

FINDING A NEW HOME FOR YOUR PET



Choosing to rehome your pet is an intensely personal and incredibly difficult decision, but sometimes we know you're faced with no other option. If you've examined all your possibilities and decide the rehoming your pet is best for you and for your pet, here are some tips:

- **Give yourself plenty of time, if possible.** It might take weeks or even months to find your pet a new home. There are a lot of pets out there looking for homes, so be prepared and patient!
- **Increase your pet's adoptability.** Make sure your pet is spayed or neutered, groomed, and up-to-date on all age-appropriate vaccinations. There are low and no-cost clinics in Houston that can help with that. You'll find them online or you can call:
 - Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, Inc.
1801 Durham Drive, Suite 1
Houston, Texas 77007
713.862.3863
- **Create a pet profile for your social media or flyers.** Have a great photo or two and include breed, sex, age, medical history, and tell us one or two things that make your pet perfect for his or her next family! Do they like to sleep in the bed? Do they know how to sit? Or are they just giant cuddle bugs that never leave your side? Tell us! We want to know.
- **Tell your network of trusted friends, family, and co-workers.** Ask them to spread the word! You never know who may be looking for a new companion. Use your social media.
- **Use the Internet.** Post your pet profile on as many rehoming sites as possible. Please use caution when considering an unknown individual as your pet's new owner. Schedule the initial meeting in a public place (with social distancing, of course) and ask questions to help screen potential adopters. When you find someone who meets your expectations and your pet's needs, ask for identification and references. Here are some possible rehoming sites:
 - Houston SPCA: Houston SPCA accepts owned animals for rehoming by appointment by visiting houstonspca.org or calling (713) 869-SPCA.
 - Houston Government/BARC: https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/turning_in_a_pet.html
 - Website: <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/rehome-my-dog/texas/houston>
 - Website: <https://rehomeyourpets.com>
 - Don't forget local Facebook Groups, NextDoor.com, and even printing flyers to pass out to friends and family.
- **Check with local animal-related organizations.** There are many reputable breed-specific or species-specific organizations dedicated to rehoming animals. You can find most of these groups online through a web search or on Facebook. One of them might have space available for your pet.
- If you adopted your pet from an animal organization or purchased him/her from a breeder, contact them. They may be able to accept your pet for rehoming.
- **NEVER ABANDON YOUR ANIMAL.** It is against the law. You could find yourself facing criminal charges if you abandon your pet. We know you love your pet, and you want the best for them, so keep making calls and looking for resources.