Lost your cat? Follow our checklist:

☐ Search first. Check small spaces – everywhere from cosy cupboards to garden sheds, garages and outbuildings

☐ Make your neighbours aware your cat is missing. Ask them to check their property, sheds and garages

☐ Speak to your local **Cats Protection** branch. To find your nearest branch, visit **www.cats.org.uk/find-us** and enter your postcode

☐ If your cat is microchipped, talk to **Petlog** on **0844 4633 999** to register your cat missing

☐ Register the details of your cat at **www.animalsearch.co.uk**

☐ Contact the **RSPCA** helpline on **0300 1234 999** (UK), the **USPCA** on **028 3025 1000** (NI) or the **SSPCA** on **03000 999 999** (Scotland)

☐ Get in touch with any local animal shelters in your area. Try **www.catchat.org** to find your local shelter

☐ Contact all vet practices in the area

☐ Speak to your local council's Environmental Health Department

☐ Make and put up flyers to place around the local area

☐ Post a picture and description of your cat on your own Facebook page, as well as the Animal Search UK and CatAware pages

☐ Try leaving your cat's belongings in the garden to entice them – bedding, favourite toys and tasty treats like tuna might lure them out of their hiding place

☐ Go out at night with a friend or family member to search for your cat. Cats are generally more active at night, especially during hotter weather

Don't give up! Cats are often reunited with their owners, sometimes years after they have gone missing. If you need more help, call our **Helpline Team** on **03000 12 12** or email **helpline@cats.org.uk**