

# LOST PETS AND SIGNAGE WITHIN FOREST HEIGHTS

Use these community resources to help you find your lost or missing pet

Within the past month, signs alerting the neighborhood to be on the look-out for lost pets have begun popping up. Having a family pet go missing is frightening and causes distress and emotional pain. Many pet owners think that posting signs around the neighborhood is an effective way to bring their lost pet home.

Most of the lost pet signs we encounter are immediately disfigured or ruined by the rain. Almost all of them have print that is too small to read from a passing car. We find them on light poles, trail head markers and bus shelters. Almost all of them are affixed with duct tape, which permanently damages whatever it is adhered to by removing the paint when it

is removed. A quick review of most of the lamp poles along Miller Road shows how signage tape has degraded the poles. Portland City code also states that it is illegal to post signs, bills, advertisements, or other notices on City-owned street light poles. For these reasons, when HOA staff see these signs, we take them down.

Unattended outside pets are not particularly safe in Forest Heights. The adjacent forest is habitat for wildlife, including coyotes, which are good hunters and prey on domestic animals. To help keep your pet from going lost, we strongly encourage you to keep your dogs on leash when outside your yard and keep your cats as indoor pets. Make sure your pet wears a collar with identification so you can be contacted if your pet is found, and consider microchipping your pet.

Should your pet go missing, please consider these alternative ideas to get the word out:

- Immediately notify your neighbors and neighborhood
- Use the association community bulletin board located next to Starbucks. Bring your 8.5 x 5.5 flyer to the association office for us to post as space allows
- Post a notice inside Starbucks on their bulletin board (ask permission first)
- Email your friends in Forest Heights and/or use other forms of social media

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