

# CITY OF BELMONT

## Lost or Stray Dogs

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### What to do When You Lose Your Dog

- Don't just wait for it to come back. It may be in the pound, it may be injured or it may be in someone's backyard.
- Check around your neighbourhood. Go to places that the dog regularly visits, such as the park. Check local shopping centres and schools.
- Contact the City of Belmont, and neighbouring councils, as soon as possible to see if the dog has been impounded.
- Check animal shelters and local veterinarians.
- Advertise in the paper or on the radio. Put up notices on shopping centre notice boards or put slips of paper in letterboxes. Give a description of the dog and your name, address and telephone number. Offer a reward.
- Sunrise is a good time to look for your dog as this is when it is more likely to be on the move.
- Dogs may wander a long way. If you have moved recently, your dog might try to return to your old house.
- Keep looking for several weeks. Sometimes people find a dog and don't report it to the Council straight away as they are worried that the dog might be destroyed.

### What to do If You Find a Stray Dog

- Notify the nearest council. If the owner of the dog is looking for it, they will call the pound. If you keep the dog and don't report it to the council the dog's owner may not be able to find it.
- Neighbouring councils should also be contacted as the dog may have wandered a long way.
- Check with people in your neighbourhood to see if they have lost a dog.
- The dog's owner may have contacted local veterinarians and animal shelters. These places often keep lists of lost pets and may be able to help find the owners.
- Advertise in the newspaper or put up notices at the local shops, post office, etc. If the dog is a pedigree contact the breed club. A list of breed clubs is available through the Canine Association of WA.

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## **Identification**

Many lost dogs never find homes simply because they have no identification tags.

Your dogs must have a current registration tag and must also have identification giving your name and address.

If your dog is injured and taken to a veterinarian the vet can contact you immediately if your dog carries your telephone number.

## **Microchips**

Microchips can be implanted under the dog's skin. This is a permanent way of identifying your dog. Microchipping is used in WA and you should contact your vet for details.

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