



## DOG RESCUE 101

After fostering many dogs for BARC, the City animal shelter, and two rescue groups, I recently experienced one escaping the backyard through an unlatched gate when let out to do his business. My son had just gone back in the house to get my 13 year old Lab to come out when Oliver saw his escape. I do not wish this experience on anyone but unfortunately I have learned it happens daily in our area and it is heartbreaking. I was fortunate to find Oliver after 7 days of searching, posting notices within a 5 mile radius of my house in Wortham, and using social media to the fullest extent including Nextdoor and Facebook Lost and Found Pet pages. Diligence, research, the kindness of friends and strangers, and divine intervention ended in a positive outcome. But it was a full-time job for those 7 days. Oliver had traveled all the way to the Coles Crossing subdivision and appeared to be headed back. I found him near CyFair High School after receiving a sighting; a kind call from a stranger who had seen the posting on social media. Never assume your dog will stay in the subdivision or will return on his or her own.

I hate to admit that I have a poor impression of most pet owners in the Houston area based upon my volunteer work. I could not understand how so many dogs could get lost, let alone all those that are dumped or left behind, or are turned into shelters for ridiculous reasons. But until little Oliver, a street savvy terrier, slipped away in a blink of an eye, I did not realize how easy it was and now have a bit more empathy.

As a result, I have the following suggestions:

### Prevention:

1. Latch all gates and close doors securely.
2. Ensure no holes in or under fence.
3. Do not walk your dog off leash (Harris County has a leash law – "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas.")
4. Monitor dogs even in a secure backyard during thunderstorms or fireworks.
5. Do not take your dog when you watch fireworks.
6. Make sure collar is secure and cannot be pulled over the dog's head. Some dogs have a neck as big as their head; and therefore, need a harness.
7. If using a harness, make sure your dog cannot wiggle out of it.

8. Be careful when opening an outside door as that is an invitation to escape.

### Finding a Lost Dog:

1. Review Harris County's and City of Houston's animal shelter websites for tips on finding a lost dog **NOW**, not after your dog is lost.
2. Take good clear pictures of your dog **NOW**.
3. Check which way the wind is blowing immediately; dogs usually travel into the wind.
4. Let friends and neighbors know immediately that your dog is lost.
5. Prepare a posting that can be printed to post in the neighborhood and at least 5 miles out at intersections, and can be posted on social media sites. See Resources and check websites listed for more information.
6. Check County and City Shelters both online and in person.
7. Register lost dog with Citizens for Animal Protection and other rescues.
8. Register with free services that notify vets: Pawboost, Lost My Doggie, etc. (They also have more extensive services for a fee.)
9. Post in Starbucks, Panera, Petsmart and other businesses but ask permission first.
10. Check Found Dog postings on mailboxes and street lights.
11. Keep checking Nextdoor, and the Lost and Found Pet Facebook pages for comments to your posting and for Found Dog postings.

And when your dog is found, take the time to thank everyone who helped. I immediately updated the postings on social media that he was found and expressed my appreciation. With that said, I want to thank my neighbors who kept their eyes open for this little guy and for those who helped me take down signs after he was found. The latter is important too. I hope to have all my signs down before this article is published!

And if you have time, take a picture of every lost dog or cat sign you see posted just in case you come across a lost pet on your walks or even in your front yard. Take a picture of the lost pet, and if possible, safely coax them into your backyard or garage with fragrant food. But, at the least, call the possible owner. Time is of the essence to reunite a lost pet.

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BARC, City Animal Shelter: [www.houstonbarc.com](http://www.houstonbarc.com), click on Lost a Pet

Citizens for Animal Protection: [www.cap4pets.org](http://www.cap4pets.org), click on Programs, Finding Lost Pets

Nextdoor (join now, if not a member, just in case)

Facebook pages:

- Lost and Found Pet – Cypress, Texas
- Houston Lost and Found Pets

## WORTHAM ARTICLES

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911 Hang Up.....	1	In Progress.....	1
Accident/FGSI .....	4	Meet the Citizen .....	8
Accident/FSRA .....	1	MUD Building Check .....	15
Accident/Major .....	2	Neighborhood Check.....	6
Accident/Minor.....	15	Open Door/Window.....	2
Alarm Local.....	11	Parking Lot Check .....	17
Arson/Fire .....	1	Property Found/Lost .....	1
Assault/Family.....	1	Suspicious Person .....	8
Burglary/Habitat .....	1	Telephone Harass .....	1
Burglary/Motor Vehicle.....	2	Theft/Other.....	1
Check Business.....	17	Traffic Initiative.....	2
Check Park.....	9	Traffic Hazard .....	3
Contract Check.....	131	Traffic Stop.....	34
Criminal Mischief .....	2	Unk Med Emerg .....	2
Disturbance/Family .....	5	Vacation Watch .....	4
Disturbance/Loud Noise .....	6	Vehicle Speeding .....	2
Disturbance/Other .....	2	Vehicle Suspicious .....	6
Domestic/Prevent.....	1	Vehicle Recovery .....	1
DWI .....	2	Vehicle Stolen.....	2
Evading .....	1	Welfare Check.....	1
Follow Up .....	2		

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Native subterranean termites have nests in the soil and must maintain contact with soil or an above-ground moisture source to survive. If native subterranean termites move to areas above ground they make shelter (mud) tubes of fecal material, saliva and soil to protect themselves.



*Native subterranean termite workers and soldiers.*

Formosan termites are a more voracious type of subterranean termite. These termites have been spread throughout Texas through transport of infested material or soil. Formosan termites build carton nests that allow them to survive above ground without contact with the soil. Nests are often located in hollow spaces, such as wall voids.



*Formosan subterranean termite workers and soldiers.*

Formosan termites feed on a wider variety of cellulose than other subterranean termites, including live plants (and can be found living and feeding on trees), consuming both spring and summer growth wood whereas native subterranean termites feed only on spring growth. Formosan termites have also been known to chew through non-cellulose materials such as soft metals, plaster or plastic.

Drywood termites do not need contact with soil and reside in sound, dry wood. These termites obtain moisture from the wood they digest. Drywood termites create a dry fecal pellet that can be used as an identifying characteristic. They have smaller colonies-around 1,000 termites- than subterranean termites; they also do not build shelter tubes.



*Drywood termite fecal pellets.*

If you are concerned that you may have termites, call a pest management professional to inspect your home for termites.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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