

# REHOMING YOUR PET



Deciding that your pet needs a new home isn't easy. Finding a home for your pet on your own is less stressful for them and lets you know they've found a safe place to go. Getting started may seem scary, but you can do it - take things one step at a time!

## GETTING STARTED

1. **A healthy pet is easier to re-home.** Make sure your pet is up to date on vaccines and provide copies of any veterinary paperwork. If your pet isn't spayed or neutered, we highly recommend getting this done. Check our website for low-cost spay, neuter, and vaccination options in our area.
2. **Ask family, friends, and co-workers** if they know anyone who may be interested in adopting your pet. Leave a flyer so they can contact you if needed.
3. **Create flyers** to post on social media, local bulletin boards, and messaging sites. Be as descriptive as possible (name, weight, breed, gender, health, play habits, likes and dislikes). Include recent photos, your contact information, and the date.

## REHOMING ONLINE

Creating a profile with AdoptAPet to rehome your pet is simple, safe, and free. Millions of potential adopters are able to see your pet's profile and submit applications for you to review. Their Rehome website will provide everything you need to transfer ownership.

1. Visit <https://rehome.adoptapet.com>
2. Create a Pet Profile
3. Include positive descriptions with quality photos

Rehome offers the option to ask for an adoption fee, if you choose. After posting, you will be able to review applications and meet with potential adopters.

## CREATING AN EYE-CATCHING PROFILE

When writing a profile for your pet, you may be tempted to share all the reasons your pet is the wrong fit for your home at once. Don't! **Always be honest but remain positive.**

Remember that what might be negative to you may not matter to others. For example, a cat who doesn't get along with your dog may be a perfect fit for someone with cats only. A dog who nips at your toddler could thrive in a home with teenagers. Use the profile to showcase your pet and be specific when describing any challenges.

### **Instead of...**

Needs a lot of exercise  
Is aggressive towards children  
Needs a lot of attention  
Doesn't get along with other animals

### **Try...**

Will make a great jogging partner  
Needs a home with kids over 15  
Loves people  
Prefers to be an only pet

Most importantly, **use quality pictures!** For many adopters, a photo is the first thing that connects them to their new pet. We recommend at least four - one of the pet's face, one with a family member or other pets, one showing the pet's size, and video if possible.

**Don't rule out adopters before they can contact you** by making unnecessary restrictions. You may think your dog needs a fenced in yard, but what if someone lives near a dog park? Keep in mind that most people work over 40 hours per week, travel occasionally, and have kids or other responsibilities and still make terrific pet owners. Remember - **perfect homes don't exist**, but there is a world full of kind, loving, passionate animal lovers who are willing to do their absolute best!

## OTHER OPTIONS

Rescue Me is a helpful choice for those in need of more immediate placement.

1. Visit <https://www.rescueme.org/>
2. Fill out a short survey to post your pet in minutes! Within 2 hours, Rescue Me will send information about your critter to hundreds of adopters in your area who are interested in your breed. Many receive adoption inquiries the same day.

SOS Pets, Hampton Roads is a local Facebook group for people, shelters, and rescues to post animals in need of homes.

1. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1619023698364694/>
2. Post quality photos and a positive description of your pet with contact instructions.

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

**FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE OR URGENT REHOMING**

**CALL 757-397-6004**

