

HERE'S HOW...



- Use your friends & family
- Print flyers & place ads
- Use websites (ours: mdspca.org)
- Contact other shelters or organizations

OTHER AGENCIES IN THE BALTIMORE AREA:

Defenders of Animal Rights	410-527-1466
Howard County Animal Welfare Society	410-465-4350
Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter	410-396-4688
Anne Arundel County Animal Control	410-222-8900
Humane Society of Calvert County	410-257-4908
Baltimore County Humane Society	410-833-8848

For others, search the web with terms like, "animal shelters, Maryland, rescues" and see what comes up in your area.

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FIND A HOME FOR YOUR PET?

RESOURCES TO
HELP RE-HOME
YOUR PET



Spending a few days can make a difference.



HOW TO FIND A NEW HOME...

Urban adoption centers and shelters take in thousands of pets annually for people. Due to the fact that there are not enough homes, many animals are euthanized. An alternative to this is having people work to “re-home” their pet on their own.

Below is a list of ideas on how to find your pet a new home. By looking into alternatives other than surrendering the pet to a shelter, you are giving the pet a better chance to find a new home. If you are giving up your pet due to behavioral issues, call us for advice. 410-235-8826 ext.136

1. **Friends & Family** – Contact everyone and ask them to help you find a home for the pet. The #1 way pets enter peoples' lives is from being found or given to them from friends/family.

2. **Print Flyers and take out an ad** – The handout should include information about the animal – its age, size, appearance, and a PHOTO. Describe his/her personality by listing traits you like. Then include your name and phone number so someone can call you. Make the ad fun to read.

3. **Contact no-kill shelters or rescues, and see if they are able to help you and your pet.** These groups tend to house pets in foster homes while they look for adopters.

4. **Try Online Classified sites** (ex. Craig's List - <http://baltimore.craigslist.org/pet/>.)

FIND A GOOD HOME/NOT JUST ANY HOME

You care that your pet makes it to a good permanent home, so now you must “screen” the callers. Asking some key questions will help in this, but be sure you have a conversation with the person and not an “interview” because you will get more from the exchange. Ask things like this..

- Is this pet for you or someone else?
- Is it ok to have pets in your home/apartment/condo?
- Have you had pets before?
- Do you have any children?
- Are you willing to have me visit?
- Will the pet be supervised outside?
- What do you plan to do if the pet doesn't work out for you?



NOW MEET THE PEOPLE

You can go to their place or have them come to your home, but the safest way is to meet in a “neutral” spot and bring the pet with you. What you want out of this step is to see: How does the person interact with your pet? Did they bring additional people? Is everyone there who needs to be? Ask additional questions – be sure they aren't going to sell your pet!

If you aren't okay with the interaction, feel pressured, or have doubts, don't proceed! Keep looking for someone!

COMPLETE THE “RE-HOME”

Once you have decided, then prepare the pet and gather what you need. Meet at an agreed-upon time and turn over the pet. You are giving up ownership: provide the person with all veterinary records, take toys and any food or medications, and provide good behavioral information.

TIME TO DEVOTE

- Try to devote a month to finding a new home...it will take a bit of work. Continue to try your friends and family as you place ads and seek out the right new owner.
- If you are unable to find a new home for your pet, do not abandon him/her in the woods, parking lot, or anywhere. This is illegal and can led to horrific outcomes; go to your local animal shelter.

OTHER TIPS

Prepare the pet by grooming it and taking it to a veterinarian. People tend to be drawn to clean and well-cared-for pets.