Preventing Escapes & Responding to a Lost Dog

FOSTERS & ADOPTERS

Before every outing

Confirm leash clip, collar or harness fit, gates, doors, and ID. Use a secure standard leash; avoid retractable leashes for flight-risk dogs. Use extra equipment if specified in the care plan.

At home

Set a household door protocol: secure the dog before opening exterior doors, instruct guests, inspect fence gaps, and never leave a new dog unattended outdoors. Do not assume a fenced yard is escape-proof.

If a dog slips away

Do not chase or yell. Keep the dog in sight from a safe distance if possible; avoid driving them into traffic. Notify GNR immediately if the dog is a foster. Adopters should contact local animal services and their microchip registry.

Coordinate the search

Record last known location, time, direction, description, and photo. Notify local shelters and animal control; follow their guidance. Use a single coordinated contact point for sightings and do not publicize sensitive personal information.

Safety

Do not run into traffic, trespass, or attempt dangerous capture. For a frightened dog, a qualified lost-pet recovery specialist may be helpful.

GNR emergency contacts

Rescue lost-dog hotline: _____

Microchip account contact: _____

Approved social posting instructions: _____

Reporting sequence: _____

Add rescue lost-dog hotline, microchip account contact, approved social posting instructions, and reporting sequence before this is adopted as a formal emergency protocol.