If your pet becomes lost, don't give up. How carefully you search and how persistent and resourceful you are can determine whether or not your pet will be found. Look closest to home first and ask for help. Ask everyone if they have seen your lost pet. Place ads in newspapers, post "lost" signs, check with local veterinarians, notify neighbors, and visit Animal Care & Control.

All animals picked up within the City limits of Adelanto are taken to the Victor Valley Animal Protective League (VVAPL) throughout the week, Tuesday through Saturday. They are located at 21779 Zuni Rd., Apple Valley, CA (760) 247-2102.

Plan ahead

Get some good photos of your pet now, before it's too late.

- Take close-up shots so that details show up well;
- Keep taking shots until you get a few good ones that really look like your pet. Most snapshots of your pets look like any other cat or dog. You want your photos to be unique and your pet to be unmistakable;
- These photos will be in valuable to you later if your pet is ever lost.

Should your pet become lost, stop by Animal Care & Control and post a flyer. If you have a photo of your pet, staff will scan it and will create a flyer to post.

Because many pets may travel long distances, it's a good idea to check the surrounding Animal Control agencies for your lost pet. Below is a list of area agencies in the high desert:

City of Hesperia
11011 Santa Fe Rd.
(760) 947-1700

City of Victorville
14260 Amargosa Rd.
(760) 955-5089

Town of Apple Valley
13643 Tonikan Rd.
(760) 240-7000 x 7555

County of San Bernardino
19777 Cajon Blvd.
(800) 472-5609

Victor Valley Animal Protective League (the shelter)
21779 Zuni Road
(760) 247-2102