

How to Re-home Your Pet

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The best way to re-home your pet is to do it yourself
Getting yourself ready to rehome your pet...

Give yourself plenty of time

There are dogs and cats that have been sitting in shelters for months waiting for the right home, so you have to accept that it can take a long while to find a pet a home. Give yourself plenty of time to place your pet responsibly, seeking out the right family who are willing to care for them for life.

Call the person you got the pet from

Make your first call to the breeder, rescue, or person you originally got your pet from. Responsible breeders will either assist you in finding a new home, or take the pet back to rehome themselves. Many rescues also state in their contracts that the pet can be returned to them, no matter how much time has passed.

If your pet can't be returned, evaluate their adoption potential

When considering putting your pet up for adoption, you need to be realistic. If your pet is old, a large breed dog, has health issues, or is unfriendly towards strangers, it will take a long time to find a new home, possibly many months. Realize that rehoming won't happen immediately.

Identify the ideal home for your pet

Make a list of what you feel is most important for your pet. What kind of environment does he need? Is he ok with children? Is he OK with other pets? What kind of people would suit his personality and energy levels? Once you have a firm idea of what you're looking for, it will be easier to plan your search and get the results you want for your pet. Getting your pet ready to be rehomed...

Get your pet's health checked

Your pet will be much more appealing to adopters if he's healthy. So book him in for a full health check at the vet and make sure he's up to date with his vaccinations, heartworm negative and on heartworm prevention (dogs) or felv/fiv negative (cats). Ask your vet for a printout of his medical history and start a folder of information about your pet.

Prepare a general history Add a profile of your pet's history

To their file, including details about their food preferences, favorite treats and toys, relationships with other animals and other likes and dislike. Take a good picture while your pet is clean and freshly groomed,

Family members and friends

Some of the best homes are with people who already know and like your pet. Friends and family may be willing to offer your pet a new home, so ask around your immediate circle first. Then perhaps try posting a message on your Facebook page, or noticeboards at work and school.

Out and about

Do you visit a dog park? Ask around to find out if anyone is looking for a new pet. If your pet stays at a boarding kennel when you go on vacation, call them to see if they can ask around for you or post a flyer in their waiting room or at the vet's office. Dog washers and dog walkers are also good contacts to find out who's looking for a new pet. Ask pretty much everyone you deal with on a daily basis – you never know who might come forward!

Classified ads

Don't be afraid to use classified ads to advertise your pet. For many people seeking a pet, the local newspaper is the first place they look. Be sure to mention your pet is spay/neutered to ensure you only receive inquiries from people genuinely seeking a family companion.

If you're a member of a church, club or group, ask if you can place an advert in their newsletter or on their bulletin board.

Flyers

Include the pet's name and a good photograph

Mention that the pet is altered

Describe his/her nature and appealing qualities

Define any limitations the pet might have (e.g. not good with cats or small children)

Don't forget your phone number and the times you can be reached

<http://www.petrescue.com.au/library/articles/help-i-need-to-rehome-my-pet>

