

Dog Gone Recovery is a group of dedicated volunteers who specialize in helping owners reunite with their missing dogs.

DGR uses tried and true practices that are based on the founder of Missing Animal Response, Kat Albrecht's research of dog temperament and behavior patterns of lost dogs. A profile is built on your dog and DGR attempts to understand its temperament, the distance he/she may travel and what may be helpful in the search effort.

Dog Star Rescue volunteer Jill Perreault recently interviewed Dog Gone Recovery volunteer Carole Ferrucci.

JP: What brought you to DGR or DGR to you?

CF: I've always been a dog person. I had an interest in lost dog recovery and had done some volunteering with Animal Response Recovery. It got bigger and I took some courses with a retired police officer with SWAT experience. She handled bloodhounds and started looking at common denominators, dog behaviors, and research on how to make effective posters. I'm also a big data person.

JP: Tell me more about Dog Gone Recovery.

CF: We are strictly volunteer-based and our volunteers come from all over Connecticut. We use drones, Face Book, posters, and trapping equipment. We study probability and behaviors. If a dog is fearful it will go farther. We ask owners a lot of questions - have there been any sightings, is the dog chipped, wearing a collar, tags. If the dog has been sighted in a certain area we work the area handing out posters in the neighborhood to the locals, UPS driver, lawn care people, etc. A study was done, so the posters have a certain look. If we set up traps or feeding stations they are not announced as we don't want people who mean well coming around and possibly scaring the dog off.

JP: Can you share a funny story?

CF: Recently we had a lost 5 month old white puppy, Jewel. She had been spotted on Rt. 91, in Rocky Hill, Rt. 9 in Middletown, Cromwell. She was definitely on the move. At one point she was on some Level I High Security land owned by Pratt & Whitney and EverSource. You can't just go on their land to get a dog. Both Pratt & Whitney and EverSource were very cooperative with us. Then we

received word she was in the parking lot of a rehab facility. We set up a feeding station there, but no cameras due to HIPPA laws. A person in a car came by, saw her, stopped and yelled, and she took off. We finally got her behind a dumpster. My partner was tossing her hotdogs and I snuck up behind her very quietly with a snappy snare. Success!

To learn more about Dog Gone Recovery visit their website at [www.ctdoggonerecoveryvolunteers.org](http://www.ctdoggonerecoveryvolunteers.org)