

## STEP SIX

Contact the microchip company your cat is registered with to check the details are correct. Not sure which company your cat is registered with?

- If you know the microchip number, you can visit [www.petaddress.com.au](http://www.petaddress.com.au) to search for your pet's microchip database.
- If you don't know the microchip number, contact your vet or any of the following databases:
  - Australasian Animal Registry 02 9704 1450
  - Central Animal Registry 03 9706 3187
  - HomeSafeID 1300 537 140
  - Petsafe 02 8850 6800
  - Global Micro Animal Registry 02 8338 9063
  - NSW residents only - Companion Animal Register 1300 134 460
  - SA residents only - Dogs and Cats Online [www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au)

## STEP SEVEN

**REPEAT THE ABOVE STEPS AND DON'T GIVE UP!**

Cats are often found weeks or months after they go missing.

## STEP EIGHT

**When you find your cat:**

- Thank and share your happy news with neighbours, vets and businesses.
- Take down posters.
- Share the strategies you've learned with others to help them find their cats.
- Help prevent losing your cat again by keeping your cat safe indoors or with cat-safe fencing.
- More information on cat-safe fencing and enclosures is available here - <https://bit.ly/CatSafeBooklet>

Increase chances of recovery if he does escape:

- Up-to-date microchip.
- Elasticised collar with tag and current phone number.
- Desex your cat (desexed cats are more likely to be found than undesexed cats).

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

[www.missionreunite.org](http://www.missionreunite.org)

[www.scaredycats.com.au/find-lost-cat/](http://www.scaredycats.com.au/find-lost-cat/)

[www.petmd.com/cat/care/guide-finding-lost-cat](http://www.petmd.com/cat/care/guide-finding-lost-cat)

[www.lostpetfinders.com.au](http://www.lostpetfinders.com.au)

**Although you hopefully will never lose your cat, it's important to be prepared. Record your cat's microchip details here.**

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Microchip database company

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Phone number of your microchip company

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Your cat's microchip number

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Date last checked details were up-to-date

**THIS RESOURCE IS A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT BETWEEN**



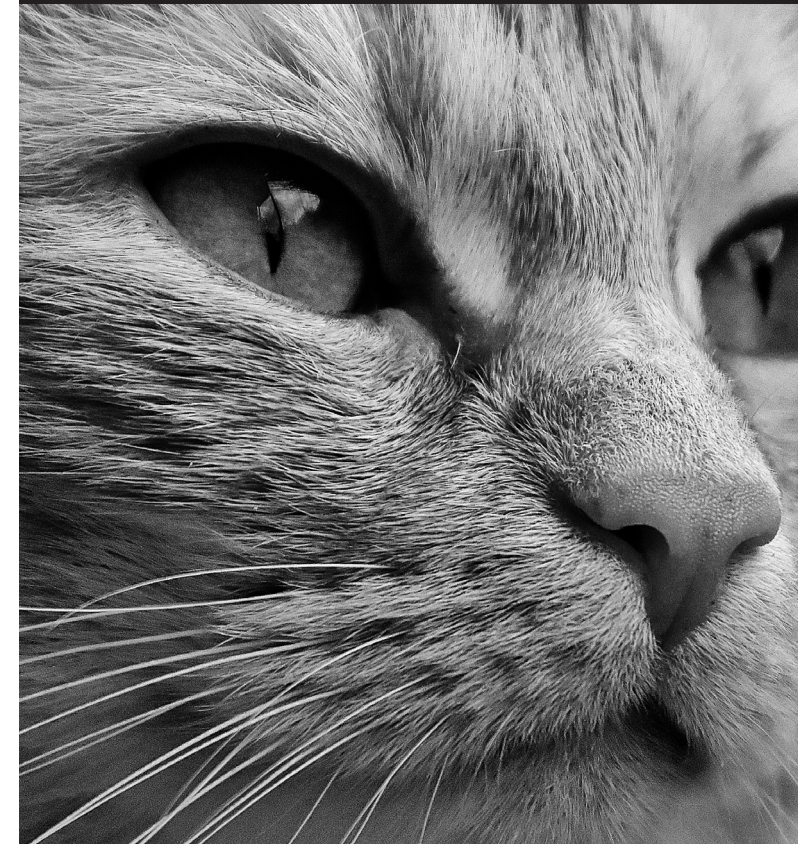
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# LOST YOUR CAT IN IPSWICH?

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KEEP HANDY IN  
CASE YOU LOSE YOUR CAT**



**Don't delay! Think  
lost not stray!**

## STEP ONE

Thoroughly search your home and garden. A frightened cat will not respond to the owner's voice, so the search must be very calm and thorough.

### Super Search Strategies

Search at your cat's level. Check under bushes, cars, decks and equipment. Since cats can fit into the smallest of spaces, leave no stone unturned! Look on top of shelving and inside and on roofs, etc. where your cat may have jumped or climbed and not felt safe to come down.

Search using a flashlight as your cat's eyes will shine, particularly at night. Unless your cat was chased he is most likely very close in a dark concealed place.

Sit quietly in the yard, speak in a conversational tone to encourage him to come out of his hiding place. This works best after dark.

Leave a window or door open so that your cat may find his way in.



You can view the animals currently being held at the pound on line at <https://bit.ly/IpswichFoundAnimals>

## STEP FOUR

Ask your neighbours if you can search their properties. Search a minimum of 5 homes from yours in all directions. 94% of indoor cats and 84% of outdoor cats are found within this range.

## STEP FIVE

Distribute simple flyers to your neighbours in a 5-10 house radius and place giant neon posters on street poles and in local shops. Include LOST CAT, a PHOTO of your cat, YOUR PHONE NUMBER and any unique features. You can download an A4 flyer/poster template by visiting [www.g2z.org.au/lost-pets.html](http://www.g2z.org.au/lost-pets.html) - be sure to check with your Council on laws related to displaying community posters.

Write a simple message on your car's back window (large print using bright-coloured, water-based chalk markers).



## STEP TWO

Utilise local lost and found and community web and social media sites to list the found pet with photo, and to check if an owner has posted a lost report. For example, the [Lost & Found Pets Ipswich QLD Facebook Page](https://bit.ly/LostFoundPetsIpswich) - <https://bit.ly/LostFoundPetsIpswich>

## STEP THREE

**Contact your local pound on the first day your cat goes missing.**

Report your cat as lost to the Ipswich Animal Management Centre, 6 Hooper St West Ipswich, open 7 days 10:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Their phone number is 07 3059 7131.

If a person has found your cat and notified the Centre, you may be able to speak directly with the finder and have your cat returned to you without it being impounded.

Visit to view all cats in the pound/shelter every 1-3 days in case your cat is brought in. Also contact local vet clinics.

