



TIPS FOR RE-HOMING YOUR PET

Re-homing your pet can be a difficult decision to make. While taking your pet to the local animal shelter might be the first thing that comes to mind, it may not be the best option for your pet. City run animal shelters are often at or near capacity making the environment loud and stressful. Staffing is often limited which makes for minimal time for enrichment, this means most of their day is spent in a cage until they are adopted, transported to another facility or possibly euthanized.

BEFORE YOU DECIDE:

Before you decide to surrender your pet, ask yourself what your reasons for surrender are. Some reasons to surrender can be managed, they may just take some time and work on your part. Here are potential solutions for some of the more frequent reasons for surrender.

- 1. Are you surrendering because of a behavioral problem?** Most behavioral issues such as destructiveness to the home or accidents in the house can be fixed with training. We suggest reaching out to a behaviorist if you have one in your area or looking online for resources to help the problem.
- 2. Sudden change in behavior?** Have you reached out to your veterinarian? Sometimes if an animal is not feeling well, it can cause sudden changes in their behavior such as using the restroom in the house, anxiety issues or agitation causing aggressive behavior. Your veterinarian can run diagnostics to see if your pet has an underlying issue you may not be able to see.
- 3. Moving?** Look for a place that accepts pets, make it a priority when you are looking for a new home that it is pet friendly. Plan for your pet and give yourself ample time to search for the perfect place for the whole family.
- 4. New baby?** A pet is a great way to teach a child responsibility and how to safely be around animals.
- 5. Do you have health issues?** Are they temporary? Ask a friend or family member if they can help care for your pet or reach out to a local boarding facility to see if they can house your pet while you are ill.
- 6. Escapee?** If you're having issues with your pet getting out of the yard, fix the fence or consider getting an outdoor run for them. If this is not an option, indoor crate training may be another great alternative.

TRY THESE OPTIONS FIRST:

If you are still considering re-homing, the following options should be attempted before surrendering to the shelter. You will be asked if you have tried these things before a surrender will be considered:

- 1.** Ask your friends and family members if they are able to adopt your pet.
- 2.** Post your pet for adoption on safe social media outlets, Alpine Animal Services suggest posting on the Alpine Friendly Pets Facebook page, that specific page is for lost and found pets as well as re-homing and has helped numerous people in our community re-home their pets.
- 3.** Post fliers at local businesses and grocery stores.
- 4.** Reach out to other rescues such as Humane Societies or breed specific rescues.

If your pet has had an accidental litter, DO NOT WAIT to network them, puppies and kittens are always the most adoptable and the longer you wait the harder it is to find homes for them. Of course, do not let an accidental breeding happen again, spay and neuter your pets as soon as possible to insure you will not be going through the process again months later.

HELPFUL LINKS:

Need to find your pet a new home? | The Humane Society of the United States
<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/need-find-your-pet-new-home>

Dog Rehoming - What to know, What to do and How Petfinder.com Helps | Petfinder
<https://www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/dog-adoption/dog-rehoming>

Rehoming Your Dog – Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet.com | adoptapet.com
<https://rehome.adoptapet.com/rehome-my-dog>

Pet Rehoming: A Step-By-Step Guide for Success | be.chewy.com
<https://be.chewy.com/how-to-rehome-your-dog-or-cat>

