

Lost/Found Pets



Looking for a Lost Pet – OR – Found a Pet?

For Lost Pets

- **It is very important to visit the Animal Shelter in person.**
- The map below is updated hourly by Animal Care Officers in the field. If you see your animal on this map, call the Animal Shelter at (254) 750-7091, or Animal Care at (254) 750-1765, with the animal ID number of your pet (ie, A076543) with the location and description of your pet and/or visit the shelter as soon as possible to start the reclaim process.

- Animal Care Officers will make attempts to return microchipped animals to you. **Please make sure your microchip information is correct and stays updated.**

Note: If your animal is current on rabies vaccinations (and it's a first offense with Waco Animal Control), microchipped and spayed/neutered, **your animal will be returned to you at no charge within the 24-hour hold period, even if taken to the shelter.**

(Please bring proof of rabies vaccination to the shelter when you reclaim your animal.)

Note: The Animal Shelter officially opens at 11 a.m. ([2032 Circle Road in Waco](#))

Found a Pet?

If you cannot locate its owners in the area it was found, please call Animal Care (Control's) main number at (254) 750-1765, leave a message if needed.

Scan for Microchip

When available, an officer will come check for a microchip. If animal is chipped, the officer will make arrangements to return the animal to its owner. If there is no chip, the officer will take the animal to the shelter unless other arrangements can be made to find the owner. Places that can scan for microchips include: the Waco Animal Shelter, most vet

clinics, Fuzzy Friends Rescue, Cribs for Canines and Central Texas Lost and Found Pets.

Note: Posting lost pets to social media with well-taken photos is extremely helpful in locating owners. [Centex LostPets is a great place to start.](#)

Check below for your pet!

[– Dogs currently in the shelter, including 72 hour-hold –](#)

[– Cats currently in the shelter, including 72 hour-hold –](#)

Don't see your animal?



- Animals are brought in by Animal Care Officers 24 hours a day from all over the Central Texas area.
- You should check the Animal Shelter ([2032 Circle Road](#)) at minimum every day.
- You can also check the animal inventory on the [Humane Society of Central Texas' website](#).
- Go to the Intake Building (follow signs or visit with a staff member. A staff member will escort you through the building to see if your pet has arrived.)
- If you do not see your animal in Intake, walk the adoption kennel wings: Young, Duncan & Rapoport.
- **Notify a staff member immediately if you see your animal so the kennel can be properly tagged with your information.**
- Staff members will give you instructions to follow to reclaim your pet.

Still can't find your pet?



- Don't give up! – Post your lost pet on [CenTex Lost Pets](#) website, [Facebook page](#), the [Central Texas Lost & Found Pets Facebook Page](#) or the [Heart of Texas Lost Found Pets Facebook page](#).
- Use your personal social media accounts to advertise your pet with images and where he/she was lost. We recommend posting daily with many photos.
- Hang flyers around your neighborhood and post information to Craigslist and other apps available such as [NextDoor](#).
- If you cannot make it to the shelter to look for your pet, please keep checking the [Humane Society of Central Texas' website](#). The website is populated by shelter inventory. **Please note: NOT ALL animals will show up on the site. It is VERY important to come to the shelter to look for your animal.**

Watch Our Latest Videos

About the Animal Care Unit on patrol in Waco

Printable Animal Ordinance Informational Handout
(English/Spanish):

[Animal-Control-HandoutDownload](#)

Alternatives to Surrendering Your Animal

[See the entire Municipal Code of Ordinances relating to animals in the City of Waco here.](#)



HEART OF TEXAS LOST and Found Pets

Lost Cats

Take a large cardboard box and flip it over. Cut a cat sized hole in the side and place it outdoors with some soft bedding inside. Weight the bottom down and make this a safe place your cat can return to. Place food and water nearby. Place litter box outside.

Make up fliers. Include a picture of your cat and post these fliers in grocery stores, at vet offices, feed stores, anywhere you can. Post them at eye level. Look up in trees. Walk your neighborhood with these fliers, put them on telephone poles, UPS driver, the mailman anyone who walks your neighborhood.

Contact animal control, post on social media, contact microchip company.



HEART OF TEXAS LOST and FOUND PETS

Lost dogs



You will need bright clear signs and flyers.

Hand out fliers to your neighbors, local shelters/
rescue/animal control, friends and family, mail
person, local police dept, vet office, grooming salons.

Make post on lost and found Facebook groups, Craigslist.
Contact microchip company report lost
and verify your information is correct.

Leave gate open or Turn off electrical fencing.

Walk your neighborhood

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Heart of Texas lost found pets

***YOU HAVE FOUND A PET- WHAT NEXT**

SECURE THE PET IN A SAFE AREA AWAY FROM PERSONAL PETS

***POST ON HEART OF TEXAS LOST FOUND PETS**

FACEBOOK GROUP, NEWSPAPER & PAW BOOST

***HAVE THE PET SCANNED FOR A MICROCHIP AT**

A LOCAL VETERINARIAN OFFICE, SHELTER OR

HAVE HOTLFP COME OUT TO SCAN FOR FREE

***CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL OR**

LAW ENFORCEMENT-OFFICE, LEAVE YOUR CONTACT

INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PET FOUND.

***POST BRIGHT CLEAR FLIERS AND SIGNS**

ASK FOR PROOF OF OWNERSHIP, PHOTOS OR VET RECORDS.

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