

## What To Do If You Find a Stray/Lost Cat

- 🐱 Thank you for being a suPURRhero and keeping the cat safe and sound
- 🐱 Never make assumptions!
- 🐱 Assess the situation without adding an emotional component to it.
  - ~In what condition is the cat? ~Does the cat require immediate veterinary care? If so, transport to an ER vet and provide the assessment information there.
  - ~In what location was the cat found? If near your home, talk to your neighbors first.
  - ~Description of the cat. Color, size, gender, unique characteristics, etc.
  - ~What's the temperament of the cat? This can be very difficult to assess under stressful conditions. *Don't make assumptions.* Most cats encountered outdoors are not truly feral, they are scared strays who have regressed due to a lack of positive interactions with people.
  - ~Can the cat be handled so he/she can be scanned for a microchip?
  - ~If scanned, does he/she have a chip? Is the information updated and has contact been made?

🐱 File a found report with Anchorage Animal Care and Control (AACC) with this link:  
<https://petharbor.com/anchorage/index.html>. On the website, scroll to the Lost Cat Section, and click on "**Sign up for daily email matches for the animal I found.**" On that page, complete the report and include any pertinent information. When you complete the form, **DO NOT** check the red box that says "Do not share with the shelter." Otherwise, AACC will not receive it.



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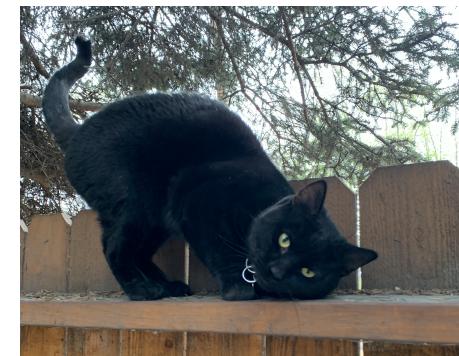
🐱 If you are planning on holding onto the cat in your home instead of bringing him/her to AACC (we only recommend friendly strays that are able to be handled go there), please keep the cat separate from your resident animals. The stray/lost cat's history is not known and until evaluated by a vet, you want to ensure everyone is safe and sound. Also, be careful with what you feed the cat. They may have allergies, have not eaten for a long time, require a specialized diet, etc. We suggest providing small amounts of food such as ID/Biome or another food with limited ingredients.

Always provide fresh water.

🐱 If an owner does not show up and you have exhausted all avenues, you have several options of what to do. The cat (only if friendly and is able to be handled can be brought to AACC, you can reach out to local reputable cat rescues, or you can work on rehoming the cat yourself.

🐱 When you make a post on social media in hopes of finding the owner, refrain from negative statements about the condition and temperament of the cat--for example; nails, coat, the cat is feral, or what you think happened to the cat. *Don't make assumptions.* We never know for sure what happened to the cat without evidence, witnesses, the owner, etc. Sometimes the owners are elderly, do not have access to the internet, or may be disabled. If we're lucky, the cat will get reunited, and then support can be offered. It is always best to stick to the facts.

🐱 Post on all social media lost and found pet groups, Nextdoor, and the local paper. Put the details from your assessment in the post including your contact info, a found report being filed, if he/she was scanned for a microchip, etc.



Purlease remember The Anchorage Municipality has a leash law that includes cats. So purlease keep your cats safe and sound.

From the muni website:

[https://www.muni.org/Departments/health/Admin/animal\\_control/Pages/leash.aspx](https://www.muni.org/Departments/health/Admin/animal_control/Pages/leash.aspx)

"The municipal ordinance (Title 17) requires that a person who owns an animal, such as a dog or cat, shall control it at all times. In a public place, with some exceptions, the municipal ordinance requires that an owner shall have his/her animal under control and shall not allow it to roam neighborhoods or have access to other people's property."

Thank you again for being this cat's suPURRhero and keeping him/her safe and sound!

Interested in learning more about Mojo's Hope suPURRorts, purlease contact us at [mojoshope@gmail.com](mailto:mojoshope@gmail.com).

