

## **If you have lost your cat, here are a few things to try:**

1. **Advertising on our web site.....** We can help to try and re-unite you with your lost cat by offering to advertise your cat, through our lost cats section on this web site. If you are interested, please e-mail [admin@catactiontrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@catactiontrust.co.uk) or contact **01236-621604** with all your cats details (where the cat went missing from and when it went missing, cats age, colour, sex, if they are neutered, I.D. chipped or wearing a collar, any distinguishing features, long/short haired, etc.) requesting that we put it on our web site in our lost section. Also a picture really helps of the cat you have lost.

When we have all the info, we will arrange for your cat to be put on our web site in our lost cat section, along with your own tel. nos. and e-mail address. In return for this, we ask that you just phone or e-mail us back saying when and if, the cat has been found so we can delete the cat off our website. If we have been instrumental in finding your cat, please consider a donation to our charity, for our efforts and help in finding your cat (see our direct debit instruction for our bank details, where you can make a one off bank transfer via your bank or regular payments into our bank account by completing this direct debit instruction) as we are all volunteers, getting no public funding and trying our best for all the cats out there.

2. Posters, Posters, Posters with picture and details with contact number.....hand out to neighbours and anyone you see. Put up in local shops, pubs and supermarkets. Stick to all local lamp posts. (If it rains go and collect them and replace, however it's best to put posters in plastic wallets so if it rains they don't go all soggy - the neighbours and council don't mind you putting them up so much that way). Also, put one in your and friends cars - it amazing how many people see them this way. Make smaller flyers and push through every letterbox on your streets and the surrounding area. It is a good idea to offer a reward ... of course this doesn't have to be money ... a box of chocolates or a bunch of flowers is just as good.

3. Knock on doors and ask neighbours to check their sheds and garages WHILE YOU WAIT ... it's surprising how many people say they will check but as soon as the door is closed they forget. Knock on 10 doors either side of your house on both sides of the street.

4. Register him lost at all vets/catteries/rescue homes within a 20 mile radius. It's amazing how far cats can get. Contact National Pet Search for all lost and found animals (Tel:- 01355-264936).

5. Leave food out and a toy he would recognise the smell of along with unwashed items of your clothing.

6. Put the contents of your Hoover bag in your garden - it's full of smells that they will recognise and if it doesn't bring him directly to your door, it will at least, hopefully, keep him in the area. Alternatively, if you have a litter tray that has been used, put some of the used litter in the garden as this will have familiar smells in it.

7. Ask the local children to look - they are great for knowing all the local hidey-holes and love helping. Also have a word with your local post-person and milk-person if there is one that delivers in your area. Also try and enlist the help of people walking dogs as they tend to go "off road" in the fields and parks.

8. Ask the local radio station to announce he's missing and give out a contact number and you can also put an advert in your local paper.

9. Contact your local environmental services dept (bin men) they keep a log of all animals picked up on the roadside ... I know this is not a pleasant call to make and hopefully it will come back as negative.

10. Go out after dark when it is quieter with a friend / partner and walk round the local area gently calling every so often (give him a chance to answer you). Keep talking as you walk round that way if he is in the area he will hear you.

11. When you talk to vets and rescues, ask them about any known local feral colonies and where they are based. If Kitty has been missing for more than a few days s/he might have wandered further afield and might be “hanging round” near a colony for security (safety in numbers) and company. If vets/rescues know locations of colonies, these might be useful to get some ideas of where to start looking.

12. If you have Pet Insurance, check your policy to see if they will assist with advertising costs or reward costs for a lost cat. Some policies cover as much as £1000 of local advertising and upto £500 reward.

**Have a look at these sites - they are all EXCELLENT**

[catchat.org/forum.html](http://catchat.org/forum.html)

[purrsinourhearts.co.uk/index.php](http://purrsinourhearts.co.uk/index.php)

[mymoggy.com/](http://mymoggy.com/) contact Sue at mymoggy.

[thehovel.com/bb/index.php?f=28&ppage=20&sort=lastpost&order=DESC](http://thehovel.com/bb/index.php?f=28&ppage=20&sort=lastpost&order=DESC)

[nationalpetregister.org](http://nationalpetregister.org)

[soyouhavelostyourcat.co.uk/#1](http://soyouhavelostyourcat.co.uk/#1)

[petsearchuk.org.uk/](http://petsearchuk.org.uk/)

[amissingpet.co.uk/lostandfound.html](http://amissingpet.co.uk/lostandfound.html)

[animalsearchuk.com/](http://animalsearchuk.com/)

[pet-rescue.org.uk/forums/index.php?showforum=447](http://pet-rescue.org.uk/forums/index.php?showforum=447)

[lostmycat.org/index.php](http://lostmycat.org/index.php)

[animalrescuers.co.uk/html/lostfound.html](http://animalrescuers.co.uk/html/lostfound.html)

[foundandlostpets.co.uk/](http://foundandlostpets.co.uk/)

[freewebs.com/pettalk/missingpetsbulletinboard.htm](http://freewebs.com/pettalk/missingpetsbulletinboard.htm)

[petsmiles.com/v1/found.php](http://petsmiles.com/v1/found.php)

[www.petfinderonline.co.uk](http://www.petfinderonline.co.uk).

**Also, don't forget to check ad websites, such as.....**

friday-ad.co.uk

adtrader.co.uk

uk.freadads.net

classifieds.co.uk

and also your local rescue shelter/s websites too!

Good luck and stay positive.

Hopefully your little one has just got itself shut in a shed somewhere. If your cat does come back, keep him in for a few days then start the process of letting your cat out slowly and maybe use a cat harness to introduce it to the outside next time.

And finally ..... **IMPORTANT NOTE:** When you get your cat back, remember to remove ALL the posters and inform all vets / rescues / websites etc that they are home