



# GUIDE FOR LOST & FOUND DOGS

**Stop and think before you pick up an animal and take it to your local shelter.**

Here are a few things to consider before handling a stray animal.

Remember that injuries can be painful and may cause an animal to bite. Please keep in mind that stray animals may carry deadly diseases that can easily spread to any of your personal pets at home as well.

Before risking your safety, call our dispatch at 972-205-3570, option 1, to have an officer come out. They will do everything they can to help that pet get back to its owner.

## DID YOU FIND A DOG?

**1** Snap a few good photos of the dog, making sure to leave any collar on and to feature any identifying markings. Do not alter the appearance of the dog.

**2** Email the photos to us at [AnimalServices@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:AnimalServices@GarlandTX.gov) and submit a found dog report at [24petconnect.com](http://24petconnect.com).



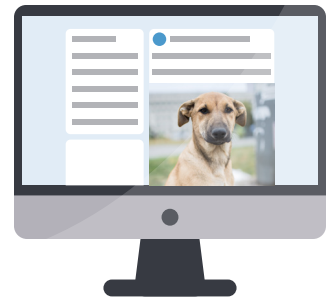
## Take the dog to a veterinarian or shelter to scan for a microchip!

**3** Post photos of the dog on a Lost & Found Facebook page for your community, as well as Nextdoor. Be descriptive, including as much detail as possible and how they can contact you.

**4** Create colorful FOUND posters and post in a 1-mile radius around where the dog was found.

**5** Walk the dog around the found neighborhood and see if anyone recognizes it. Most dogs travel less than a mile when loose.

**6** Can you foster the dog? Great! If after seven days the owner has not been found, you can rehome the dog. Many animal rescue organizations will allow you to foster through them and will help with rehoming.



Garland Animal Shelter & Adoption Center | 1902 State Highway 66

Service & Emergency Requests: 972-205-3570, option 1

Shelter Staff: 972-205-3570, option 2

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