



Virtual Rehoming

Save A Life Without A Shelter.

Do you think you may not be able to keep your animal and want to find them a loving home? The Virtual Rehoming program is designed to give you the tools needed to find a new family for your animal without the need to bring them into our shelter. When you explore alternatives to surrender for your animal, you can:

- Create shelter space for other animals who don't have a loving person like you to help them
- Protect your animal from stress and possible illness in the shelter
- Protect animals already in the shelter from any illness your animal may have
- Find a great home for an animal we may not be able to place in our adoption program
- Maybe find a great way that you and your animal can stay together!

With a little work and patience, you can help your animal and many others, and know what it feels like to truly save a life.

NOTE: If you need to bring your animal to one of our shelters, we will accept your animal. We never turn away an animal in need. But for some animals, a nonshelter option is the best choice. Here in our "virtual shelter," you'll find the resources to help you if you would like to:

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- Behavior help
- Pet-friendly housing guide
- Low cost spay/neuter services
- Furry friends pet food pantry
- References for low-cost veterinary care

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- Tips and resources for finding your pet a new home
- Find temporary care for your animal
- Breed rescue groups

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- Trap, neuter & return program



IS THERE A WAY TO KEEP YOUR ANIMAL?

Many people think they *have* to surrender a beloved animal to a shelter, even though they don't want to. The problem might be a landlord who won't allow the animal, a behavior issue that is causing problems, or difficulty affording an animal's care. We believe the best home for any animal is the home of someone who already loves them and below you will find many resources designed to just that!

STRUGGLING WITH YOUR ANIMAL'S BEHAVIOR?

Is your dog barking too much? Is your cat not using her litterbox? You're not in this alone. We have a variety of resources available to you to help you better address animal's behavior issues.



- **Talk To Our Behavior Staff (It's Free!)**

For help with behavior issues or concerns, call 414-431-6173 to leave a message for our behavior staff. Or visit <http://wihumane.org/education/asktheexpert> to contact our behavior team and find many resources on animal behavior.

- **Dog Training Classes**

Sign up for a class specifically designed to help great dogs learn basic manners and cues. Visit http://wihumane.org/behavior/dog_training for a listing of the classes offered by our humane society or call 414-431-6156 to speak with our Program Specialist.

NEED PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING?

Moving is stressful and the thought of giving up your animal because you're moving only adds stress, which is why we have options for you!



- **Find a Pet-Friendly Place**

Visit our website at <http://wihumane.org/services/animal-friendly-housing-list> for a list of rental properties which permit companion animals. Give yourself extra time to find a residence where animals are allowed.

- **Talk to Your Landlord**

Be honest and offer to introduce your animal(s) – many property owners will allow well-behaved animals. Providing your animal's veterinary records, graduation certificate(s) from training classes, and references from past landlords can help to show a prospective landlord you are a responsible tenant. A resume for your dog or cat might sound like a silly concept, but it could make it a lot easier to find the right place to live. Pet resumes can help convince landlords to bend their pet policies - [use this resume builder to get started](#). Once you have a new place, the Wisconsin Humane Society can give you advice on how to help you and your companion animal cope with the change.

LOW-COST VETERINARY SERVICES

Spaying or neutering your animal can help reduce unwanted behaviors. Keeping your animal up-to-date on vaccinations can ensure they are protected against preventable illnesses.



- **Spay/Neuter Clinic – West Allis, WI**
The Wisconsin Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is a low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter clinic open to the public. Our goal is to reduce animal homelessness by reducing financial barriers to accessing spay/neuter surgery in Southeastern Wisconsin. To schedule an appointment at the Spay/Neuter Clinic in West Allis please visit, <http://wihumane.org/clinic> or call us at 414-323-6163.
- **Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (available at Green Bay, Ozaukee, and Racine Campuses)**
Don't live in the Milwaukee area? Don't worry, the Wisconsin Humane Society offers low-cost spay-neuter surgeries at the Green Bay, Ozaukee, and Racine Campuses. Visit, <http://www.wihumane.org/snap> for more information on these community programs.
- **Low Cost Vaccination Clinics**
The Wisconsin Humane Society provides low cost vaccination clinics throughout the year, providing a wide array of services from core vaccinations to microchipping services. For more information on our vaccine clinics, visit <http://www.wihumane.org/veterinary/vaccine-clinics> - services vary by location.
- **Low Cost Veterinary Care**
Veterinary services can be expensive and vary greatly from clinic to clinic. So do your research, call around from clinic to clinic for a quote on the services you need. If you can't afford to pay at the time of your appointment, some veterinary clinics accept CareCredit, which allows you to pay your balance later. For more information on applying for CareCredit, visit www.carecredit.com or call 1-866-893-7864. If you've been turned down for CareCredit, some families utilize crowdfunding platforms to collect donations for their animal, and for that we recommend Waggle. It's a secure page which can only be initiated by your veterinarian, so consumer fraud is deterred, and trust is built among donors. You'll get a personalized page for your animal which you'll want to share widely to spread the word. The donations you collect will go directly to your vet and are applied to your animal's bill, so you don't have to worry about keeping track of contributions. To learn more about Waggle, please visit www.waggle.org.

CAN'T AFFORD YOUR ANIMAL?

The Wisconsin Humane Society believes that tight financial times should not break the bonds of love and companionship between people and their companions.



- **Furry Friends Pet Food Pantry**
The Wisconsin Humane Society provides free pet food to individuals who are struggling to provide food for their animals. This program has helped many families keep their pets in their homes where they are loved. To learn more about this program, please visit <http://wihumane.org/services/pet-food-for-families-in-need>.



FINDING A GREAT HOME FOR YOUR ANIMAL



REHOMING RESOURCES

Network! Ask around to see if you know anyone who is looking for a new companion. Post to social media. And don't forget to take advantage of our Virtual Rehoming section on our website.

When it comes to meeting with potential adopters, ask good, open-ended questions to determine if your companion and the potential adopters are a good match (see pages 5 & 6). Ensuring that your companion animal is up-to-date on his/her vaccinations and spayed/neutered will make it easier to find a new home.

- **Re-home within your network**
Ask around to see if you know anyone (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc.) looking for a new companion. The shelter environment can be very stressful for some animals, so rehoming from a familiar environment can be a great option for many animals.
- **Virtual Rehoming**
This website is a free listing for animals in our community needing new homes. Visit <http://www.wihumane.org/virtual-rehoming> to use our free, web-based rehoming service. This webpage will allow you to give information about your companion animal and the type of home he or she is looking for. You can even submit a picture! Be sure to include accurate contact information, so that individuals interested in adopting your animal can reach you. Please allow at least 48 hours for your submission to be posted to the website. If you find a match, please contact us to have your listing removed from the re-homing website.

The next few pages include various tools you can use when talking to someone who is interested in adopting your animal. With questions like these, you will learn a lot about whether this person and what they are looking for in a companion.

TEMPORARY CARE FOR YOUR ANIMAL

If you are looking for temporary care for your animal, talk with your friends, family members, and veterinarian for recommendations on boarding or in-home pet sitting services. Rover.com is the nation's largest network of pet sitters and offers [\\$25 off any service using this link](#). Make sure to leave detailed instructions for the care of your animal, including feeding and exercise schedules as well as emergency contact information.

BREED RESCUES

If your companion animal is purebred, there may be a rescue group that is able to accept your animal into their organization for adoption. Each rescue's policies are different, so ask questions! Fetch magazine offers a listing of local rescue groups. Please visit: <http://www.fetchmag.com/to-the-rescue/> for more information.



MAKING THE MATCH – FOR DOGS:

These questions encourage open, honest conversation with a potential adopter.

ABOUT THE ADOPTER

How many adults _____ and children _____ are in your home?

What are the ages of the kids? _____

How many other animals have you had as an adult? _____

List: Name, Age, Breed, Spay/Neutered, Still Have

Where are they now?

How long did you have them?

How long will a new animal need to be left alone on a given day? _____

What behaviors do you not tolerate from your animals? _____

What behaviors did you find most challenging with your previous animal(s)?

What happened that you had to find a new home for the animal?

PREFERENCES

What interests you about this dog?

Why are you looking to adopt a dog?

How many hours will the dog be outside? _____

Where will you keep the dog:

1. When you are home? _____

2. When you are gone? _____

3. At night? _____

How do you plan on exercising your dog?

How do you plan on socializing your dog?

What are your thoughts on crate training?

DOG BEHAVIOR QUESTIONS

What dog behaviors would you like more information on? ☐ Chewing ☐ Barking ☐ Housetraining

☐ Play Biting ☐ Other _____

How do you plan on training your dog?

How comfortable are you with housetraining?

MULTIPLE ANIMAL QUESTIONS

How do you plan to introduce your new dog to your resident dog?

Cat to dog?

How much time do you plan on allowing your resident animal and the new animal to adjust?

What is your plan if the animals do not get a long right away? _____

MAKING THE MATCH – FOR CATS:

These questions encourage open, honest conversation with a potential adopter.

ABOUT THE ADOPTER

How many adults _____ and children _____ are in your home?

What are the ages of the kids? _____

How many other animals have you had as an adult? _____

List: Name, Age, Breed, Spay/Neutered, Still Have

Where are they now?

How long did you have them?

How long will a new animal need to be left alone on a given day? _____

What behaviors do you not tolerate from your animals? _____

What behaviors did you find most challenging with your previous animal(s)?

What happened that you had to find a new home for the animal?

Do you have allergies to any animals? _____

If yes, how do you plan to manage them with this animal? _____

PREFERENCES

What are you looking for in a cat?

What drew you to this cat?

Do you prefer a cat that is declawed? Why?

Do you plan on declawing? _____

CAT BEHAVIOR QUESTIONS

How long do you think it will take for your new cat to adjust to his/her new environment?

How do you plan to handle any litterbox problems?

How do you feel about a cat who play bites?

MULTIPLE ANIMAL QUESTIONS

How do you plan to introduce your new dog to your resident dog?

Cat to dog?

How much time do you plan on allowing your resident animal and the new animal to adjust?

What is your plan if the animals do not get a long right away? _____

ADOPTER INFORMATION – For potential adopters to fill out

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Information:

- Home Phone: _____
- Work Phone: _____
- Cell Phone: _____
- Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Current living arrangement:

- ☐ I own my own home.
- ☐ I live with my parents.
 - ☐ Do they know you are getting an animal? Yes _____ No _____
- ☐ I rent.
 - ☐ Describe your landlord's pet policy:

Veterinarian's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

How much do you plan on spending annually for vet care? _____

Alternate Contact _____

Relation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ I certify the above information is true and correct.

Signature of Adopter: _____

Date: _____

SURRENDERING YOUR ANIMAL



If you've exhausted alternatives and have determined that the best option for your animal is to surrender to the Wisconsin Humane Society, we're here for you!

The Wisconsin Humane Society offers resources and information to help you maintain the treasured bond that you have with your animal companions. But, we do understand that there are circumstances that prevent you from being able to keep your animal and we are honored to help.

When you bring your animal in to the Wisconsin Humane Society for surrender, he or she will receive a health and behavior assessment to determine if we are able to support him/her in our adoption program. The following conditions may result in your animal's inability to be placed into our adoption program:

- Animals who display or have a history of overt aggression
- Animals who cannot be safely handled by staff
- Animals who have chronic or long-term medical conditions requiring extensive or ongoing treatment

What to Expect. The Wisconsin Humane Society accepts the surrender of cats and dogs by appointment in order to provide the best possible care for your animal. WHS does not euthanize animals due to constraints of space or time.

How the Process Works. A staff member will call you to schedule a surrender appointment for your animal within 72 hours of being added to the wait list. During that conversation, we will ask you questions regarding your animal's behavior and medical history. After learning more about your animal's needs, our staff will schedule an appointment for surrender. Appointments may take 30-45 minutes depending on the other animals present at that time.

What to Bring to Your Surrender Appointment.

- Any veterinary records for your animal.
- A photo ID, such as a driver's license.
- Any other items you'd like to donate for shelter use. Please note that if you donate any items at the time of surrender, these items will be distributed for shelter use. In the event you change your mind and choose to take your animal back home, WHS will be unable to return these items.
- Your animal. For everyone's safety, all dogs must be leashed and all cats in carriers. If you do not have a leash or a carrier, leave your animal in your vehicle and request one inside.
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What To Do If You Need to Surrender Your Animal Today.

If you need to surrender your animal, please call the campus closest to you. You will then be added to the surrender waiting list.

- Door County Campus: 920-746-1111
- Green Bay Campus: 920-469-3110
- Milwaukee Campus: 414-431-6102
- Ozaukee Campus: 262-377-7580
- Racine Campus: 262-554-6699

After setting up a surrender appointment, please fill out a surrender profile on our website at <http://wihumane.org/services/surrender.aspx>. Completing this profile before coming into the shelter will save you time during your visit and allow you to give more information about your animal's personality.

Fees. We do ask for a surrender fee to help offset the cost of caring for your animal; however, if you cannot afford the fee please let the Animal Arrivals Counselor know and he/she will leave a balance on your account to be paid at a later date in case you are ever in a position to pay.

<u>Species</u>	<u>One Animal</u>	<u>Two or More Animals (fee for group)</u>
Dog	\$35.00	\$70.00
Cats	\$35.00	\$70.00
Rabbits	\$25.00	\$40.00
Small Animals	\$10.00	\$25.00
Exotics	\$50.00	\$75.00

****If you cannot afford to pay the total fee, please let a staff member know and we will reduce or waive the fee as needed.*

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HELPING FERAL CATS

Feral cats are outdoor cats who cannot be picked up or handled by humans. They are offspring of cats who roam free and are not spayed or neutered. These wild cats are often many generations removed from human ownership and cannot be placed into a typical home environment.

TRAP, NEUTER, & RETURN

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a method of humanely controlling feral cat populations. TNR involves several steps. First, the cats are trapped. The cats are then sterilized, vaccinated, and receive an ear tip to indicate that he/she has been sterilized. Socialized cats are adopted into homes, and cats who are truly feral are returned to their original location. Please visit <http://wihumane.org/services/tnr> for more information on the TNR services.

