



## Missing Cat Recovery Checklist

- Conduct a thorough search inside your home if the cat was not seen escaping.
- Conduct a thorough search of external property – **92% of indoor cats and 84% of outdoor access cats are found within a 5-home radius of where they went missing.**
- Alert your pets microchip company that your pet is missing (if applicable).
- File a Lost Cat Report at the Whatcom Humane Society and check back regularly during business hours.**
- Create lost cat posters/flyers – hang throughout the neighborhood and in high traffic areas.
- Distribute lost flyers door-to-door to neighbors.
- Hang a lost flyer on your front door. If someone found your pet and is looking around the neighborhood, it will help them know where the pet belongs.
- Contact your veterinarian and notify them of your missing pet.
- Call other local veterinary offices to see if any found pets have been turned in.
- Post lost ads and check community based social media groups and message boards like Craigslist (under the Community heading there is both a “Lost+Found” and “Pets” section) and Lost Pets of Whatcom County (Facebook page).
- When found, update staff anywhere a lost pet report was filed.

**See the Missing Cat Recovery Tips for more information on recovering your missing pet.**

Whatcom Humane Society  
2172 Division Street  
Bellingham, Wa 98226  
(360) 733-2080 ext 0  
Wednesday – Saturday 10am-6pm  
Sunday & Monday 11am-5pm  
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