed to the dog's collar. But, this is more than a government requirement. It registers your dog in a data base accessible by all Animal Control Officers. If anyone finds your dog and takes the dog to an Animal Control Officer or shelter, you will be tracked down as the owner. If your dog has been injured, this is critical to getting the Animal Control Officer to authorize vet care.

ID tags – An identification tag on the dog's collar that has your name, address and telephone number is the easiest way for someone who has found your dog to return the dog to you or get your permission to administer vet care. For greyhound owners, also attach a tag that identifies the rescue/adoption agency. If you cannot be contacted, this tag will provide an alternative person who can rescue your dog. Forever Home provides an ID tag with each adoption with our info on it. Please do NOT remove this tag from your dogs collar.

Microchips – A microchip can be placed into your dogs hide (scapula), making it completely and irrefutably identifiable if the dog's collar has been lost. Ask your local Animal Control Officer about your local procedures. See www.foreverhomegreyhounds.com for information on micro-chipping your dog. We use 24 Petwatch and once you report your dog as missing and it's chip # is reported to them an amber alert will go out to all shelters and Vet clinics in the area. Call Paula 518 261 7025 to have your Grey Chipped. The cost is \$10.00 which is much more cost effective than having it done at the vets office. \$25-\$40 .

Photograph your dog – Take at least 2 photos of your dog. One photo should show the dog's entire body next to an object of standard size (a car, chair, adult person, etc ...not a child, a tree, a shrub, etc.), so that someone could look at the photo and determine how big the dog is. The second photo should show your dog's face. Take a third photo of any distinguishing marks or scars if any.

ID sheet on your dog – Prepare an identification sheet on your dog. Document the breed, color, weight, dog's name, markings, tattoo, missing teeth or noticeable scars, microchips, veterinarian, health issues, type/color of collar, medical conditions and vaccination record. Also include behavior characteristics – friendly, shy, trained to come when called. Then, include your information – name, address, home phone, cell phone number, work number. Keep a copy in your car and in your home, and with a neighbor or family member. When your dog is lost, you will be too emotional to remember everything you need to communicate quickly and accurately. This ID sheet and a photograph will make information readily available when you need it.

Fences

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A good fence that encloses the back door of the house is the best way to give your dog freedom and protection. Take into account how high your dog jumps and the dog's tendency to dig holes out under the fence.

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Gate Spring Closings

If you can put a spring on the back door and the fence gate, so that it will close if you forget, you improve your chances that the door or gate will close before the dog gets out.

Hormones & Age – Be aware of your dog's sex hormone status. A little puppy that stayed right in the yard when you adopted him will want to seek out a mate when reaching dog adolescence. This is very strong drive and either neutering your dog or securely fencing are good preventatives to deal with a dog seeking a love life. Older dogs lose their sense of smell and sight and may become lost in places they have known all of their life.

Blinkers – Dog merchandise suppliers, including Bensons in Clifton Park/Halfmoon, sell tiny little blinking lights that can be clipped onto a dog collar or harness. They operate on watch battery and can be easily turned on and off with a twist. You can improve your chances of finding your lost dog if you clip on of these blinkers on your dog's collar and turn it on whenever you leave the house with your dog on foot or in a car, walk your dog off-leash, or if you have left your dog home with your teenager who has a bad reputation for leaving doors open. Many people lose their dogs away from home in car accidents when the dog gets free. The blinkers can't be seen during the day when it is light out and, therefore, do not bother the dog. But, the blinkers are highly visible at night, giving you a chance to locate the dog at night and protect the dog from being hit by a car. Iridescent bands on collars also help protect your dog from being hit by a car.

Familiarity – Take your dog for walks around your home, preferably up to a mile away. If the dog gets out, the dog will know how to get back.

Vacations – Be extra careful if you take your dog on vacation with you. Should you and your dog get separated many miles from home, you mostly likely will have to return home and not be able to stay to search for your dog.

“Come” command – If you train your dog to do nothing else, train your dog to reliably come when called, even when distracted and tempted to go elsewhere. Practice the “Come” command in lots of different places, so that the dog knows that “come” means to come no matter where you are. Start in your back yard. Then continue training at the Dog Park. When very reliable, reinforce off leash elsewhere.

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What to do Immediately _____

Your car – If you drove your dog to a place away from home, the dog may just return to the parking lot where it started. People who leave the area where the dog has been lost are surprised to find their dog sitting where the car was parked when they return to search later in the day. If you have lost your dog under these circumstances, consider leaving your car where the dog might return to it. Stay with your car for as many hours as you can. Then, leave a door open and food in the car. Return frequently during the first couple of days.

Notify the authorities – If anyone finds your dog, they will most likely call the Animal Control Officer, the animal shelter, and maybe the police. Immediately notify these authorities and provide the ID sheet on your dog to them. Call Forever Home 518 261 7025 and notify 24 Petwatch if your dog is micro chipped to activate the Amber Alert.

RESOURCES ~ID SHEET

This is an identification sheet on your dog. Document the breed, color, weight, dog's name, markings, tattoo, missing teeth or noticeable scars, microchips, veterinarian, health issues, type/color of collar, medical conditions and vaccination record. Also include behavior characteristics – friendly, shy, trained to come when called. Then, include your information – name, address, home phone, cell phone number, work number.

If the Animal Control Officer or police was called and picked up your dog, the officer will take it to the animal shelter. Call the Animal Shelter daily. Notifying the Animal Control Officer and Shelter, in writing, may also help prevent someone else from voiding your legal right to your own dog. In most municipalities, if someone attempts to license a dog, the Town/City Clerk will ask for proof of ownership. If the dog is a stray, the Shelter and Animal Control Officer have 5-7 days to see if anyone has reported a dog missing. If there is no report of a missing dog, then the “new owner” is permitted to license the dog, thereby establishing themselves as the rightful owner henceforth.

RESOURCES

Below you will find lists of Animal Control Officers and Animal Shelters in the Capital District region.

Search – Do the best preliminary search you can within a mile of where the dog was lost. Search the sides of roadways. If your dog was hit by a car, the dog will need medical help soon.

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What to do Next

If you have not found your dog in a few hours or by the end of the day, it's time to realize that you need to expand your search immediately and dramatically to cover all of the possibilities of where your dog could be. The quicker you act, the better your chances for recovering your dog.

RESOURCE - Greyhound ALERT

If you have lost a retired racing greyhound, immediately advise the president PAULA LAPORTE 518 261 7025. of the greyhound rescue group you adopted from. That person will email out an alert to all other greyhound rescue groups and start recruiting searchers to help you. Another emergency contact:

Lorna Kircher
371-4891
houndhaven@localnet.com

Enlist help of family and friends. Solicit anyone who can and will actively help you from now on. Go to family, friends, animal rescue groups, boy/girl scout troops, etc. Ask them what they have the ability to do - make phone calls, produce flyers, search, or distribute information.

Develop a plan of action and delegate assignments to your support group. Each of the following possible scenarios requires a different strategy and you should employ every strategy possible. Those include:

1. Your dog has been hit by a car.

- Call veterinarians - First call the emergency veterinary clinic in your area. Then, call all of the veterinarians in your area in case someone has brought your dog in injured.
- Follow up with a mailing to each veterinarian of the ID Sheet and photo.

RESOURCES

*Attached below are lists of veterinarian clinics in the Capital District region.
See also sample letter to send to veterinarians*

2. Your dog is at large and is still wandering in an area probably within a mile or 2 of your home. Getting a sighting is critically important in knowing what to do next. Involve as many people as possible as you can in searching for your dog, and ask them to call you whenever your dog has been seen.

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- Make a number of simple posters that say “Lost Dog”, with the breed, the dog’s name, and a telephone number to call. Try to put on a simple sketch of what the dog looks like. Put up as many posters as you can as quickly as you can in places or with people who are most likely to see your dog. Put a poster on utility poles in the search area. Unfortunately, most municipalities do not permit posters on utility poles, or there are no utility poles. Try posting on trees or fences with the permission of the property owners. Create posters on wire “legs” that you can place at the major intersections of traffic (like campaign road posters). Do not put “REWARD” on the poster – This may cause someone to think the dog is valuable and decide to keep it or sell it.

RESOURCES

*See sample lost Dog Flyer at the end of this guide. For **Lost Greyhound** road signs, contact:*

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371-4891

houndhaven@localnet.com

- Distribute or post a flyer and/or ID sheet to any group or any place where people have the opportunity to see dogs in the search area:
 - a) Veterinarians (if not already done)
 - b) Dog walkers
 - c) Construction workers
 - d) City and School bus drivers
 - e) Postal/delivery services
 - f) Lawn care companies
 - g) Park entrances, especially if used by dog walkers
 - h) Dog Parks
 - i) Schools and playgrounds – talk to children who notice everything
 - j) Park maintenance crews
 - k) School or park security patrols
 - l) Garbage pick up crews (The smell of garbage may attract a hungry dog.)
 - m) The highway department
 - n) Restaurants that emit food odors that would attract your dog
- Create a flyer (small is OK - cut 3 mini-flyers from on 8x11-inch piece of paper) that you can place on the doorstep of houses in the search area. In the flyer, ask the resident to check their property for a lost dog that may be seeking food or shelter in their garage or shed, under a deck, or in shrubbery on their property. Include the same identification information and your telephone number. If applicable, also tell the resident what they should do if they see the dog, i.e. “shy dog - do not approach, just call” or “dog will come when called”, etc Distribute the flyer as quickly as possible.

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- Give out 2 telephone numbers on all information – your residence number with an answering device and your cell phone number. Keep you cell phone on when not at home.
- Keep an accurate record of sightings. Make a copy of this checklist of questions and keep it by your telephone. Ask other members of your family to ask these questions when a call comes in.
 - a) The date and time of the call
 - b) Name and telephone number of person callings
 - c) What location?
 - d) What time was the dog seen?
 - e) What direction was dog going?
 - f) Did the dog appear injured?
 - g) Was the dog alone or were there other dogs.
 - h) Ask the caller to describe the dog seen rather than describing your dog to them (allows you assess accuracy of report)**
- Call the Animal Shelter every day to see if an Animal Control Officer, or police, has brought your dog to the shelter. Update the Animal Control Officer on any reports of sightings.

3. Someone has taken your dog, but doesn't know who the dog belongs to. Rather than take your dog to a shelter (fearing it will be killed), the person decides to keep it.

- Put an advertisement in the newspaper under the "Lost Dog" section in case someone who has your dog is trying to find you. If you can afford it, place an advertisement.
- List your dog as lost on rescue websites (i.e. www.K9aopt.com)
- Email petsavers@fox23news.com and they put it on TV also 24 Petwatch and report your dogs chip # 866-597-2424. www.24petwatch.com .
- Since you do not know how close or far away the person is who has your dog, expand your poster/ID Sheet to outside your immediate area to surrounding communities to these contacts:
 - a) Animal Control Officers
 - b) Pet stores
 - c) Veterinarians
 - d) Park entrances, especially if used by dog walkers
 - e) Dog Parks
 - f) Schools and playgrounds
 - g) Park maintenance crews
 - h) Animal rescue groups
 - i) Breeders, if you have a pure bred dog

Sometimes people keep the dog even though they have seen your posters. It is illegal to keep the dog, but if you think this has happened, also check with and distribute posters/ID sheet to other places where a new dog owner may appear:

- a) Town clerk offices where a new dog would be licensed

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- b) Kennels
- c) Groomers (if applicable)
- If you manage to find the person who has your dog, do not make contact with them immediately if you can help it. If you can identify an auto license number or residence where the dog is being kept, contact the Animal Control Officer and police. The law enforcement officials will go to the location with you and assure that you will not get into trouble. If you see your dog in public somewhere with the person who has the dog, call 911 and ask for an urgent police car dispatch immediately – you will explain when the car arrives. This will avoid the risk that you will be endangered and maximize the probability that your dog will be recovered.

What to do if you get a sighting _____

There are number of strategies to employ once you have a sighting(s) depending on your dog's particular situation.

1. If the sighting is timely, you may just be able to drive to sight and successfully call your dog.
2. If there are a few sightings in a certain area, you can set out a food lure and see if the dog stops to eat the food. By leaving the food and water in the same place or at the same time every day, you may be able to lure your dog into visiting every day. Use highly aromatic food like sardines, tuna, or meats. VERY IMPORTANT – put your scent all around the food lure. Your dog will be attracted to the scent your urine. So, (disgusting as this may sound!) urinate on towels or tee-shirts, and place them all around your food lure. Then, you can monitor that site and capture your dog when it comes for a meal, or set up a Have-A-Heart trap with the food inside the trap. If you use a Have-A-Heart trap, be sure that you check it every few hours and that it is not in the hot sun. You will probably catch other animals by mistake, so understand how to release these animals safely before you set up the trap. Paula @ FOREVER HOME GREYHOUNDS has a Haveahart humane trap if needed.
3. If you are sure that your dog is remaining in a given area or neighborhood, and you can muster 20-30 people, you can try a rescue “sweep.” You can do a physical sweep or a telephone sweep, or both.
Physical sweep - Line your volunteers up, 20-50 feet apart, and walk through the search area in a single line. This way each searcher will cover 50% of the distance between them, i.e. 10 to 25 feet. You will have to determine how far apart the searchers are depending upon what the terrain is and how big your dog is. As always, get permission to search anyone's property and involve the Animal Control Office if you are in a very public area.
Telephone sweep - Identify the streets in the area of the sweep.
Go to www.whitepages.com and look up all of the telephone listings for those streets. If you call during the day, most people are not home and you can leave a message for them about your lost dog. If you need to talk to people in the area, calling in the evenings is more successful.
4. Map the route your dog is taking. It is very helpful to map the sightings you receive. In its simplest form, get a big map of the area and place a red dot at the location your dog was lost. Then place blue or black dots at every location where you receive a report of a sighting. This may show you the route your dog is traveling, so that you can place a food lure or a trap close to its path. If you can determine a route you dog is traveling, you can also concentrate flyer distribution in that area, place road signs, and alert Animal Control Officers.

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RESOURCES

Computer aided mapping assistance can help. Greyhound owner Jim Carson can produce a map of your area, place sighting markers on the map and email daily map updates to volunteers helping you search. Contact:

Jim Carson
R - 899-2373
greyhound.group@verizon.net

What else can you do? _____

Your options for finding your dog if no sightings have been reported, and no one has turned in your dog, become limited. Searches become looking like a needle in a haystack. Remember that your dog will need water and food. Look for places in the search area where a dog may find water or smell food, i.e. bodies of natural water, restaurants where dumpsters are located, parks that have picnic tables, sports stadiums/fields, construction sites. A dog may also hang around a dog park where other dogs capture its attention. Foul weather may drive your dog into caves, barns or other shelter. You can try placing food stations in a number of these places and supply them for a few weeks to see if your dog stumbles onto one of them and returns to it regularly. Some other things to consider:

1. If you can borrow a Have-A-Heart trap, set it up in your yard with food in it in case your dog does come back home at night when you are asleep, or during the day when you are at work. If you use this, make sure that you check it very often and that it is not in the sun. This will trap your dog until you free it, so make sure that neither your dog, not any other animal, will suffer while trapped inside. Do not set the trap up in any location outside your home unless you have permission and the trap is being watched. These traps can capture or injure children and you will be liable. Use the same food and owner's urine lure described above. Camouflage the trap as much as possible. Place blankets on the floor so that your dog doesn't feel the wire bottom.

Call Paula 518 261 7025 she has a Havahart Humane Trap

2. If you place the food station, any animal may stop to eat it. Surround the food with flour or powder sprinkled around the food so you can see what paw prints were there. Placing food in the middle of soft raked sand may also capture paw prints. If paw prints indicate that a skunk is eating the food every night, move to a new location.
3. Some people have found their dog by placing articles of their clothing along a route that leads back to their home. If the dog is trying to find you, it may follow such a scent lure. Remember the impact of wind. A dog may be able to smell something within a few feet. If there is a wind carrying the scent, they can smell a scent lure 15-50 feet away. Place scent lures so that your home is upwind.
4. Radio/TV stations generally will not broadcast lost dog information, unless there is a particular aspect to the story, i.e. dog is on medication and recovery is urgent, dog got lose in a car accident also reported on the news, seeing eye dog, etc. So, if your dog or situation is special, consider calling the media.
5. Even the police use psychics. Try using an animal communicator who specializes in lost dogs for hints as to where dog might be.

RESOURCES

There are very few animal communicators who will work with lost dogs. A communicator who has provided useful services is:

Annette Betcher
360-871-4774

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6. In rural areas, take advantage of snow to look for tracks you could follow. If you know what direction your dog might have gone, look for dog tracks not accompanied by human tracks and follow them. If the dog escaped on a leash, the leash will look like a solid line in the snow in between the paw prints. Scuff marks will be behind the paw print in deeper snow and indicate the direction traveled. Do not follow track that goes out over frozen water – too dangerous unless you know for a fact that the ice can support your weight. Coyote, fox, and even deer tracks can be mistaken for dog tracks, and all are present in rural areas.
7. If someone reports sighting a dog repeatedly, that could be your dog, buy an inexpensive disposable camera and give it to the caller. Ask the caller to take a photo of the dog if seen again. At least, you will be able to determine if that lost dog is your lost dog.

What to do when your dog has been found _____

1. Be sure to go back and remove all of the posters and road signs placed. These signs should be removed after a couple of weeks even if the dog is not found because they are no longer effective if no sightings have been called in.
2. Notify the authorities and those to whom you have sent notices, so they can stop looking.
3. Fix the problem that caused the dog to get lost so that it doesn't happen again.

Attachment - Animal Shelters

Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society / Shelter

Menands

434-8128

<http://www.mohawkhumanesociety.org/>

Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady (open 10:00 am)

Scotia

374-3944

<http://www.animalprotective.org/>

Saratoga County Animal Shelter

6010 County Farm Rd., Ballston Spa

885-4113

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Upstate NY

Glens Falls

798-3500

<http://www.geocities.com/spcauny>

Guilderland Dog Shelter

French's Mill Rd.

861-6855

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Municipality	Animal Control	Police
Albany	Len Charbeneau, ___ Maleski Animal Control office City Hall Albany, NY 12206 City Hall 434-5091 Dispatch Office 458-5632 <i>Albany Animal control is part of the Dept of Traffic and will also know if a dog has been killed on a road or I85. They do not get reports on dogs hit on the NYS Thruway; owners need to call the NYS Thruway Authority.</i>	
Altamont	<i>They use the Guilderland ACO. 356-1501</i>	Village office Main Street, Altamont 861-8554 Police, office 861-5480 emergency Police Dept 356-1501
Ballston Spa	David Brown Town Hall 885-5111 Night 584-2004	30 Bath Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020 885-5111
Bethlehem	Dog Warden 447 Delaware Ave, Delmar 12084 439-9973	Police Dept 447 Delaware Ave, 439-9973
Clifton Park	Don Baker Bill Lehman Office 371-6756 Pager 230-4608 <u>dbaker@cliftonpark.org</u> 5 Municipal Plaza Clifton Park, NY 12065	Town Hall (ask to be transferred to Animal Control) - 371-6651 Clifton Park Police is provided by the Saratoga County sheriff and NYS police. Community Police Office 371-6651 Cell 369-6651

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Cohoes	Jerry Oliver 97 Mohawk Stree Cohoes, NY 12047 237-8850	POLICE DEPARTMENT First Level, City Hall wheslin@ci.cohoes.ny.us – police chief 237-5333
Colonie Latham Menands	Colonie Animal Control 312 Wolf Rd. Colonie, NY 12210 Information 783-2711 Report lost dog 783- 2811 To reach ACO's – 783-2744 Anscó Orshan Callahan Miller	Police (non-emergency) 783-2744
Delmar	See Bethlehem	
Glens Falls	<i>They have not had an ACO for 6 years, but have a contract with the ASPCA</i>	City of Glens Falls Police Department 42 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801 PH 518-761-3840 Fax 518-798-4345 Richard P. Carey, Chief of Police rcarey@glensfallspd.com
Glenville	No information available	
Greenfield Center	Tom Sprung Town Hall 10 Wilton-Greenfield Rd Greenfield Center NY 12833 893-7892	
Guilderland	Bob Meyers Animal Control Officer Dog Shelter French's Mill Rd. Guilderland Center, NY 12085 356-1501 or 861-6855 Also mail to- Rich Savage, Director 5209 Western Turnpike Guilderland, NY 12084 861-6855	Community Police 356-1501

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Halfmoon	Animal Control Officer (ACO): Beth A. Abramson Halfmoon Town Hall 111 Route 236 Halfmoon, NY 12065 Assistant ACO: John J. Cuttita Office Phone: 348-0196 Emergency Pager (numeric): 341-2932 Email: halfmoonanimalcontrol@hotmail.com	
Malta	Peter Shaw, Animal Control Officer 2540 Route 9 Malta, NY 12020 422-7914	Police is provided by the Saratoga County sheriff and NYS police.
Mechanicville	Joe Connors 36 North Main Street Mechanicville, NY 12188	Police- Public Affairs Dept 36 N. Main St., Mechanicville 664-7383 Public Safety & Welfare Dept 664-5651
Menands	<i>Call Town of Colonie</i> 783-2711	Police 463-1681
Milton	Rich Pine Office 885-9220 Pager 376-1835 503 Geyser Rd., Milton NY	
Niskayuna	Ed Teller, Animal Control Officer David Stern, Animal Control Officer Emergencies - dial 911 To report any other dog complaints - 374-3159 One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309	Police 374-3159

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Queensbury	Joe Lombardi, Animal Control Officer 742 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 Office Phone: (518) 761-8202 Fax: (518) 745-4437 E mail: animalcontrol@queensbury.net t Our regular hours of service are Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.	Emergency calls such as a suspected rabies concern or an animal bite outside of regular hours should be directed to the Warren County Sheriff's office 743-2500. Please note this number is for emergency calls only.
Rensselaer, City	Paul Martell, ACO Police Dept 505 Broadway Rensselaer, NY 12144	Police Dept City Hall 462-7451
Rotterdam	John Longo 101 Princetown Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306 355-7331	Police Dept 101 Princetown Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306 355-7331
Round Lake		<u>Village of Round Lake</u> 49 Burlington Ave PO Box 85 Round Lake NY 12151-0085 899-2800 Police is provided by the Saratoga County sheriff 885-6761
Saratoga Springs	Skip Sirocco ACO is in the Police Dept - 584-1800	Commissioner of Public Safety - City Hall - 474 Broadway Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 Tel: (518) 587-3550 • Fax: (518) 587-1688 <u>thomas.curley@saratoga-springs.org</u>
Schenectady , City	James O'Brien Liberty & Fafayette Sts Schenectady, NY 12305 382-5200 Ext 5655	Police (non-emergency) 382-5264 <u>mgeraci@schenectadypd.com</u> Police Chief - Michael Geraci 382-5205 Asst. Police Chief - Louis Pardi 382-5219 Asst. Police Chief - Micheal Seber 382-5206 Asst. Police Chief - Mark Chaires 382-5202 Asst. Police Chief - Jack Falvo 382-5200

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Scotia, Village	Richard Trzeciak 4 North Ten Broeck St. Scotia NY 12302 384-0137	Police – non emergency 384-2244
Stillwater	Canine Control Officer - R. Clayton Russom Cell 253-4663 Office 664-1791	Chief of Police, Dennis D. Latham, 1 Lansing Road P.O. Box 700 Stillwater, NY 12170 Telephone: (518) 664-4611 x14 Fax: (518) 664-1338 Send emails to the Town - http://www.stillwaterny.org/Town/contactus.htm
Troy, City	Animal Control Warden Kevin McDonald 1 Monument Square Troy, NY 12180 857-3206 270-4640 listed # - ans. machine	Police (non-emergency) 270-4411
Waterford	David Ferrara 65 Broad St Waterford 12188 Reports 237-3341 (they page) Pager 342-8125	Police (non-emergency) 237-3341 65 Broad St., Waterford 12188
Watervliet	Gary Sutton 2 15 th Street Watervliet, NY 12189 270- 3821	Police (non-emergency) 15 Fifteenth Street Watervliet, NY 12189 270-3833
Wilton	Dog Control officer 584-5813 Home reach # 581-8646 Messages	Police – non emergency 583-7000 (NYS Police)
ALL OTHERS	To do a web search of other municipalities, go to www.google.com and enter the name of the municipality and ny. For example: “cohoes ny”. Google will locate the official website if any.	

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Attachment - Veterinarians (north to south, Glens Falls to So. Albany)

Send Mailings to:	Call this #:	Veterinarians in this office
Queensbury - Glens Falls - Moreau		
French Edward B DVM 270 Queensbury Avenue Queensbury, NY 12804	793-7083	French Edward B DVM
James R Glendening, DVM 395 Ridge Road Queensbury, NY 12804	793-0577	James R Glendening, DVM
Glens Falls Animal HOSP 66 Glenwood Avenue Queensbury, NY 12804	792-6575	Michael D Hoffman, DVM Robert O'Connor
Adirondack Animal Hospital 462 Ridge Road Queensbury, NY 12804	793-6663	
Countryside Veterinary Hospital 270 Queensbury Avenue Queensbury, NY 12804	793-7083	
Evans Patricia A DVM 13 Main Street Queensbury, NY 12804	793-0994	Evans Patricia A DVM
Queensbury Animal Hospital West Mountain Road Glens Falls, NY 12801	793-4583 793-5098	Dr William E Lansing
Moreau Animal Clinic 1674 Route 9 South Glens Falls, NY 12803	792-6011	Mark J Yanus, DVM
Gansevoort - Wilton - Saratoga Springs		
Northway Animal Emerg'cy Clinic 35 Fawn Rd, Gansevoort, NY 12801	761-2602	EMERGENCY HOSPITAL Evenings, weekends only
Hearthstone Veterinary Hospital 826 Route 9 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	583-1117	Patricia Jolie, DMV
Upstate Animal Medical Center 415 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	583-0609 <u>Drzasmus@aol</u> <u>.com</u>	Joy Lucas DVM

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Thomas N Gorman, DVM 1388 Route 9P Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	583-1134	
Animal Clinic South Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	584-7517	Dr. Charles F Bryner, DVM Mary Jane Sakos
J C Prendergast, DVM Union Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	584-0621	
Saratoga Spgs Veterinary Hospital Union Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	584-3611	Pamela L Reppert, DVM
The Banfield Pet Hospital 3033 Route 50, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	580-9599	
Saratoga Veterinary Hospital PC Route 9 Saratoga Springs, NY 12831	587-3832	
Carol Vischer DVM 50 Adams Road Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	583-9976	
Frank Akawi 3033 Route 50 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	580-9599	
Homestead Animal Hospital 28 Yunch Rd. Stillwater, NY 12170	587-2922	
Milton Veterinary Hospital Rt 29 & Middle Line Rd. Middle Grove, NY 12850	587-4676	
Ballston Spa - Malta - Clifton Park - Burnt Hills		
Ballston Spa Veterinary Clinic 26 Hyde Blvd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020	885-5650	Eric Anderson, DMV
Adirondack Veterinary 419 Geyser Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020	587-6486	
Harmony Veterinary Clinic Route 67 Ballston Spa, NY 12020	885-5535	K. A. Payton S. E. Todd

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Haven Animal Hospital 2686 Route 9 Ballston Spa , NY 12020	583-7865	
Malta Animal Hospital 604 Route 67 Malta, NY 12020	885-2550 info@maltavet.com	Jake Zaidei, DMV Heather Gilkes Zaidei, DMV
Burnt Hills Veterinary Clinic 145 Goode St. Burnt Hills, NY 12027	399-5213	M. Rach, DMV P. Farrell, DMV K. Clement, DMV T. Gondek, DMV D. Chico, DMV E. Scott, DMV
Animal Care Hospital 1245 Route 146 Clifton Park, NY 12065	383-6254	Dr. Mark Johnson Dr. James Burns
Country Knolls Animal Hospital 379 Ushers Rd. Clifton Park, NY 12065	877-7481	Gerard J Bogaard
Animal Health Center 1656 Route 9 Clifton Park, NY 12065	371-3606	Tara Estra, DMV Julie Cieplik DMV Jan Farrell DMV Richard Germano, DMV
Halfmoon Veterinary Clinic 240 Grooms Rd. Clifton Park, NY 12065	383-2443	Dr. John White
Latham – Niskayuna		
Bought Veterinary Clinic 1165 New Loudon Rd. Cohoes, NY 12047	785-0718	Ralph Oles David Wagoner
Capitaland Animal Hospital 890 Troy Schenectady Road Latham, NY 12110	785-5531	Edward Dalland, DMV Joel Edwards Katherine Jones, DMV Stacey Karzenski, DMV Michael Verra
Latham Animal Hospital 326 Troy-Schenectady Rd. Latham 12110	785-1481	Richard Drumm M.V. Rafter Sharon Thomas Charles Conrad Sue Black

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Shaker Veterinary 223 Maxwell Rd. Latham, NY 12110	458-9669	
Capital Dist Emergency Clinic Route 2 Latham, NY 12110	785-1094	EMERGENCY HOSPITAL Evenings, weekends only
Niskayuna Animal Hosp. 2764 Troy-Schen Rd. Niskayuna NY 12309	785-9731	Dr. Ronald A Scharf
Aqueduct Animal Hospital 2721 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309	346-3467	Rapp Franklin W DVM Laurence Family, DVM Keith Payton, DVM Deborah Snyder, DVM Melissa Brady, DVM Vincent Castellano DVM
Albany - Guilderland - Delmar		
Albany Co. Vet. Hospital 1506 Western Ave Albany 12203	456-6333	Donald Dries F, DVM Jack A Cochrane, DVM
Colonie Animal Hospital 1946 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12205	456-1613	John W Green, DMV Calla B Kinne Martin J Newman Yossi Koren-Roth
Sand Creek Animal Hospital 454 Sand Creek Rd Albany, NY 12205	446-9171	Matthew S. Mc Daniel Annemarie Carmichael, DMV
Menands Veterinary Hospital 315 Broadway Albany, NY 12204	463-0600	Catherine Adsit Danielle Dulin
Parkside Veterinary Hospital 172 Morton Ave. Albany, NY 12202	463-0418	Nina S Caires Richard De Vries Cheryl Goeldner Alyce Meyer
Normanside Veterinary Clinic 700 Delaware Ave Albany, NY 12209	434-3300	Nancy Sikora
The Animal Hospital 2 Rocking Horse Lane Guilderland, NY 12084	456-0852	Dr. Edward Becker

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Guilderland Animal Hosp 4963 Western Turnpike, Guilderland, NY 12084	355-0260	
Central Veterinary Hospital 388 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206	434-2115	
Bethlehem Veterinary Hospital 444 Route 9W Glenmont, NY 12077	434-7373	John Kearney Elaine Laforte
Delmar Animal Hospital 910 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054	439-9361	Stuart C Lyman, DVM Robert E Lynk DVM Laura Tenny, DMV Jennifer Bull Carrie O'Loughlin
Lynk Robert E DVM 70 Mosher Road Delmar, NY 12054	439-3948	
Scotia - Schenectady - Rotterdam		
Glenville Veterinary Clinic 458 Saratoga Rd. Scotia, NY 12302	399-9196	Dr. Bart Furlano, DVM Dr. Karen Furlano, DVM.
Sunnyside Veterinary 36 Freemans Bridge Road Schenectady, NY 12302	346-1296	John O Hornfeck, DVM
Union Street Veterinary Hospital 1718 Union St. Niskayuna, NY 12309	370-3736	
Crosstown Veterinary Clinic 2601 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303	355-8153	
Dr. Carla Hernas 1235 Gerling Street Schenectady, NY 12308	382-1220	
Jeffrey S Moak DVM 458 Saratoga Road, Schenectady, NY 12302	399-9196	
Rotterdam Veterinary Hospital 2806 Guilderland Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306	356-5568	Michelle Singer A, DVM Julie Whipple, DVM

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Schenectady Animal Hospital Schenectady, NY 12302	356-4455	
Union St Veterinary Hospital 1718 Union Street Schenectady, NY 12309	370-3736	Paul Hartman
E Greenbush - Troy - Lansingburgh		
Miller Animal Hospital 380 North Greenbush Road Troy, NY 12180	283-1166	Dr J Wilson Miller Dr Lloyd E Miller Dr. H M J Naef
Lansingburgh Veterinary Hospital 898 2nd Ave Troy, NY 12182	235-1710	Laurence Family DVM Aimee Bedard Franklin W Rapp DVM Carla Walsh
Troy Veterinary Hospital 840 Hoosick Rd. Troy, NY	279-4668	Richard Drumm Sue Black Eileen Geagan Bonnie Robertson
Drumm Veterinary Hospital 1639 Columbia Turnpike E. Greenbush, NY	477-7914	Richard Drumm, DMV Charles Conrad, DMV Eileen Geagan, VMD David Stone, DMV Mike Allen, DMV
East Greenbush Animal Hospital 2 Springhurst Dr. East Greenbush NY	477-7400	Chris Rocchio, DMV Debra Chew, DMV

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Sample Poster

Placing a sketch of the type of dog on the poster is also helpful.

LOST DOG

Black Greyhound ("Sammy")
with white chest

Lost from residence at (_____address_____)

If sighted, please call

518-555-1234

Or

Animal Control Officer
518-555-5678

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Sample Porch Flyer

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER

Please check your property.

A black greyhound has been lost in the City of Anywhere on January 1st.

She will most likely try to seek shelter or nest near a building under a deck, in a shed, or under a bush near a house or other building. **Please take a look around your yard. If there is fresh snow on the ground, please look for dog prints not accompanied by human tracks.**

Her name is Sammy and she is friendly, but may be injured or weak. If you see her, do not approach her or she may run away. Please immediately call **555-1234** and we will come for her. If no answer, please leave a message and report to Animal control **555-5678**.

Thank you so much.

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Sample Veterinarian Mailing

January 2, 2005

Dear Veterinarian,

My **black greyhound has been lost** from my residence at _____ in the City of Anywhere on January 1st. Photo is attached.

Her name is **Sammy** and she is a 4 year old retired racing greyhound. There is a white patch on her chest. She was wearing a blue collar with an Ag & Mkts license tag # _____ and an ID tag.

Her right ear Tattoo # is "20A".

She does not have a micro chip.

There is a 2 inch scar down her left hind leg. No missing teeth.

If she is brought in for treatment by an Animal Control officer or any person, please provide immediate treatment for any life threatening injury and contact me immediately and report to Animal Control on 555-5678. Thank you.

John Doe
555-1234