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Holly Rizzuto Palker

Quigley Mdtown Palker was with a pet sitter and staying in an area unfamiliar to him when he went missing. His owner Holly Rizzuto Palker has learned what to do when a dog goes missing and she is sharing it with the world through her blog.

When Holly Rizzuto Palker's dog Quigley went missing her world turned upside down and searching for her lost dog became a full-time job. While others in her shoes might've become bitter, paralyzed with despair, Holly has done everything within her power to find her missing dog and has chronicled her journey in order to help others. She created a [blog](#) and a [Facebook page](#) full of tips for finding missing dogs.

How the Dog Disappeared

Holly and her husband rescued Quigley from a kill shelter in Tennessee. He became a beloved member of the family. Then the unthinkable happened. On January 3, 2012, while Holly and her husband were living in the UK but visiting family in New York, she received a call that changed her life—their dog was missing.

Holly's dog sitter had not been able to watch Quigley during that trip so she'd recommended a friend. It was under that friend's care that the dog was lost. Holly, her husband, and their two young daughters (3 and 6) are heartbroken. "My children lay awake nights crying for our lost dog."

What to Do if Your Dog Goes Missing

I have always thought my microchipped dog could be scanned and then my name and telephone number would pop up. Wrong. I learned from Holly that a microchip is not a tracking device. When a chip is read by a scanner, only a chip number appears. It is up to you, the dog owner, to register your

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chip number appears. It's up to you, the dog owner, to register your information with a pet chip company like [Pet Microchip Lookup](#). I was so disturbed by this I did a search online to see if there is such a thing as a Pet GPS tracker. There is! It's called the [Loc8tor](#).

Another horrifying fact I learned from Holly is that people with the best intentions may bring a lost dog to a shelter—but if that shelter isn't "no kill" it is legal for them to euthanize your beloved dog after only 7 days.

Writing a Press Release With Detailed Description Of Missing Dog

Holly stresses the importance of publicity. "The press release was one of the most helpful tools. It outlined important details regarding Quigley's disappearance and his unique characteristics."

Holly's press release included this info: "Quigley Mdtown Palker was born March 15, 2003. He's a 9-year-old medium-sized neutered mutt—white with black patches and distinctive speckles. He looks like a cross between a [German Short Haired Pointer](#) and [Beagle](#) or a [Catahoula Leopard Dog](#). His face and paws have tan mixed in and he has three black spots on his posterior."

Xenophobic Dogs

Holly taught me the term "xenophobic dog." It means that a dog may be so scared of strangers that it becomes very difficult to capture the dog. Quigley is very skittish. Many people reported sightings of Quigley but said that when they tried to approach him he bolted.

To learn more about recovering a panicked pet and other valuable info visit [Missing Pet Partnership](#).

More of Holly's Ingenious Tips

- Immediately gather a team of helpers
- Make waterproof [missing posters](#)
- Use [Google maps](#)
- Contact the [press](#)
- Post a video on [YouTube](#)
- Network, network, network
- Contact shelters and vets
- Create a [Facebook page](#)

Also, try visiting these informative links:

- [If Your Dog Goes Missing...](#)
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Holly also investigated who the distributors of animal meds were, then she contacted those distributors and asked that they include the missing flyer with every delivery of pet meds. Not only were they happy to help, they did it at no charge.

Don't Miss These Uplifting Pet Reunion Stories

Holly's story is heartbreaking but she will never give up searching. Watch these amazing [pet reunion videos](#)—especially Christian the Lion. Other inspirational stories include [Ruby](#), a 6-year-old [Cocker Spaniel](#) who was reunited with her owner Caroline ("Carrie") Day; another dog, a 7-year-old [Chinese Terrier](#), was lost in the Maine outdoors but was found and reunited with his family (coincidentally, his name was also Quigley). [Molly](#), a portly [Basset Hound](#) missing for 3 years, was found 1,000 miles from home. She was identified through a microchip.

Holly is always open to more tips so please post your ideas.



Dorri Olds I work with my muse, Buddy James, at my feet. From AM till PM I write and design, or think...

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