



DOG SIGHTING CHECKLIST

SIGHTING CALLED IN TO YOU:

- Document all sightings
 - Who called (name/number)
 - Date & Time of sighting
 - Location & Direction of travel of sighting (see if they can pin the location and send screen shot to you)
 - Ask specifics about what they saw....TAKE NOTES!
 - Ask permission for putting out trap/cellular trail cameras...If we need to place trap/camera.
 - Ask caller to get the word out to neighbors to also watch for your dog and to check any home security cameras.
 - ABSOLUTELY DO NOT POST SUBSEQUENT SIGHTING INFORMATION ONLINE**
 - The only info that should be shared publicly is where your dog is initially missing from.
 - In the event that your pet has moved on to an entirely different area, you can give an update with the general area but do not give specifics on exact location.
 - Posting subsequent sightings can greatly increase traffic to that area of people wanting to capture your dog, thus putting your dog in danger.

APPROACHING SIGHTING AREA:

- Have a slip leash with you at all times. Keep one in car, and have one anytime you approach sighting area)
- Bring smelly high-value treats (cheese, bacon, rotisserie chicken, etc.). Put treats in crinkly bag to rustle if needed.
 - Remain very cool, calm & collected...*BREATHE and be PATIENT!*
 - DO NOT CHASE!** This will create fear and cause them to run and put them in a harmful situation.
 - DO NOT CALL THEIR NAME!**
 - Understand that he may not come to you right away.
 - The longer a dog is missing the more likely he has gone into survival mode, which means he is focused on food, water, shelter and security. He may perceive all humans as a threat...**EVEN YOU!**
 - Do not look directly at your dog, use your peripheral vision.
 - Very slowly lower your body to the ground and quietly use familiar, positive words like "treat" or "go for walk," etc...*BREATHE and be PATIENT!*
- If needed...set up a feeding station with smelly food such as canned cat food, tuna, spam, hot dogs, beef roast, tripe, or fried chicken (deboned), and place a scented article nearby. Restock/freshen this daily.
 - The scented article should be an item the dog associates with a familiar/desired person or animal. For a dog bonded with you, it could be an article of your clothing.
 - If possible, monitor the feeding station with a trail camera, or ask a neighbor to observe whether the dog is returning to the feeding station on a regular basis.
- Tell others **NOT** to approach your dog and scare it away. If they could, ask them to please keep an eye on the dog and call you immediately.

OTHER:

If no sightings are reported, expand your signage and flyering area by a mile per day and keep expanding as time goes on.