

Preparing to Rehome Your Pet



Before You Rehome

Rehoming a pet can be an emotional and difficult decision. Sometimes additional support or a temporary change can help a pet remain with their family. In other situations, rehoming may be the safest and most responsible choice.

Before moving forward, take some time to consider the situation, your pet's needs, and the options available.

Questions to Consider

- What is the main reason I am considering rehoming?
- Is the problem temporary or likely to continue?
- Have there been recent changes in my pet's health, behaviour, home, or routine?
- Is there any support that could help my pet remain with me?
- Can the situation be managed safely while I explore other options?
- Am I able to meet my pet's daily, medical, and behavioural needs?
- Would another home realistically provide greater safety or stability?
- Does anyone in the home face a risk of being injured?
- Do I have enough time to find and carefully screen a suitable home?

Alternatives to Consider

Depending on your situation, possible alternatives may include:

- Pet food or supply assistance
- Affordable veterinary-care options or payment arrangements
- Help from family, friends, pet sitters, or dog walkers
- Temporary care during illness, hospitalization, or another crisis
- Pet-friendly housing resources
- Changes to your pet's routine, exercise, enrichment, or home environment
- A veterinary checkup for new behaviour or health concerns
- Support from a qualified trainer or behaviour professional
- Safely separating pets that are not getting along

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- Discussing allergy-management options with a medical professional

Not every option will work for every family. If the situation remains unsafe, unaffordable, or unsustainable, rehoming may still be appropriate.

When to Seek Professional Guidance

Speak with a veterinarian or another qualified professional if:

- Your pet has bitten or seriously injured a person or animal
- Aggression is repeated, worsening, or unpredictable
- Your pet's behaviour has suddenly changed
- You believe pain or illness may be affecting your pet
- Your pet has complex medical or behavioural needs
- You are unsure whether the situation can be managed safely
- You are concerned about your pet's quality of life
- Euthanasia is being considered
- There is an ownership dispute, legal concern, or animal-control matter

Always provide complete and honest information about your pet's health, behaviour, aggression, and bite history. This information is necessary to protect your pet, potential adopters, other animals, and the community.

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Pet Information and Disclosure Form

Use this form to share clear and honest information with potential adopters. Select “Unknown” rather than guessing and attach veterinary records when available.

Pet Information

Name: _____ Species: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Spayed/neutered: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Microchipped: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

How long have you owned this pet? _____

Where did the pet come from?

☐ Breeder ☐ Rescue/Shelter ☐ Friend/Family ☐ Found/Stray ☐ Other/unknown

Medical History

Veterinary clinic: _____ Last visit: _____

Vaccinations current: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Does the pet have any medical conditions, allergies, disabilities, dietary needs, or activity restrictions?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Does the pet take medication or supplements? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details:

Significant illnesses, injuries, surgeries, or other medical information:

Veterinary records available:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partial

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Behaviour and Safety

Has the pet ever:

Behaviour	Yes	No	Unknown
Bitten or attempted to bite a person	☐	☐	☐
Broken skin or injured a person	☐	☐	☐
Attacked or seriously injured an animal	☐	☐	☐
Growled, lunged, snapped, or guarded resources	☐	☐	☐
Escaped, damaged property, or shown distress when alone	☐	☐	☐

If yes, explain what happened, possible triggers, injuries, and how often it has occurred:

Has the pet received professional training or a behavioural assessment?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, provide details:

Has the pet been involved in an animal-control complaint, restriction, or dangerous-animal designation?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, provide details:

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Compatibility

The pet's known experience with:	Comfortable	Caution Needed	Not Suitable	Unknown
Adults and visitors	☐	☐	☐	☐
Children	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dogs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cats	☐	☐	☐	☐
Small Animals	☐	☐	☐	☐

Explain any concerns, supervision needs, or preferred introductions:

Daily Routine and Care

Food and feeding schedule: _____

Bathroom, litter, or outdoor routine: _____

Exercise, play, and enrichment needs: _____

How long is the pet normally left alone? _____

Where does the pet sleep? _____

Training, commands, or household rules: _____

What does the pet enjoy? _____

Fears, stressors, or handling concerns: _____

Ideal home and caregiver: _____

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Reason for Rehoming

Why is the pet being rehomed?

Deadline, if any: _____

Supports or alternatives already tried:

Anything else a potential adopter should know:

Accuracy and Disclosure

I confirm that this information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all medical conditions, behavioural concerns, aggression, bite history, and safety risks must be disclosed.

Pet owner's name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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