



HELP! I FOUND A STRAY DOG!

✓ Dos

✗ Don'ts

DO: Take clear pictures to post on social media neighborhood groups and lost/found pet website and social media sites



DON'T: Immediately introduce the dog to your children or let your children play with the dog

DO: Walk the dog through the neighborhood where you found it, and knock on doors



DON'T: Immediately introduce the dog to your own dogs or cats, or leave it unattended with your pets

DO: Hang fliers with pictures and your contact information in the area where you found the dog



DON'T: Make assumptions about the owner based on the dog's appearance or behavior

DO: Call area shelters with information about where and when it was found



DON'T: Try to assess injuries or diagnose illness without a veterinarian

DO: Take to a vet's office, shelter or pet store to be scanned for a microchip



DON'T: Throw away collars, harnesses, bandanas, leashes that could help the owner identify the dog

DO: Ask for proof of ownership from anyone claiming the dog (vet records, pictures showing the dog and the person)



DON'T: Force the dog to accept affection or attention

DO: Foster the dog until it's owner can be found, if you can, or take it to a shelter



DON'T: Feed a hungry or emaciated dog a lot of food all at once

DO: Go to www.lost.petcolove.org and see if your stray has been listed as lost in their national database



DON'T: Keep or rehome the dog without trying to find the owners