

Your Cat Got Out! Tips You Should Do Immediately



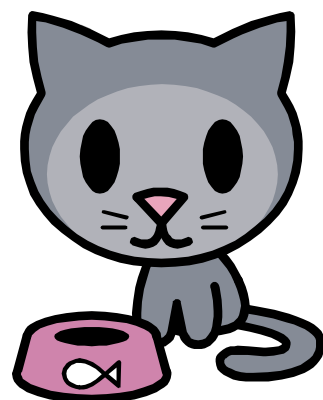
1. Make sure you have current pictures of your cat before he/she goes missing. Aim for a clear face and side profile picture.

2. Start looking! Cats tend to stick around the area they go missing in. Look in likely hiding spots, under bushes, shrubs or decks. They want to hide securely so crouch down and look for dark spots where a cat can easily blend in. Many cats will hide during the day and come out at night.

3. Place stinky canned cat food and their litter box in a concealed spot outside your house.

4. Call local shelters, veterinarians, police, township officials – notify anyone in a leadership role where lost animals may be taken. Notify those located outside your immediate area as animals can travel far in a short amount of time.

5. Print out fliers with a current picture of the cat to everyone in the area the cat went missing. Word of mouth is critical in order to hear about sightings. Make sure people know your cat is missing and to call you with any sightings.



6. Make large signs for intersections and in the area the cat went missing. Big letters on bright backgrounds are easiest to see and read, especially for drivers. Ask permission before placing signs on other people's property. Do not block the view for drivers at intersections.

7. Post lost cat statements on the Internet, Lost Cats of Wisconsin and Craig's List are popular. These cost nothing and help get the word out, which is what you want.

8. Post lost cat statements in your local newspaper.

Indoor cats that have gotten out are often scared and confused. They may go into hiding for a few days. Look close to home and don't give up. There are many notable stories of missing cats returning home months after disappearing. Make sure you double check inside the home too as cats can easily become locked in a closet, attic, or basement. Call your cat's name, stop and listen.

For more tips, tricks, techniques and words of encouragement, please visit Lost Cats of Wisconsin at: www.facebook.com/lostcatwi.