

Re-homing Your Pet

If you have decided to re-home your companion animal, your best bet is to find your pet a new home through your own **personal contacts** (social media, your veterinarian, dog walker, pet sitter, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors).

Do not give up if you do not find a home for your animal right away! It can take several months, even when an animal is available for adoption in a shelter. Finding an ideal home for a companion animal may take considerable time and effort, but **your pet's future is in your hands**.

You know your pet the best. Post a **cute picture with personality quirks**, and what their ideal home looks like on your **social media** pages. Ask your friends and family to share with their social networks. In addition, always ask for a **rehoming fee**. Asking for a rehoming fee may discourage potential adopters that are not yet financially ready for a pet. If you are able, reduce barriers by **spaying or neutering** your pet and ensuring your pet is **up to date on vaccines**.

List your pet on <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>

If your pet is a specific breed, reach out to a breed specific rescue. Check out these two websites for breed specific rescues:

- <http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/rescue-network/>
- <http://purebredcatrescue.org/surrendering-a-cat/>

Shelters are stressful environments for companion animals. They often exhibit behaviors in a shelter they do not exhibit in a home, which makes it harder for them to be adopted. If you can rehome your animal directly you'll save your animal stress and have the peace of mind of knowing where your animal is placed.



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