



REHOMING YOUR CAT

Thank you for reaching out to us for information regarding rehoming your cat. Surrendering a beloved pet is never an easy choice. We hope that you will find the following information useful.

Is there anything we can do to help you keep your cat?

If you are currently experiencing financial hardship, we can help provide you with food and litter. If your cat needs veterinary care, we can make referrals to area veterinary clinics to possibly reduce the cost of medical care. Do you need guidance regarding behavioral issues? We can offer advice and resources.

If you must rehome your cat, when should you start looking for a new home?

As soon as possible! Responsibly rehoming a cat can take months. If you only have a week to find a new home, you will not have much luck, and you probably will end up settling for a home that isn't right for your pet out of desperation. If you know you are moving in six months, start looking now! Take as much time as possible to find the right home - don't just give your pet to the first person who offers. This rarely results in a happy arrangement.

Preparing your cat

Make sure your cat is current on vaccinations, has been FIV/FelV tested (especially if your cat goes outside at all), and is spayed/neutered. You will have much more luck finding a home for your cat if you can provide veterinary records showing the cat's health status. A responsible and informed adopter will want to know this information. You might also consider preparing a Pet Resume. Do not separate lifelong friends or litter mates. Many people are willing and eager to adopt two cats who are friends and bonded to each other.

Where to Look First

- **Trusted friends, family members, and coworkers**-- Are any of them willing to give your cat a loving and responsible home?
- **Your veterinarian**--Many veterinarians will allow clients to post flyers in their office to help them find new homes for their pets.
- Please do not contact a rescue until you have exhausted every other option. All rescues are overcrowded, and for every cat surrendered to a rescue, another remains on the street or in a shelter awaiting euthanasia. If you have no other option but to surrender your cat to a rescue, be prepared to be put on a waiting list. Offering the rescue a generous donation along with having your cat's vaccinations and medical care up to date is also helpful.

Free Online Rehoming Sites:

These sites will allow you to set up a profile to highlight your pet and screen potential adopters. They are free to use and allow you to have complete control over finding the perfect new home for your pet. They also provide step by step instructions for screening/interviewing potential adopters and preparing a positive profile of your cat.

- <https://rehome.adoptapet.com>
- <https://home-home.org>

We wish you the best of luck and sincerely hope that you can find a way to keep your cat or are successful in rehoming him or her.