

## **KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE**

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### **Remember these rules:**

1. Your pet should wear a collar and complete identification tag including pet's name and your name, address, and telephone number.
2. Your pet should be implanted with a Home Again Microchip. This is permanent and discourages theft.
3. If you take your pet out, remember to use a leash.
4. When riding with your pet in a car, keep the windows rolled up high enough so he/she cannot jump out.
5. During busy times, such as holidays and parties, be extra careful. Lots of people and activity in the house can cause your pet to become over excited and bolt through an open door. It is best to keep your pet confined to a quiet room of the house during these times.
6. Remember, keep current photographs of your pet! (Yearly)

### **If your pet is lost:**

1. Check the neighborhood first. Often pets don't stray too far from home. Use your photograph to check if anyone has seen your pet.
2. Let everyone know your pet is missing – veterinary hospitals, neighborhood children, newspaper delivery person, mail carrier, neighbors, joggers, etc.
3. Visit your local animal shelter and local Animal Control to see if your pet has been brought there.
4. Use your photograph and photocopy it. Copy it on the reverse of a flyer. Include the pet's name and information on color, breed, sex, with your name and telephone number. Then place flyers in high traffic areas, such as supermarkets, drug stores, dry cleaners, veterinary hospitals, and other area merchants.