

What to do if your pet is ever LOST or stolen.

1) Begin your search immediately! Do not wait a few days hoping he'll return on his own. Begin looking for your dog by circling around your block, then gradually widen the circle to include neighboring areas.

2) Call your local Dog Control Officer. Each town in New York State has a designated Dog Control Officer.

The Town Of Hume's DCO is Leslie Johnson. Call or text her at (585)698 4641, leave a message if necessary.

3) Call the Town Clerk at 585 567 2666. Hopefully your pet's collar has ID tags attached which will make it easier for someone finding your pet to call you. The tag issued with your original license has a number unique to your pet, and will make the search and identification much easier. The clerk also has a list of other DCOs in other townships.

4) There is now a Facebook page to share photos of lost and found dogs. Share a picture of your dog, let everyone know where and when the dog went missing. Check photos of dogs that have recently been found as well. If you do not have a Facebook account you can also email a photo and/or description of your dog to Leslie at humetowndco@rochester.rr.com to be shared, or drop off a photo at the town hall. The link to the Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HumeTownDCO/>

5) Distribute "Lost Pet" flyers to friends, neighborhood residents, and businesses. Post flyers on all neighborhood bulletin boards. Flyers should also be handed out and posted throughout the neighborhood where your pet was lost.

6) Place "Lost Pet" ads (with your pet's photograph, if possible) in the 'Lost and Found' and 'Pet' sections of all local newspapers.

7) If your pet is tattooed contact National Dog Registry (800 NDR DOGS), and TattooAPet (718 646 8203)

What to do if you FIND a stray pet

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3) Check the new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HumeTownDCO/>

Pets that have been reported missing will be posted on this page, with photos if we have them. You are also welcome to add your own post to this page about a pet you have found. You can also email a photo to humetowndco@rochester.rr.com

REMEMBER: New York State requires all dogs over 4 months of age to be licensed. This insures proper rabies vaccination of pets, and makes it easier to reunite pets and their owners if necessary.

The Town of Hume has a Dog Control Law which requires a dog to be leashed or confined. Do not let your dog roam at large, roaming is not only hazardous to your pet and others it might contact, but it is also unlawful.