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What Changes Do Dogs and Cats Have To Make In Order To Live and Survive As Homeless Pets?

If you got lost what would you do? Dogs and cats need to adapt to being homeless and survive in the wilderness. Think of this and put yourself in their place. You are lost. You are alone. What would you do?

When dogs and cats are abandoned, they need to make changes to survive. Some changes are hunting for food, learning to protect themselves from predators, and learning to stay away from moving cars. They are used to having food placed in front of them, not hunting. They don't have wild animals in their backyard. Owners normally have them on a leash in streets. Dogs and cats are not used to having to do things like this themselves.

When dogs and cats are alone, nobody takes them to the vet if they get sick. When they get sick, the diseases could get worse and even kill them. When you are living on the streets, it's easy to get sick from drinking out of puddles and food from trash cans. When they get sick, there is nothing to prevent them from getting sicker.

When dogs and cats are living on the street, it's hard for them to stay clean. Clean water is hard to find on the streets. When you can't stay clean, you can get sick. Animals and humans need water to drink too. If we don't have water to drink we can't live very long.

Dogs and cats miss their homes if they are lost, but mostly they miss the love their owners give them. Not only would the pet be sad, but the owner would be sad too. Owners and pets develop a loving relationship between them.

If an owner had his or her dog trained, but then it ran away, it would probably become untrained. It would become untrained because it has to survive. If the owner trained it not to bark, it might get caught in wire. The dog would have to bark so someone would hear it and try to help it.

So you see, dogs and cats go through lots of changes when lost or abandoned. If you see a cat or dog, call an animal rescue so they can take care of it. If you don't it might stay lost, alone, and homeless forever. Who knows, maybe the dog or cat will get to live with a nice family after it is rescued.