## **Re-home Your Pet Yourself**

If you have made up your mind to re-home your companion animal, your best bet is find your pet a home through your own personal contacts (social media, your veterinarian, dog walker, pet sitter, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc). We ask that pet owners look at surrendering their pet as their very last resort.

You know your pet the best. **Post a cute picture, personality quirks, and what their ideal home** looks like on your social media pages. **Ask your friends to share. Ask for a rehoming fee.** This may weed out potential owners that are not yet financially stable to withstand the costly vet visits and emergency costs that often accompany a pet. You may also find success if you list your pet on **adoptapet.com.** 

**Do not give up** if you do not find a home for your animal right away! It can take several months, even when an animal is available for adoption in a shelter. Finding an ideal home for a companion animal may take considerable time and effort, but *your pet's future is in your hands*.

Shelters are artificial and stressful environments for companion animals. They often exhibit behaviors in a shelter they do not exhibit in a home, which makes it *harder for them to be adopted*. If you can rehome your animal directly you'll save your animal stress and have the peace of mind of knowing where your animal is placed.

**Reach out to a breed specific rescue.** Google your dog or cat's breed for a breed specific rescue that may take your pet.

- http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/rescue-network/
- http://purebredcatrescue.org/surrendering-a-cat/

