

These tips are for someone who has found a dog and who has received an email from HelpingLostPets with a link to this page. If you did not complete their form, go to [HelpingLostPets.com](http://HelpingLostPets.com) to report the found dog. Thank you for helping!

Please start by downloading the UPDATED copy of your flyer from the links sent to you in email. . (We often update your flyer by cleaning up the photo or correcting information at your request. You should check this link to make sure you have the latest version of your flyer.)

Get the dog scanned for a microchip in more than one facility if no chip is detected. Chips are often missed in a scan. Ask for the microchip number! If there is a microchip, we can help research it if you do not find the animal. Contact us at [LostDogTX@gmail.com](mailto:LostDogTX@gmail.com)

Post on <https://nextdoor.com/> including surrounding neighborhoods, in case the dog has traveled out of his neighborhood.

File a found report with the local shelters.

<http://www.lostdogsoftexas.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Texas-Rescues-and-Shelters.pdf>

Print out & post flyers in the area where the dog was found. It is illegal to put flyers in or attached to a mailbox, so please don't do that.

Put ads on Craigslist in Lost & Found section and Pets section. Always require proof of ownership. Ask for Family Photos with the dog. Ask for the name and phone number of their vet. CALL that vet and verify that that person has a dog matching that description. Vet records can be forged, so if that is all they have, that is not enough proof.

Post on Facebook lost pet groups in your area. Get on Google maps and type in "veterinarians near (the address where the dog was found)" Get a tablet and write down names & phone numbers of all the vets/clinics within several miles. Call each one and ask for an email address where you can send a flyer or photo & your contact information. Do the same for groomers.

If you find the owner. Ask her too meet you at her vet's office to return the dog to them. If someone doesn't have a vet, they probably don't own the dog. Never meet anyone alone. Always meet in a public place. Never give out your home address. BE SAFE!

If you are going to rehome the dog, please check with your local shelter to find out what the law is in your area. It is considered theft if you keep or rehome a pet unless you meet the requirements of the town where you found the pet. Thank you for helping this dog!