

# What To Do If Your Pet Is Ever Lost Or Stolen

- 1) Begin the search for your pet immediately. Don't wait a few days hoping he'll return on his own. Begin looking for your dog by circling around your block, and 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 Joan Wagner. Call her at **567-8430**, leaving a message if necessary.
- 3) Call the **Town Clerk** at **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 DCO's in other townships.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Place "Lost Pet" ads (with your pet's photograph if possible) in the 'Lost and Found' and 'Pet' sections of all local newspapers.
- 6) If your dog is tattooed contact National Dog Registry (800-NDR-DOGS), and Tattoo-A-Pet (718-646-8203).

## What to Do If You FIND a Stray Pet

- 1) 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 Joanne Kish. Call her at **567-8053**, leaving a message if necessary.
- 2) Call the **Town Clerk** at **567-2666**. Hopefully the animal's collar has ID tags attached which will make it easier to locate the owner. The tag issued with a dog's original license has a number unique to that animal, and will make identification much easier.

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

New York State requires dogs over 6 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.