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Ik ben vermist

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The free Belgian platform for lost and found pets, and a tool for the whole neighbourhood. Posting a report takes two minutes and needs no account.

623
reports since 2018

85%
of reports concern a cat

2.3×
more reports in summer than in winter

94%
of animals were microchipped (where known)

22
municipalities and 18 organisations refer people to us

As of 30 October 2026: all reports posted on ikbenvermist.be since 2018. Since the relaunch on 4 October 2026, 77 reports have been added and owners have marked 18 animals as back home. Live figures: ikbenvermist.be/en/figures/.

Who it is for

Owners

- Report in two minutes, no account; A4/A6 poster with QR code and social media images
- NEW Door-to-door cards for every letterbox in the street
- Day-by-day search plan and neighbourhood alert by e-mail and push notification
- NEW Reminder on day 7, 21 and 45: back home or renew in one click
- NEW "Back home" card to share (square and story)
- NEW Permanent short link /m/number for posters and QR codes; the Facebook post follows edits

Finders

- Found animals are automatically compared with missing animals nearby
- NEW Chip number lookup: our reports first, then DogID or CatID
- NEW Temporary shelter: animal shelters, boarding kennels and vets nearby
- NEW Found a deceased animal: discreet chip check, the team informs the owner personally

Neighbours

- Neighbourhood alert: a message when a pet goes missing or is found nearby
- Sightings and "searched here" on a map
- NEW "Moving house with your cat" guide with a neighbour flyer (A5/A6)
- NEW Fireworks season (20 December to 3 January): banner with tips

Municipalities and organisations

- A page per municipality with current reports, NEW now with local figures, nearby vets and shelters and a badge for the referring municipality
- Poster with QR code, text and widget per municipality
- NEW Waiting-room screen for reception desks, vets and shelters
- NEW Dedicated pages for police zones, vets and animal shelters
- NEW Quarterly barometer, first edition (Q4 2026) in early January 2027

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How it works

1

Report for free

Photo, features and where the animal was last seen. No account needed.

2

Poster and images

An A4 and A6 poster with QR code, door-to-door cards and images for Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, right away.

3

The neighbourhood is alerted

Neighbourhood alerts by e-mail and push; missing and found animals from the same area side by side.

4

Search together

Neighbours mark sightings on a map; the owner gets a search plan and reminders.

5

Back home

One click closes the report. The owner gets a share card and can tell their story on /en/back-home/.

Principles

Free	for owners and finders, for municipalities and organisations
No account	report, search and help without signing up
Privacy	no public addresses, contact through a relay, photos without EXIF, chip numbers never shown, data deletion with one form
Four languages	Dutch, French, English and German
Reliable	an automated test of reporting, searching and e-mails every night

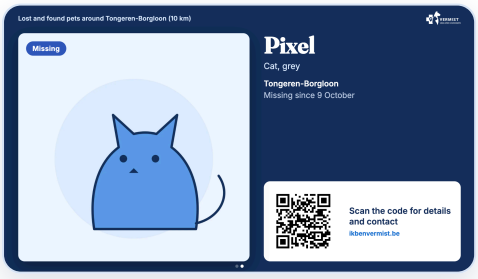
Lost pet barometer

Every quarter: reports by province, municipality and month, and the share of animals that made it home. Each edition is frozen on the day it is published and can be cited. First edition (Q4 2026): early January 2027 at ikbenvermist.be/en/figures/barometer/.

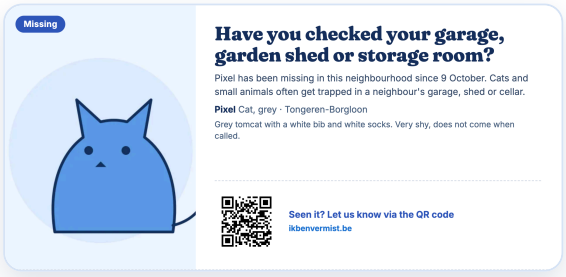
Who refers to Ik ben vermist

Municipalities (as of 30 October 2026): Aalst, Affligem, Assenede, Beernem, Bocholt, Diest, Halen, Hamont-Achel, Herenthout, Herzele, Laarne, Lede, Lendelede, Lennik, Mechelen, Olen, Paliseul, Saint-Léger, Sint-Lievens-Houtem, Ternat, Tessenderlo-Ham, Vorselaar. Also recommended by AniCura, C&A, Neteland police zone and Verzekeringen.be, among others. In the press: HLN, 29 October 2026; TVL, 7 October 2026. All mentions: ikbenvermist.be/en/in-the-media/.

The new tools at a glance



Waiting-room screen



Door-to-door card



Back home card

Links

Municipalities + waiting-room screen
ikbenvermist.be/en/for-municipalities/

Organisations
ikbenvermist.be/en/for-organisations/

Temporary shelter
ikbenvermist.be/en/temporary-shelter/

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