



MISSING CAT

REWARD OFFERED



Medium sized male tabby cat.

Brown and black markings on body and tail.

No collar or tag but answers to "Bubby."

Last seen February 10 at ADDRESS|Ave., B'ham

Call Betty at 555-555-5555

Download Word.doc Lost Cat Flyer template at:
wesnip.org/community-resources/

If Your Cat Escapes at Morning Registration

IMMEDIATELY

- Do not chase the cat. Walk quietly toward the place the cat was last visible/seen.
- Cats generally look for the first/best hiding spot. At best the cat may meow but most will remain silent. Most will not exit their hiding place. Most cats may not/won't come when called.
- There are many potential hiding places. Keep combing the parking lot grounds, looking thoroughly beneath cars, buildings and dumpsters.

AFTERNOON

If you are unsuccessful at this point, go home and make flyers (see included sample). Return again in the afternoon and repeat search of parking lot, all adjacent properties and elsewhere.

Go home & post on social media — Bellingham Craigslist, Lost Pets of Whatcom County, Facebook and Twitter:

- Bellingham.craigslist.org "Lost and Found" and "Pets"
- Be sure to include a **color** photo of pet & detailed description
- Make sure to put your contact information in the postings

EVENING

Return to the parking lot in the evening with a flashlight. Walk quietly, calling cat's name, rattling a treat container if that would be a familiar sound or any other sound your pet might recognize. You are looking for eyes to be reflecting back from the light of the flashlight, again checking any potential hiding spots.

IF SEARCH CONTINUES

Your cat's personality type might influence how it acts after it has escaped.

TYPES OF PERSONALITIES:

- **OUTGOING/CURIOUS**

When displaced these cats might initially hide, but then they will most likely TRAVEL.

STRATEGY FOR RECOVERY: Place brightly-colored posters within at least a 5-block radius, interview neighbors in door-to-door search, looking at possible hiding places thoroughly. Do NOT assume the cat will come when you call!

- **ALOOF/SOLITARY/CAUTIOUS:**

When displaced they will likely initially hide, but eventually they will break cover and return to where they got lost, meow, and possibly travel.

STRATEGY FOR RECOVERY: Same as above. If unsuccessful consider a baited humane trap.*

- **SUPER "FRAIDY CAT":**

(Example: Cats that will hide for hours after someone visits house). When displaced they will bolt and then HIDE IN SILENCE. They tend to remain in the same hiding place immobilized with fear. Can be mistaken for feral cats by strangers.

STRATEGY FOR RECOVERY: Set baited humane traps.*

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* WeSNiP has humane traps to lend. A refundable deposit is required. Come to or call administrative office. Using pet's bedding or your clothing from home may be helpful. Note: When using traps, frequent monitoring is required, especially in particularly hot or cold weather.
Do not leave traps unattended.

IMPORTANT STRATEGY INFORMATION

- Don't base your entire efforts on flyers & social media.
- Simply asking a neighbors to look for the lost cat is not sufficient.

"Although these techniques are important and should not be overlooked, the primary technique to recover a missing cat should be **to obtain permission from all neighbors to enter their yards and conduct an aggressive, physical search** for the missing cat (and to set baited humane traps there when necessary)."

Lost Pet BEHAVIOR: How to Provide Recovery Tips that Save Lives
by Kathy "Kat" Albrecht. Excerpted from The Pet Savers Foundation

Borrow A Trap Here:

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