

Thermal Deer and Pet Recovery 2026 Contract

Client Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone:



- **Services Provided**

The Service Provider agrees to provide thermal imaging drone services for the recovery of lost pet or animal as requested by the Client. These services will be conducted using specialized thermal equipment to aid in locating the animal.

- **Fees and Payment**

The Client agrees to pay the following fees:

Base Service Fee: A non-refundable fee to initiate the search.

Finder's Fee: An additional fee if the pet is successfully located. This fee is contingent on positive identification of the pet.

The Client agrees to pay the fees specified in prior communication. After contacting us, the Client will receive a copy of this contract along with a text specifying the exact base service fee and finder's fee. These amounts will be agreed upon prior to the search, and the total will be collected after the search operations are completed. We do not require upfront payment.

Additionally, if the pet is located before we arrive at the agreed-upon location, and we have already begun en-route, an agreed-upon en-route fee will still apply to cover fuel and mileage costs

- **Payment Collection**

We accept payment in the form of cash, card, or check. If you choose to pay by credit or debit card, please note that a processing fee will apply. We will inform you of the exact fee prior to processing the payment.

- **Search Conditions and Limitations**

Nighttime Operations: All thermal imaging searches must occur at night, as thermal differences are most discernible after sunset.

Typically, operations begin around 8:30 to 9:00 p.m., or at a mutually agreed time.

A standard search flight lasts about 1.5 hours, covering approximately plus or minus 1,000 acres, depending on terrain, vegetation, and weather conditions.

The animal must be in an open area outdoors for accurate detection.

The smaller the animal, the more difficult it is to locate. While we have successfully found small pets in the past, a smaller pet in a more urban environment, with many houses and structures, is more challenging to track. In contrast, a rural or wooded environment, with fewer hiding spots, makes detection easier.

- **Benefits of Using Thermal Drones**

Rapid Area Coverage: We can cover a large area quickly, saving critical time in search.

Low-Light Efficiency: The thermal camera detects pets at night.

Heat Signature Detection: Pets can be detected in low visibility by identifying their body heat.

Reduced Need for Ground Teams: Fewer people are needed on the ground, reducing disruption and resource use.

Versatile Terrain Coverage: The drone can navigate fields, woods, and urban areas with ease.

Minimal Disruption: The drone operation is quiet and discreet, ensuring there is no disturbance to the area or wildlife.

- **Important Neighbor Notification Request:**

We kindly ask that if you live in a populated area with neighbors, you notify as many people in your immediate vicinity as possible. Since we conduct nighttime search operations, sometimes moving to different locations for better drone signal, we may be active late at night or in the early morning hours. By informing your neighbors, they won't be alarmed if they see us in the area, and they'll know we're there specifically to help locate your pet.

Example Search Grids

Thermal vs. Color Camera Comparison



This side-by-side comparison, with the thermal camera on the right) and the (full-color camera on the left), was captured from the same exact flight height, simply switching between cameras. This ensures a direct, apples-to-apples comparison of the views, allowing us to see both the detail in color and the heat signatures in thermal.

- **Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability**

While the Service Provider will make every reasonable effort to locate the pet using specialized thermal imaging, success is **not guaranteed**. The Client understands and agrees that the Service Provider is not liable for any loss, injury, or damage to the pet before, during, or after the search. The Client assumes all risk related to the pet's safety once located. The Service Provider is not responsible for delays or failures due to weather, terrain, or pet behavior.

Additionally, the Service Provider is authorized to fly over any property legally, and there are no restrictions requiring us to notify property owners before flight. However, the Client is responsible for obtaining explicit permission to enter any private property on foot, by vehicle, or otherwise. All ground access permissions must be arranged in advance by the Client.

Frequently Asked Questions (Q&A)

1. How do you confirm the pet is mine?

Answer: We carefully look for unique markings, collars, and features and cross-check with any photos you provide. If needed, we stay in contact to confirm identity once we locate the pet.

2. How long does a search usually take?

Answer: A standard flight lasts about 1.5 hours, but the total search time depends on the area size and conditions. We'll keep you updated as we progress.

3. Do you search during the day or only at night?

Answer: Our thermal drone searches are strict at nighttime, as heat signatures stand out best after sunset.

4. What if the pet is hiding in a shed or a similar structure?

Answer: We are unable to see inside enclosed structures with the drone. If we suspect the pet is in a shed or similar area, we may request that you physically check those spaces to confirm.

5. What if the pet is too skittish and hesitant to come to me?

Answer: We understand that some pets can be fearful or difficult to catch. If you're unable to catch them yourself, we are in contact with multiple trappers across the state. We can refer you to them so they can come in, set traps, and assist in safely capturing your pet. This has been a very effective option once we narrow down the search area.

6. What happens when the dog is located?

Answer: Once we locate the pet, we provide you with details and guidance. We will offer insights and share our expertise based on experience, but it is ultimately up to you to decide the best approach for catching your pet.

7. What happens if the pet is deceased?

Answer: If the pet is deceased, the possibility of locating it is highly unlikely, as the body temperature drops quickly, and the thermal signature fades rapidly. In most cases, we are unable to detect a deceased pet using thermal imaging

8. What if the pet is never found?

Answer: If the pet is never found, we will provide a full report of all search efforts. This will include a photograph of the search grid and the exact area we covered. We will also provide advice on next steps, such as partnering with professional trappers or other specialized search methods.