

DOGS' LATEST JOB: TRACKING DOGS

Sometimes it takes more than posting a few fliers around town to find a missing pet.

Dogs Finding Dogs is a group of volunteers who use their highly trained canines to sniff out wayward pooches and other critters, including cats, ferrets, rabbits, and ponies.

The dedicated group, mostly made up of police officers and dog trainers, formed last year after the facility where they train for tracking competitions

began receiving phone calls from frantic owners asking for help in finding their lost pets.

Several people stepped forward, eager to give their competition dogs some real-life practice in tracking a scent.

Dog-handler teams respond to calls from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The best part of the job, though, is when a pet is finally reunited with her owner — sometimes after weeks of searching, says Anne Wills, who works on cases with her German Shepherd Dog mix Heidi.

“It has been one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done,” she says.

To learn more, visit www.dogsfindingdogs.com or call 410-908-6374.

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