



Looking for your lost pet?

Act quickly

- Start looking! Don't assume your missing pet will be back or has been stolen. Begin your search as soon as you realize your pet is missing, and visit the City of Weslaco's Planning and Code Enforcement website for specific strategies on how to find lost pets.
- If your pet has a microchip, contact the microchip company to make sure your pet's registration is up-to-date with current phone numbers and contact information. Some microchip companies take lost reports over the phone. If you are not sure of the microchip brand, contact the veterinary clinic or shelter where your pet was microchipped.
- Please contact the City at (956) 447-3401 to inquire if your lost pet was captured and is being held at the animal shelter. If your lost pet is being held at the shelter, be prepared for the reclaiming process.
- Unclaimed or relinquished pets that appear to be friendly and healthy can be considered candidates for adoption at the Palm Valley Animal Shelter in Edinburg, Texas.

Next Steps:

- After you've initiated your local search, contact animal control and provide a description of your pet and area where the pet might have been.
- If you think your pet may be at our Animal Shelter, schedule a visit with Animal Control officers. Looking in person is the best way to ensure that you and your pet are reunited. (Please note that City of Weslaco maintains daily logs which are available for public viewing.)
- Submit a "lost report" along with a current picture on social websites. (City of Weslaco Animal Shelter Facebook page.)

When you arrive:

- City staff will instruct you how to look for your pet in the shelter.
- Remember to bring a recent picture of your pet to show proof of ownership.
- In some cases citizens who are holding onto stray animals in the hopes of reuniting them with their guardians without leaving them at the shelter will sometimes leave a phone number with the Animal Control Officers and will have a log for viewing.



If your lost Pet is at the Animal Shelter:

- Good news that your pet has been found!
- Before your pet can be released, you must prove ownership, provide proof of vaccination and pay any related fines.
- Proof of ownership is established with pictures, veterinary records, pet tags, licenses or a microchip registered in your name.
- The Animal Control Officer will issue a citation and fines will be determined by Municipal Court.
- Once you're reunited, learn how to prevent your pet from getting lost again.

If your pet is not at the Animal Shelter:

- If your pet is not at the Animal Shelter, please keep coming back. Your pet may arrive the next day or the next week, and since many animals look alike we cannot guarantee we will be able to locate your pet. Your chance of finding your pet increases if you return to the shelter on a regular basis.
- Don't forget to visit other shelters in the area-you never know how far your pet may have wandered.