

# Angel now back safe and sound

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but felt we didn't have much to go on. I like to believe the best of people and felt badly that this poor gentleman was only trying to help when he lost Angel. Please understand, Angel is always with us. She is a real member of our family and has never run away before. She had simply found a hole in the fence and been curious. This gentleman had picked her up within a few hundred feet of our yard at most, saying she was going to be hit by a car.

I proceeded to call every veterinarian, dog pound (for a second and sometimes third time), pet food store and pet related contact I could think of from Sutton through Newmarket and down to Markham. We called in our family to look after our children as searching was upsetting to them. My husband and I and other family and friends in their cars, went back to the only location we knew of and proceeded to spend another day looking for Angel, including talking to every homeowner we could along the way. We mentioned the gentleman's first name which we now had, the vehicle he was known to drive, the horses, cows (Angel supposedly chased when she ran away. Nobody knew this guy or had seen our dog. We came home quite suspicious. The next day we approached this man when he came into the donut shop, simply looking to find the exact location where he had lost our dog so we could go from there. Again he was quite evasive although we were trying to believe he was honest. We decided to contact the police anyway.

On New Year's Day morning we phoned and PC Chris Leather was at our house quickly thereafter. We spent about an hour going over what we knew after which we had bad feelings that our dog had indeed been stolen. From that moment on we were impressed with the fact that the police kept us well informed of what they were doing. We were able to work closely with PC Chris Leather and at least felt we were doing what little we could at that point. We were still driving around looking and with a few more leads to go on, had extended our search. Shocking to us, we drove right to the farm where the man had lost our dog, the one he didn't want to meet us at. Realizing this, we contacted PC Leather at which point he was dispatched to the other township along with their police and they worked quickly to approach the suspect. We were completely amazed when PC Leather approached us to say that our dog was believed to be right there in the barn! She had been there all along!

I have to tell you that there were a lot of prayers going up for the Angels to find Angel. We have a lot of Christian family and friends for whom I give exceptional thanks. We thank all of our friends and family and their

friends, for their concern, ideas and assistance in searching for Angel. I thank my mother for her ideas and her prayers when I almost thought we had done all we could.

Throughout this whole five day ordeal I always felt comfortable that we would get Angel back, although I knew it might take a few days. As long as we did what

we were able to do, I knew that He would take care of Angel. Besides, it was Christmas time and she was our Angel. I also felt that

He was going to give us a great start to the New Year. What could be better than getting Angel back.

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