

# BFDR Lost Dog Protocol

## **Document the Following Information:**

- 1 – Dog information: Name, gender, age, description
- 2 - Time lost
- 3 – Location where lost. Include street address. city and state
- 4 – Direction dog is traveling
- 5 - How did it happen
- 6 - Any sightings?
- 7 – Are the collar and tag on?
- 8 - Leash or harness on? If yes, note color of leash/collar/harness
- 9 – Contact information for foster and any other folks that are on the scene helping
- 10 – Local Staples contact information in case we need to print up flyers

## **Immediately notify:**

- 1 - Sarah Fostello 508-944-9013 (Sarah.fostello@bigfluffydogs.com)
- 2 - Jean Harrison 615-417-0063 (Jean@bigfluffydogs.com)
- 3 – Your foster's coordinator

## **If the dog is spotted**

- **DO NOT CHASE, yell, call loudly, clap hands, etc. Quiet and calm are the way to go!**
- Grab a bag of treats. The more stinky, the better.
- Get on the ground and sit quietly.
- Do not make eye contact.
- Let the dog come to you.
- If your dog is dog friendly and likes your personal dog, take your dog with you. Dogs are more likely to come to one of their own than to a person.

## **Things you can do to help**

- Take a blanket, towel, leash, brush, or something the dog slept on that smells exclusively like your foster dog and put some 4x4 gauze on the object and carefully fold it up. Place it in a plastic sealed bag. This is used in case BFDR needs to bring in tracking/scent dogs.

Lost dogs are more than likely to remain in the area from where they are lost. It is important not to form search parties or have groups of people go out in the woods/fields looking for your dog. You will only drive it further away from home.

- Alert all neighborhood social media pages, SPCA, humane society, and local shelters and rescues. Include a picture of the dog and the phone number that will be on the flier.
- Sarah Fostello will create a lost dog flier for you. The flier is formatted to 11 x 17 so it is easy to see from a car. She will send it to you for verification of information. Once you have verified the information, have 25 laminated fliers printed. These should be hung away from intersections on large roadways in the area. You can make smaller colored copies to put in mailboxes, around neighborhoods, and to pass out in stores, etc. (See example on the following page.)
- Please keep in contact with Sarah and your coordinator as to the next steps for recovering your pet.