



### ***Reminders for searching for shy dogs:***

Tell people not to chase, and write “Do Not Chase” on your signs and handouts.

Do not yell the dog’s name.

Use calming signals – if the dog is spotted, sit quietly.

Avoid eye contact (perceived as threatening by distressed animals).

Stay low, stoop as you approach.

Lure the dog with food, just drop and walk away or toss to the dog’s side, not directly at it.

If the dog won’t come to you, it may be necessary to use a large humane trap and set where dog was last seen (You may be able to borrow one from animal control or a local shelter or rent one from an equipment rental store. NMDR will provide a trap for a NMDR-adopted dog search if it is not otherwise in use.)

When searching, carry with you treats and slip leads that can go over the dog’s head quickly without needing to fasten a leash to a collar.

***TIP: Run, jog or walk away from the dog to see if it will follow. This is less threatening than the direct approach.***