

# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET GOES MISSING

**NOTIFY THE POLICE**, whether your pet has been stolen or gone missing. We have recently found the police are a lot more accommodating and helpful than in the past. Remember, they are out and about all day long and may see your pet. Supply as much information as possible (including photos) as there may be a pattern of theft in your area. Having a police report is good evidence should you have further issues to deal with.

**IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY Bahrain's Missing Pets Social Media/Press Coordinator (Peg Altemueller) via Facebook PM or Email** (ampmpa2@yahoo.com) – Peg has worked the missing pets programme since its inception in 2012. She will then prepare a missing pets piece and either add it to your existing post or post a new one on these sites:

- ~BSPCA - Official Site
- ~Lost, stolen and found pets in Bahrain
- ~Mums in Bahrain Classifieds
- ~Get Pet Help in Bahrain
- ~Submit to BSPCA Twitter/Instagram coordinator
- ~Submit to Ask Bahrain

Other pet-friendly Bahrain Facebook sites are available, but check with each group for permission to post.

## INFORMATION NEEDED FOR MISSING PETS

1. Pet name.
2. Male or female.
3. Breed (dogs like GSDs, Rottweilers, look very similar - any distinguishing marks are helpful).
4. Approximate age.
5. Spayed or neutered (published only IF so).
6. Micro-chipped (published only IF so).
7. Was your pet wearing collar and I.D. tag.
8. Details (escaped from home, gate left open).
9. Was your pet **STOLEN**.
10. Area (plus nearby landmarks).
11. Date pet went missing.
12. CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER.
13. Amount of reward (if applicable).
14. Any other helpful information.
15. Owner's name (will NOT be published).
16. **POST THE BEST PHOTO OF YOUR PET.**

**NEWSPAPER COVERAGE** – The Daily Tribune publishes all lost/stolen pets every Friday free of charge. Peg Altemueller also coordinates. Given information **MUST** be current as of Wednesday of each week and will be published as space permits. **It will not be published without a contact number.**

**POST on the 'LOST, STOLEN AND FOUND PETS IN BAHRAIN'** and **'BSPCA - OFFICIAL SITE'** Facebook pages.

**EMAIL THE BSPCA AWC SHELTER**, to see if your pet has been turned over (include photos) at [bspca@batelco.com.bh](mailto:bspca@batelco.com.bh)

**PLEASE KEEP POSTS ON ALL SITES UPDATED!** – It is a courtesy to others to keep all the posts updated. If you post for someone else, please assume that responsibility.

**FLYERS** – Create a flyer with photo and contact information and give it to all vet clinics, boarding kennels, pet shops, groomers, veterinary quarantine in Buri, supermarkets and any locations you are able to post (especially in the area your pet went missing). Don't forget your compound/apartment security.

**GO DOOR TO DOOR** – Go door to door in your neighborhood taking along photos of your pet. Ask them to look inside any out-buildings on their premises (pool house/garden sheds, etc) as many have been found locked inside.

**CONTACT VETS AND KENNELS** – Make sure all local vets are notified in case someone takes your pet in for treatment, and kennels in case someone tries to board them.

**STREET WORKERS** – Speak with or hand out flyers to the workers who clean the streets where your pet has disappeared. Each person usually works in one area they will know very well. Workers can easily be identified by their boiler/jump suits. Ask them to pass on the information to other workers in the area.

**HOUSE HELP** – Ask your housemaid to speak to your neighbors' help. They often know much more than people realise.

**ISA TOWN MARKET** – Visit Isa Town Market at the weekends as missing/stolen pets have been found there. Selling timings are Friday and Saturday 6am to 8pm. Remember to take any proof that the pet belongs to you. Best to take a friend with you in case you have to slip away to contact the police. BSPCA volunteer **Cheryl Nielson** often visits the market to check the welfare of the animals, and also keeps an eye out for reported missing pets.

### DIRECTIONS TO ISA TOWN MARKET:

**Coming from the West or Northeast** - Take Sheikh Salman Hwy (turn off from Sheikh Khalifa Isa Bin Salman Hwy), follow south to a left turn on 16th December Ave. Follow straight until the Al Quds Roundabout (art sculpture in the middle) then turn left. The souq area is on the right side of the road just after the traffic lights at Al Doha Ave. The animal area is closest to Al Doha Ave.

**Coming from the Southeast or Southwest (Awali, S. Riffa) area** - Take Al Estiqlal Hwy North from the Bapco Roundabout (near Ramez). Follow until you see Gulf University on the right (second traffic light). Take the right turn just after GU onto Al Quds Ave. Follow this road going straight at the 'art piece' roundabout at Abu Dhabi Ave and follow same instructions as above.

**CHECK PET SHOPS AND PET FARMS** – Check all the pet shops because often unscrupulous private parties sell stolen/found pets to pet shops. Unsavory farms have also been known to resell pets.

### LAST BUT NOT LEAST – NEVER GIVE UP!!

Pets have been found months and years after they have gone missing.

