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When finding a pet keep in mind that not everyone may classify the pet as the same breed you do. One person may see a lab mix, while another sees a shepherd mix. Keep an open mind and check every ad or lead that could even remotely match your pet.

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If you have found a lost pet, follow this checklist

-  BE CAREFUL! All dogs and cats are capable of biting. Do not approach an animal unless you are comfortable and trained. You can always call animal control if you cannot catch the animal. If you are bit, you may be doing more harm to the animal than good.
-  Assume that the pet is owned and someone is looking for it. Even if it is thin and covered in fleas that doesn't mean it isn't owned. You have no way of knowing how long the pet has been on the street.
-  Check the pet for tags. Try to call every number on every tag looking for a lead.
-  Walk around the area where the pet was found and ask neighbors if they recognize the animal and know the owners.
-  Take it to a local vet and check for a microchip
-  Contact your local animal control (and others in the area) and give them a description of the pet and a way to contact you.
-  Contact local veterinarians and emergency veterinarians. Leave a description of the pet and your contact information in case someone calls looking for the pet.
-  List the pet on KCPetConnect.com
-  List the pet on FidoFinder.com
-  List the pet on LostandPound.com
-  List the pet on www.pets911.com
-  List the pet under "lost and found" on Craigslist.com
-  List the pet under "lost and found" on Petfinder.com
-  Contact the lost dog registry at (816-333-0020)
-  Make and post flyers. Please see <http://www.missingpetpartnership.org/recovery-posters.php> for tips to make an effective poster
-  If you use any social networking sites such as Twitter, Myspace, or Facebook, post a picture and description of the found pet with your contact information and ask people to pass it on.
-  If you have taken the pet into your home and are attempting to find the owner, but know you cannot keep it, contact local no-kill shelters and get on their waiting lists. Shelters are always full, but if you plan ahead and start contacting some groups, you will have a better chance of finding the lost pet a spot if the owner does not come forward.

* Please note that even if you do not have a computer or use the internet frequently, that does not mean that the person who lost the dog is the same way. The pet you found may be listed on 5 different internet sites, but if you don't check, you may never find the owner. The opposite is true as well. Even if you are well versed in internet use, the person who lost the pet may not have the internet and may be listing the dog in newspapers or with the lost pet registry. Please keep this in mind and use every available resource to look for the owner.