



LEASH SAFETY AND RUNAWAY DOG

Register your dog's microchip to your name!

1. Basic Safety Rules

- ***In the house.*** First days in the house, have a collar and a 6-ft cotton leash on your dog at all times. Don't worry, it will not bother him, although it will help you catch him in an emergency situation. You may take the leash off when everyone is in the house and take off the collar for the night. Be extremely careful when opening the front door walking in or out of the house or letting guests in. Even though your dog may appear well settled in you never know when he tries to bolt out. Please keep all the windows closed for the first few weeks. After adjustment period is over and there is no flight risk, always keep mosquito nets closed to prevent accidental fall.
- ***In the car.*** When riding with your dog always keep a short leash on. Take the loop end of the leash and leave it outside while closing the door. This way, you will always grab a hold of the leash before you open a car door. It prevents your dog walking all over the car and distracting the driver.
- ***In the yard or in a closed run.*** Have a collar with a name tag and GPS device and a second collar or harness with a 30-ft cotton leash attached. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG UNATTENDED IN THE YARD.** Keep an eye out for digging near the fence. It can happen quickly.
- ***On a walk.*** Have a separate collar that has a name tag when with the dog's name, your phone number and a GPS device. **NEVER ATTACH A LEASH TO A COLLAR WITH GPS DEVICE!** Have a second collar or a harness with a leash on. Be alert and pay attention to your dog: what noises/things scare him or cause him to react unexpectedly. If possible, avoid those things for the first few weeks. I.e., if the dog is scared around other dogs, cross the street when you see them coming. If he has an issue with strangers, have him wear a yellow scarf. This will let people know not to come up to the dog or try to pet him. If your dog got suddenly scared and tries to pull, goes backwards or sideways, jumps to get away **DO NOT PULL ON A LEASH TO GET HIM CLOSER!** This may cause the collar to come off. Instead, give a leash as much slack as possible and move with the dog while trying to distract him. Always have the dog's favorite treats with you.

2. If the dog managed to get out of the collar and is walking or running away from you: **DO NOT START CHASING HIM!**

- Take few steps back and in a happy excited voice call the dog and say usual phrases like: "let's go home", "let's eat", "who is a good boy", etc. Take out the treats or a favorite toy and attempt to lure the dog to you.
- Even if the dog is moving in your direction **DO NOT MOVE TOWARDS HIM!** Keep stepping back until he is calm. You may have to walk like that until you get back to your home/yard/car or other safe place.
- If the dog seems calm and is next to you try to have him sit or lay down before reaching for the collar and hooking up the leash.
- If the dog continues running from you try following at a distance.

3. **When you lost the sight of the dog.** Note the time and direction the dog is heading.

- Call local police and animal control in your area.
- IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY BLLAR by calling the dog curator. We will provide guidance and direction on what to do next.
- Return home and gather a few important pieces of info: a clear full body photo of the dog, your phone number, area where he was last seen and directives like DO NOT CHASE. Create a post on all your social media accounts and share it to all local lost pets' groups. Visit pawboost.com to report a lost pet.
- Create a flyer. Someone from our team can create a flyer for you.
- Take any of your dog's belongings like blanket, dog bed, toys and place them in front of the house or the yard along with food and water.
- Find volunteers, friends and family members to hang up the flyers. You need to have at least 500 up the first day. Start in the area the dog was last seen and around your house then move away creating the radius. This is the MOST important task and the one that will bring calls in. It is recommended that the person that dog the most attached to hangs around the house and not travel in the neighborhood as to not confuse the dog with his/her smell.
- People distributing the flyers should walk into the local restaurants, farms and any other businesses with possible food sources. Talk to the manager and ask them hang the flyers in the windows.
- Call and notify local animal shelters and vet offices nearby
- After dark, fire up the grill in the yard or in front of the house and throw some bacon/ meat/ chicken on it. Keep cooking the food for a few hours.
- At night leave cooked bacon at the feeding station and set up a motion sensor camera with a clear view of the food.
- When sighting calls start coming in, record location and time on a map
- We will help connect you with local trappers and give further instructions and advice.

The strategies described here may seem counterintuitive at times but they have been proven to be successful in a lot of cases, so please trust and follow the steps!