



**RE-HOMING PACKET ANIMAL AID, INC.**  
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## ALTERNATIVES TO RE-HOMING/RESOURCES

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The decision to relinquish a pet is not one that should be taken lightly. If you are considering finding a new home for your pet, you have most likely tossed and turned over the decision, but feel you have no other choice. As you probably know, there are many more animals in the world than there are homes for them, and animals are euthanized every day in the Portland-metro area because there simply aren't enough loving homes. While you may really be at a point where keeping your pet is no longer an option, we have included some of the common reasons for relinquishing animals, along with some solutions you may not have considered. As you know, adopting an animal is a very serious decision, and when you took your animals in, you made a lifelong commitment to care for them, so it is important to exhaust all possible options before finding your pet a new home.

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### Behavioral Problems

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From inappropriate urination to aggression, sometimes animals adopt new behaviors that can be very difficult to cope with, and without assistance, can leave you feeling helpless. Fortunately, many behavioral issues are correctable, if you take advantage of the resources available.

**Contact your regular veterinarian.** Some issues that appear to be behavioral can be the result of a medical condition, so it is important to rule out all possible medical causes before assuming that the issue is purely behavioral. Even if the issue is behavioral, your veterinarian may have suggestions for correcting it, or be able to recommend a quality behaviorist/trainer.

**Contact the Oregon Humane Society's free behavioral help line:** Call the OHS Behavior Help Line at (503) 416-2983 with your behavior concerns or questions. The Oregon Humane Society's information is also available online: <http://www.oregonhumane.org/training/pet-advice-help-line/>

**Utilize online and print resources.** The ASPCA has great Pet Care information available online: <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/>

**Look for a quality behaviorist or trainer.** Though they will most likely charge a fee, it is important to remember that there are financial responsibilities associated with caring for an animal, and those responsibilities extend beyond providing food and routine veterinary care. It is also important to remember that most shelters will require some sort of fee to accept your animal—if you are going to be making a financial investment, it is a better choice to invest your animal by providing the care s/he needs to remain a loving member of your family.

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### Financial Hardship

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Pet guardianship does entail financial responsibilities. While it would be nice if funding for pet care was as limitless as your love for your pet, we all know that is not always the case. When you fall on hard times, you face a lot of difficult decisions—what can be cut from spending when living paycheck to paycheck? Thankfully, there are some resources that may be useful in helping you through the hard times, without requiring your pet to suffer or find a new home.

#### FOOD

**Cat Adoption Team** (503) 925-8903

Cat Adoption Team operates a monthly cat food bank, available to individuals with financial hardships, as long as their cats are spayed or neutered. Call for schedule and details.

**FIDO** 503-655-3663

Cat and dog food bank, given out monthly. Call for schedule and details.

**The Pongo Fund** (503) 939-7555

Two week supply of dog or cat food per owner, as available. Call for schedule and details.

### Oregon Food Bank (800) 777-7427

While the Oregon Food Bank's mission is to provide food for people, they periodically get donations of cat and dog food. It is worth calling to see if they have any available.

### Shelters

Depending upon availability, various shelters may be able to provide a limited amount of food or litter to individuals experiencing a financial hardship. Consult the enclosed shelter list or visit Petfinder, [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), to find contact information for local shelters.

## MEDICAL CARE

### Care Credit (800) 677-0718

Care Credit is a no interest or low-interest credit card for medical or veterinary use only, and is accepted at a variety of local clinics. Clients must be approved, and may only use the card at participating veterinary clinics. Clients are often able to get credit lines that are several hundred dollars or more, so this is an excellent resource for individuals caught off guard by an unexpected surgery or trauma.

### Good Neighbor Vet (888) 234-1350

Good Neighbor Vet is a mobile veterinary clinic that travels to different grocery stores and retailers throughout the Portland-metro area. Good Neighbor Vet can provide routine care including vaccinations, deworming, flea treatment, ear mite treatment and micro-chipping, at a very minimal cost, and with no exam fee. Good Neighbor Vet does not provide treatment or examinations for ill or injured pets. Call for the clinic schedule and pricing information.

### Luv My Pet (503) 557-1740

Luv My Pet is a mobile veterinary clinic that travels to different Petco locations throughout the Portland-metro area. Luv My Pet can provide routine care including vaccinations, deworming, flea treatment, ear mite treatment and micro-chipping, at a very minimal cost, and with no exam fee. Luv My Pet does not provide treatment or examinations for ill or injured pets. Call for the clinic schedule and pricing information.

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## Moving

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While moving with animals can be inconvenient and stressful, it is far more stressful for animals to be taken from their family and placed in an unfamiliar environment where they may or may not be lucky enough to find another loving home. If you are moving out of state, pets are readily allowed on flights, and even in the passenger cabin on many airlines, depending on your pet's size. Moreover, there are many pet-friendly housing options available all over the country, and with a little time and research, a suitable new location can be found. If you are renting, here are some tips for negotiating with potential landlords:

- **Do your research.** There are many pet-friendly rentals all over the United States. Look online or call local animal shelters to see if you can find lists of pet-friendly rental housing. The following websites are great resources for the Portland-Metro area and beyond: <https://www.abodo.com/pet-friendly>, <https://www.apartmentlist.com/or/portland/c/pet-friendly-apartments-for-rent>, and <https://www.apartmentlist.com/rentonomics/the-ultimate-guide-to-apartment-living-with-a-pet/>.
- **Get a letter from your current landlord**, stating that you are a responsible pet owner and that your animals have not caused any disturbances or destruction.
- **Get a letter from your veterinarian**, stating that your pet is current on vaccinations, is of a good temperament, and that you are diligent about providing necessary care.
- **Arrange a time for your landlord to meet your pet**, to demonstrate that your pet is well behaved, and will not pose a threat to anyone in the community.
- **Offer to sign a statement promising to keep all pets indoors or on-leash** at all times they are on the premises.
- **Offer an additional deposit**, if possible.

If you find yourself in a situation where you are temporarily without housing, or need a little more time to locate a pet-friendly residence, consider the following options:

- **Contact family and friends** to see if anyone is willing to take custody of your animal on a temporary basis.
- **If you have a regular vet, find out if they board animals.** Explain your situation, and see if they are able to provide short or long-term boarding at a cost that you are able to afford.

- **Look into pet-sitters and boarding facilities.** Although these facilities will charge a fee, prices vary significantly, and you might be surprised to find one that you are able to afford.

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## Health Concerns

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### HUMAN PREGNANCY & CATS

There are a lot of myths and misconceptions about the safety of having cats during pregnancy. While there is a possibility of contracting toxoplasmosis from handling cat litter, there are many simple steps you can take to avoid this risk. For more information and education on this topic, we recommend doing some research online, at the library, or discussing options with your doctor. We found the following resources particularly helpful:

- **The Mayo Clinic states that it is not necessary to give up your cat to have a safe pregnancy:**  
<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/toxoplasmosis/basics/prevention/con-20025859>
- **Pregnancy & Toxoplasmosis, Humane Society of the United States:**  
<http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/toxoplasmosis.html>

### PETS & NEW BABIES

While having a baby requires making a lot of changes, it does not require finding a new home for your pet. With the proper preparation, education, and training, your child and pet can get along safely and develop a strong and healthy bond, giving your child wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Check your local library and the following resources for information on pets and new babies:

- **Introducing Your Pet and New Baby, Humane Society of the United States**  
[http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pets\\_babies.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pets_babies.html)
- **You & Your Pet: Pets & The New Baby, WebMD**  
<http://www.webmd.com/baby/features/you-and-your-pet-the-new-baby>

Further, raising children with pets helps with their development, and is an excellent way to teach respect for animals.

- **Pets and Children, American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry**  
[https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families\\_and\\_Youth/Facts\\_for\\_Families/FFF-Guide/Pets-And-Children-075.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Pets-And-Children-075.aspx)

### ALLERGIES

Let's face it: If pet allergies are not properly managed, they can be miserable. Fortunately, there are many steps that can be taken to minimize symptoms without requiring a pet-free home. In fact, the Humane Society found that approximately one third of pet allergy sufferers in the United States have decided to keep their pets in spite of their allergy. Their website has some great information and ideas for living with pet allergies:

- **Allergies to Pets, Humane Society of the United States**  
[http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/allergies\\_pets.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/allergies_pets.html)  
Perhaps even more interesting is the fact that research suggests that childhood exposure to pets can actually prevent development of pet allergies later in life:
- **Exposing Kids to Dogs, Cats Early Can Pay Off, MedicineNet.com**  
<http://www.medicinenet.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=50360>
- **Pets May Prevent Allergies In Kids, WebMD**  
<http://www.webmd.com/allergies/news/20031014/pets-may-prevent-allergies-in-kids>

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## IDEAS FOR RE-HOMING

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If you have exhausted all other resources and feel that you must find a new home for your animal, it is important to evaluate the best method of placement for your companion. While most people's first instinct is to turn to rescue groups, humane societies, and shelters, it is important to remember that these organizations are extremely strained as a result of pet overpopulation. Keeping your pet out of the sheltering system is beneficial both for the overburdened shelters, as well as your pet—transitioning from your home to their new adoptive home is far less traumatic than spending the interim time in an unfamiliar

environment surrounded by strangers and many other pets. Plan ahead if you are in a time-pressured situation but are hoping for placement in a non-euthanizing shelter—you may be surprised by the length of the waiting list, and you may find it easier and more efficient to place your pet yourself in the meantime. It is also important to remember that placing your pet in a shelter means that s/he is in competition with many other homeless pets, and your pet may not show well due to the stress of shelter life.

We won't lie—finding a home for your animal is difficult. Shelters are all overwhelmed for a reason: there are more pets than there are families willing to commit to pet guardianship. Therefore, it is best to be extremely proactive, and to think outside the box when trying to rehome your animal. Here are just a few suggestions for finding potential adopters:

- **Use word-of-mouth** to contact as many friends and family members as possible to see if anyone may be interested in your companion.
- **Create a biography** with pictures and information about your pet. It is important to be truthful about any issues you may be having, but also point out your companion's endearing qualities. Place this biography on your desk at work; use it as your e-mail signature; place on bulletin boards at veterinary clinics, groomers, boarding facilities, and other locations that may be viewed by quality potential adopters.
- **A note about the internet:** Not everyone views animals as companion members of the family. Unfortunately, many classified sites on the internet, such as Craigslist, are frequently used by ill-intentioned individuals to locate "free" animals. Therefore, as a general rule, we do not advise using the internet to locate potential adopters, with one exception: Petfinder, [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). This site is used primarily by shelter and rescue groups around the country as a searchable database for adoptable pets, and tends to attract people who want to rescue and adopt, rather than to "buy" animals. While the major purpose of the site is to help shelter or rescue groups, the site also features a "Classified" section where individuals can post listings for their own pets. If you are willing to thoroughly screen potential adopters, this site can be a useful tool.

Regardless of how well you may know potential adopters, it is important to do a thorough screening to ensure that they are the right match for your pet. Here are a few suggestions:

- **ALWAYS spay or neuter your pet before placing in a new home.** Part of the reason you are going to all of this trouble is because pet overpopulation has put an enormous strain on shelters. If your animal is not altered, s/he is very likely to produce many more animals, and make the problem even worse. You can get a coupon for low cost spay/neuter here: <http://www.animalaidpdx.org/library/documents/forms/coupon.pdf>. The Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP) is offering low cost spay/neuter for cats. Here is their contact information: 800-345-SPAY <http://asapmetro.org/spay-and-save/>
- **Always charge an adoption fee.** As mentioned earlier, not everyone has good intentions with animals, and some people are willing to lie to obtain them. Even charging \$50 can be enough to dissuade people prowling for "free" animals to mistreat or place in a lab environment. It is also a good way to recover any cost for the spay/neuter or other veterinary care you provided.
- **Prepare a questionnaire for potential adopters.** Most shelters, including Animal Aid, Inc., have adoption applications available on the internet. It is a good idea to look at a variety of applications to help determine what questions that you want to ask your pet's potential adopters.
- **Arrange a meeting with your pet and his/her potential adopters** to observe how they interact and make sure it is a good match.
- **Visit the potential adopter's home** to be sure it is a suitable environment for your pet.

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## RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS

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To the best of our knowledge, the following organizations do not euthanize for space. That said, it is important to remember that pet overpopulation is a severe problem and all no-kill shelters have very limited space. For each family pet that is placed in a no-kill shelter, there is another animal at a county shelter that could have taken that space, but may be euthanized instead. It is very important to exhaust all other options before attempting to place your pet into the overburdened shelter system.

Finding a quality home for your pet can be an extremely long process. Because the following shelters are no-kill and space is very limited, it is likely that many may be completely full, or have very long waiting lists. If you find a shelter you are comfortable with, it is generally a good idea to get on any waiting list that you can, regardless of its length. You can still pursue other options, and may be able to find a loving home for your pet while you are waiting, but remember: you can always take your name off of a waiting list, but can never go back in time to put it on.

Each shelter has its own intake processes that must be completed before relinquishing an animal. If you bring an animal to a shelter without prior approval, the shelter will almost certainly not be able to take it. There are some things you can do to

increase your animal's odds of being accepted by a shelter, including having your animal spayed or neutered and microchipped, ensuring that your pet is current on vaccinations, flea treatment, and deworming, as well as testing cats for Feline Leukemia and FIV, and retaining vet records as proof of your pet's medical status. These are all services that quality shelters provide, so if your pet is not in need of these services, it is one less expense for the shelters—which operate on limited income from donations—and may help tilt the scale in your pet's favor.

**You must always contact an organization and get approval before bringing your animal.**

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## Our Shelter

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### ANIMAL AID, INC.



**Intake Fee:** Call for information  
**Phone:** (503) 292-6628  
**Location:** 5335 SW 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue,  
Portland, OR 97221  
**Website:** <http://www.animalaidpdx.org>

**About:** Animal Aid is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization funded primarily through donations. We are dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned animals. We provide the necessary veterinary care and socialization before adoption to loving, responsible, permanent homes. **We are rarely able to intake animals surrendered directly by the public. Intake is by appointment only, and all applicants must be approved by our intake committee before an intake appointment may be arranged.**

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## Cats Only

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### CAT ADOPTION TEAM (CAT)

**Intake Fee:** Call for information  
**Phone:** (503) 925-8903  
**Location:** 14175 SW Galbreath Drive  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
**Website:** [www.catadoptionteam.org](http://www.catadoptionteam.org)

**Information from shelter website:**

The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest's largest non-profit, no-kill cat shelter with its own full service veterinary hospital on-site. CAT's mission is to work with the community to save the lives of homeless, sick and injured cats and kittens by offering shelter, adoption, foster, hospice, spay/neuter and veterinary services to end needless feline euthanasia.

### CAT ALLIANCE TEAM SANCTUARY

**Intake Fee:** Call for information  
**Phone:** (503) 625-0800  
**Location:** 2-54 Northwest Pine Street  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
**Website:** <https://www.catallianceteam.org>

**Information from shelter website:** C.A.T.S is a kitty sanctuary and adoption facility located in Sherwood, Oregon. They are non-profit and 100% of donations received goes to the kitties care.

### MEOW VILLAGE

**Intake Fee:** Call for information  
**Phone:** (971) 213-5919  
**Location:** P.O. Box 184  
Aurora, OR 97002  
**Website:** [www.meowvillage.org](http://www.meowvillage.org)

**Information from shelter website:** Meow Village is an 'all volunteer' 501(c)3 non-profit, based in Aurora, Oregon. Their focus is to improve the quality of life for feral cats. They are committed to providing them a safe environment in which to live, including food, shelter and medical attention, including spay and neuter as needed. Their "safe

environment” may be with an existing colony, a barn environment or in a family home. The decision is based on what is best for the cat given the cat’s level of socialization, personality, health and any other extenuating circumstances. Meow Village ensures the cats receive proper food, shelter and overall care.

## HOUSE OF DREAMS

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**Phone:** (503) 262-0763

**Mailing** P.O. Box 30971

**Address:** Portland, OR 97294

**Website:** [www.kittydreams.org](http://www.kittydreams.org)

**Information from shelter website:** House of Dreams is a non-profit, all volunteer operated no-kill shelter located in the Parkrose area of Portland. Our mission is to find loving, responsible homes for our kitties with the policy being that they are indoor only companions. All our cats have been spayed or neutered and are current on vaccinations. We also provide any additional dental and medical care the cats may need.

## CHAPPLE HILL CAT SANCTUARY

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**e-Mail:** [chcs@sanctuary4cats.com](mailto:chcs@sanctuary4cats.com)

**Mailing** 6715 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 103-188

**Address:** Vancouver, WA 98661

**Phone:** 360-818-4347

**Website:** [www.sanctuary4cats.com](http://www.sanctuary4cats.com)

**Information from shelter website:** Located in rural Clark County Washington, Chapple Hill Cat Sanctuary is a haven for rescued abandoned, injured, special needs, and feral cats. The non-euthanizing sanctuary has been functioning since 1996 and now houses nearly 150 cats on a semi-permanent basis. All cats are given veterinary care which includes spay/neutering, FeLV/FIV testing, vaccinations, flea, worm, and ear mite treatments and a complete check-up. Chapple Hill Cat Sanctuary provides a unique service for cats in the Clark County area by specializing in the care of geriatric, special needs and feral cats.

## FURRY FRIENDS

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**Phone:** (360) 993-1097

**Mailing** 6715 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 450

**Address:** Vancouver, WA 98661

**Website:** <http://www.furryfriendswa.org/>

**Information from shelter website:** Our foster care includes providing necessary medical care as well as providing a safe, clean and comfortable shelter and food. In addition, we spay and neuter all our foster pets for adoption. We also provide leukemia testing of cats, as well as currently required vaccinations. Our foster home providers are subject to screening, which includes an application, reference checks and an inspection of the home.

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## Dogs Only

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### FAMILY DOG’S NEW LIFE

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**Phone:** (503) 771-5596

**Location:** 9101 SE Stanley Ave

Portland, Oregon 97206

**Website:** <http://www.familydogsnewlife.org>

**Information from shelter website:** We are a unique, NO KILL, alternative shelter that specializes in canine adoptions. There are no dog runs or kennels here. We offer a warm, home type environment for both our canine residents and our potential adopters. In order for a dog to be considered for intake, he or she must be spayed or neutered, must be dog friendly, must be up to date on vaccinations, and must have medical records.

## MUST LOVE DOGS NW

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**Phone:** (844) 364-7690

**Website:** <https://mustlovedogsnw.org/>

**Information from shelter website:** Must Love Dogs NW is a group of dedicated dog lovers serving the following locations: Vancouver and Portland Metro Area. We are a dog rescue organization with a mission to provide services that help combat the issues facing the homeless and soon-to-be homeless dogs in our community. Our team of dog fosters, canine behavior specialists and volunteers have a combined experience of over 100 years, and have saved over 1000 lives, through various rescue efforts.

## MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**Phone:** (503) 974-4944

**Mailing** P.O. Box 713

**Address:** Sandy, OR 97055

**Website:** <http://mywayhomedogrescue.org/wp/>

**Information from shelter website:** My Way Home Dog Rescue was created by a group of people who are committed to improving the quality of dogs' lives. We focus on a few dogs at a time and that helps us match dogs to homes that have the best chance of lasting a lifetime. My Way Home Dog Rescue is a 501c3 non-profit, comprised 100% of volunteers. All of the money we raise goes directly towards the dogs. Our primary costs are for veterinary care.

## Dogs & Cats

## REHOME BY ADOPT-A-PET.COM & PETCO FOUNDATION

**Information from website:** "Are you looking for a new home for your pet? If so, you're in the right place! We are here to help you safely find a loving forever home for your pet. All you need to do is to set up your pet's profile in less than 10 mins. Once complete, your pet's profile will be posted on Adopt-a-Pet.com and be seen by millions of visitors each month!"

Website <https://rehome.adoptapet.com>

## ANIMAL RESCUE & CARE FUND, INC.

**Intake Fee:** Call for information

**Phone:** (503) 402-8692

**Mailing** P.O. Box 14956

**Address:** Portland, OR 97293

**Website:** [www.pdx-petadoption.org](http://www.pdx-petadoption.org)

**Information from shelter website:** Animal Rescue & Care Fund, Inc. is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization based in Portland, Oregon, funded solely by donations and operated by dedicated volunteers who provide good temporary homes for cats and dogs until they are adopted into responsible permanent homes. We do not have a separate shelter. ARCF is a rescue organization only. We do not accept owner-surrendered animals.

## INDIGO RESCUE

**Phone:** (503) 626-7222

**Location:** PO Box 554

Beaverton, OR 97075

**Website:** <http://www.indigorescue.org/>

**Information from website:** We are not a shelter and cannot accept animals from the public. Instead we offer free consultation services to independent rescuers who wish to place animals that they have found.

## PAWS Animal Shelter

**Intake Fee:** Not required, donations requested

**Phone:** (503) 650-0855

**Location:** 1741 Willamette Falls Dr

West Linn, OR 97068

**Website:** <http://www.pawsanimalshelter.org/contact-us.html>

**Information from shelter:** Non-profit free-roam adoption shelter specializes in caring for newborn, orphaned baby animals as well as providing tender loving care for homeless, unwanted or abandoned animals.

## PIXIE PROJECT

**Intake Fee:** Call for details  
**Phone:** (503) 542-3432  
**Location:** 510 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. Portland, OR 97232  
**e-Mail:** [www.pixieproject.org](http://www.pixieproject.org)

### Information from shelter website:

The Pixie Project is a non-profit animal adoption center and rescue. We offer a variety of services to the public including but not limited to: pet adoption services, pet owner education and support and low cost and free spay and neuter and veterinary services for homeless and low-income pet owners.

## SECOND CHANCE COMPANIONS

**Intake Fee:** Call for information  
**Phone:** (360) 687-4569  
**Location:** PO Box 2343  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
**Website:** <http://www.sccpets.com/>

**Information from shelter website:** SCC does not have a facility in which to house your pet, so we ask that it stay with you while we assist with permanent placement. We request detailed, accurate information about the pet's habits, training and health, including immunization and spay or neuter, a color photo for publication on our website and other advertising sources, and attendance at adoption events as often as possible to enhance chances of adoption. SCC will represent your pet accurately from the information you provide, advertise your pet as available for adoption on our website, publish a listing of all available pets in other formats, screen potential adopters, and refer potential adopters to you for final screening. You have the final say in who adopts your pet.

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## Breed-Specific Rescue Groups, and Rescue Groups Outside of Portland-Metro Area

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There are many quality rescue organizations outside of the Portland metro area, as well as organizations that specialize in rescuing only certain breeds of cats and dogs—too many to include in our list. One good resource for locating rescue groups is Petfinder, [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), a searchable database used by most shelter and fostering organizations in the United States. Please note that Petfinder does not evaluate the organizations listed in the database, and unfortunately not all organizations provide the quality of care that you would like for your animal.

If you place your animal with any shelter or foster organization that you are not familiar with, be sure to ask questions, and make sure it is a place that you feel comfortable leaving your pet. Always visit the shelter facility to make sure it is clean and all of the animals appear well cared for. If the organization provides foster care only, be sure to meet with the person who will be providing foster care for your pet. Here are a few of the questions that you should keep in mind when evaluating the quality of a shelter:

- **Does the shelter provide routine veterinary care, including exams and vaccinations?**
- **How does the shelter care for sick or injured animals?**
- **Are the animals caged or free-roam?**
- **What is the average length of stay at the shelter, and what happens to animals who remain the shelter over a long period of time?**
- **How does the shelter respond if an animal begins to get depressed or aggressive?**
- **Does the shelter spay or neuter all animals before placing them in a home or allowing them contact with other animals?** Even if your animal is already spayed or neutered, it is important to ensure that it is the shelter's policy to spay and neuter all animals, so that they are not contributing to the pet overpopulation problem.
- **How does the shelter evaluate and screen potential adopters?**
- **For cats: does the shelter allow declawing or access to the outdoors?**
- **If an animal is adopted, will the shelter take the animal back if the adoption does not work?**

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## HUMANE SOCIETIES & SHELTERS

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If placing your companion animal in another home or a no-kill rescue organization is not an option, you must contact a county animal control agency or humane society. While the shelters on this list do have to euthanize, they provide a far better solution than abandoning your pet. Abandoning or “dumping” your pet is illegal in Oregon and Washington, and it is extremely unlikely that abandoning your pet will result in him or her finding a happy new life. Most abandoned pets will be hit by cars, injured or killed by predatory animals, abused by humans, contract a fatal illness, or starve to death. If your animal is not spayed or neutered, he or she is extremely likely to breed, and potentially add dozens of new animals to the homeless pet population. Realistically, one of the best possible outcomes for an abandoned pet is that someone else might find him/her and take him/her to a county shelter—a choice that his/her owner could have made in the first place.

It is extremely important to remember that euthanasia rates vary between organizations and throughout the year, so taking your animal to a shelter that euthanizes does not entail a certain death sentence. Shelters work hard to adopt or relocate as many animals as possible in order to prevent euthanasia, and many adoptable animals placed in shelters are taken in by no-kill rescue groups when their time is running out. Obviously, young, healthy, well-behaved animals have the best chances of being placed, but even if your animal is not able to find a new home, being euthanized is a far more humane end than being hit by a car or mauled by a coyote.

Unfortunately, as you will notice, not all shelters take all types of animals. It is also important to remember that even county shelters may have wait-lists for owned animals, and may or may not be able to take animals from outside county lines. It is your responsibility to call a shelter beforehand to determine whether they are able to take your animal, whether there is a wait-list, if an intake fee applies, and how much that intake fee is.

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### Humane Societies

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#### OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

**Phone:** (503) 285-7722 x 211

**Location:** 1067 NE Columbia Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97211

**Website:** [www.oregonhumane.org](http://www.oregonhumane.org)

**Information from shelter:** Takes cats, dogs, and other animals, but you must call to schedule an intake appointment. OHS will take in stray cats if you call first and make an appointment. OHS is no longer able to take in stray dogs for Multnomah County residents. There is a \$45 intake fee for owned cats, and a requested donation of \$45 to \$100 for stray cats and other animals. OHS is a private organization and not the county shelter. They have a high rate of adoptions and do not euthanize for space.

#### SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON HUMANE SOCIETY

**Phone:** (360) 693-4746

**Location:** 1100 NE 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue,  
Vancouver, WA 98684

**Website:** [www.southwesthumane.org](http://www.southwesthumane.org)

**Information from shelter website:** We do not accept STRAY animals from outside of Clark County. Our out-of-county surrender fee for owner surrenders is \$50 per animal. In addition, animals coming from Oregon must be accompanied by a health exam from a veterinarian. We cannot accept the animals without one.

#### WILLAMETTE HUMANE SOCIETY

**Phone:** (503) 585-5900

**Location:** 4246 Turner Road SE  
Salem, OR 97317

**Website:** [www.willamettehumane.org](http://www.willamettehumane.org)

**Information from shelter:** WHS can take stray cats from Polk county, and occasionally other areas, with no required intake fee. WHS can take owned cats from Polk County, with an intake fee of \$50. WHS can take stray dogs from Polk County, with no required intake fee. Owned dogs from Polk County can be accepted with an intake fee of \$100. Stray dogs from outside of Polk county can be accepted, but are subject to a \$50 fee, imposed by the county. Owned dogs from outside of Marion county can also be taken, but are subject to the same \$50 fee imposed by the county, and a \$100 intake fee is requested. WHS can take rabbits, birds, and most “pocket pets,” with a \$20 intake

fee. WHS cannot take ferrets, chinchillas, or other exotic animals.

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## County Shelters

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### CLACKAMAS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

**Phone:** (503) 722-6519  
**Location:** 13141 SE Highway 212  
Clackamas, OR 97015

**Website:** [www.clackamas.us/dogs](http://www.clackamas.us/dogs)

**Information from shelter:** Stray dogs are accepted with no intake fee. Owned dogs are very rarely accepted, with a \$40 intake fee. Cats and other animals are not accepted.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

**Phone:** (503) 397-3935  
**Location:** 2084 Oregon St.  
St. Helens, OR 97051

**Website:** <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff/index>

**Information from shelter:** CCAC can take stray dogs from within Columbia County with no required intake fee. Owned dogs from Columbia County are accepted when space is available, with a required intake fee of \$65.00. CCAC does not take stray or owned cats for placement, but can, on a limited basis, take feral, sick, or elderly cats for euthanasia with a required fee.

### MARION COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND SHELTER

**Phone:** (503) 588-5366  
**Location:** 3550 Aumsville Hwy SE  
Salem, OR 97317

**Website:** <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CS/DogServices/>

**Information from shelter:** Only stray dogs are accepted with no intake fee. Cats and owned animals are not accepted.

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

**Phone:** (503) 988-7387  
**Location:** 1700 W Historic Columbia River Hwy  
Troutdale, OR 97060

**Website:** [www.multcopets.org](http://www.multcopets.org)

**Information from shelter:** Multnomah County Animal Services can take stray cats and stray dogs from within Multnomah County, with no intake fee. MCAS cannot take owned animals or animals from outside of Multnomah County.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY: BONNIE L. HAYES SMALL ANIMAL SHELTER

**Phone:** (503) 846-7041  
**Location:** 1901 SE 24th Avenue  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

**Website:** <http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/AnimalServices/AnimalShelter/>

**Information from shelter:** The shelter accepts stray cats within Washington County with a \$10 intake fee and dogs from within Washington County at no charge. The shelter does not accept stray cats or dogs from outside of Washington County. Depending on the available space, Bonnie Hayes can take owned cats and dogs from within Washington County, typically with a \$40 intake fee. The shelter is rarely able to take animals other than cats or dogs.