

Pet Retention Services



Re-homing Guide and Resources

Re-homing is when an owner finds a new home for their pet on their own and that pet goes directly from their current home to their new home. (Surrender is different: that is when a pet is relinquished to a shelter to be placed up for adoption).

What to Avoid When Re-Homing

Social Media or sites like Craigslist or Facebook. They do not offer support or resources to guide you in the process, provide safety, or keep your information secure.

What KHS Recommends When Re-Homing

- Re-homing your pet with a friend/family member.
- AdoptAPet.com
 - Animals average about 2-3 weeks on the site before adoption. There is an adoption fee that will become a donation to our shelter, but you can decide who adopts your pet. The link below will take you right to the first step of listing your pet on the site.
 - <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/r/71172>
- Home to Home
 - This website functions similarly to AdoptAPet and you can create a profile and list your pet here! To get the most out of your attempts in online rehoming, we suggest promoting the pet on multiple platforms such as these and monitoring them for inquiries!
 - <https://home-home.org/rehome/>
- Lucky Tails Rescue
 - Offers Courtesy Re-homing Listing: Click on the tab labeled “Applications,” then select “Courtesy Post Application” to submit a request to list your pet for re-homing on their webpage.
 - <https://www.luckytalesrescue.org/courtesy-post-assessment.html>

More on the Benefits of Re-Homing Over Pet Surrender

Re-Homing is great for you!

- You have total control over the entire process when you choose re-homing.
- You get to decide the right fit for your pet and you have more flexibility in what you can require from a potential adopter.
- You can request or require that the new owner stay in touch with you, unlike when you surrender.

Re-Homing is great for your pet!

- Just as a hospital or hotel is generally more stressful and less comfortable than our home, a shelter is similarly a more taxing environment for pets.
- Pets who are already dealing with health or behavioral challenges, experience even more stress and trauma in a shelter environment. Due to this, we always recommend re-homing instead of surrendering to a shelter for pets who have chronic health issues or that are shy/timid/fearful of new people/situations.

Re-Homing is great for the community and animal rescue/shelters!

- The unfortunate reality of animal rescue is the volume of pets in need and the limitations on animal welfare organizations caused by the finite availability of resources (financial, time, space and staff).
- There are more dogs and cats in our community that need homes than homes to house them.
- Every pet that can be placed in a new home without coming into the shelter is an opportunity to reserve limited resources for families whose situation does not allow them to re-home their pet.
- Increasing the amount our community utilizes safe options for re-homing increases the total number of pets our community can find homes for.