## HOW TO



## Lure your cat back home

Quick action in the first couple of days brings the greatest chance of success!



Shadow's owner cracked the garage door and since she is an only pet, left the interior door ajar so she could return at her leisure. She strolled home at 1:45 a.m. Leave your garage door open a crack. Cats really seem to prefer sneaking home that way and will sit on the interior step and scratch or meow.

Appeal to their sense of smell. Put a scoop of used litter outside along with articles of worn clothing, a slept-on pillowcase, a used bath mat or towel, a vacuum bag or canister, and kitty's favorite bed or blankie. These are familiar scents that will appeal to kitty.

Tip from Romeo: Put kitty's special bed or favorite blanket outside to draw them home.



Use food to lure them.
Regular food won't do the trick. Heat up sardines, tuna, or some other type of stinky food and put outside. Reheat every so often to keep the aroma strong.

Cats respond to their human's normal speaking voice. Not a sad or frantic voice calling their name and pleading with them to return while shaking a bag of treats, but your normal voice as if you were sitting outside chit-chatting or talking on the phone.

Cats are drawn to the comforting sounds of their human's normal speaking voice.



Brew a pot of coffee and plan for a sleepless night.

Most cat owners report their cat returning home between dusk and dawn.

Sleep on the ground floor to listen for any scratches or meows during the night or use a baby monitor to keep an ear open.