

Tips for Re-homing Your Pet

The following are a few simple tips for rehoming your pet before bringing him or her to a shelter:

Prepare Your Pet

Making sure your pet is spayed or neutered, up-to-date on vaccinations and well-groomed will increase his or her adoptability.

Spread the Word

- Let everyone (including family members, friends, and co-workers) know that you are looking for a new home for your pet. E-mail your contact list and be sure to let your Facebook friends know.
- Create a one-page flyer and post it at vets' offices and on community bulletin boards. Be sure to include a photo and basic information about your pet (age, breed, etc) and what type of home he or she would do best in.
- Post an ad in local newspapers and on Craig's List.
- Try contacting a breed-specific rescue group. WHS may be able to refer you to a group in the area, or you can search the Internet for one.

Screen Potential Adopters

When a prospective adopter comes forward, don't be shy about asking them questions regarding how they plan to care for your pet, what they expect from the pet, pets they currently have or have had in the past, and other questions that will help you make the right match. You can also ask for a veterinary reference.

Willamette Humane Society

The Willamette Humane Society is a private independent non-profit organization. To deliver services to the community, WHS relies solely on donor support, fees for service, and for-profit ventures, such as the Willamette Humane Society Thrift Store, Helping Paws Thrift Store, and Davenport's Den retail store located inside the shelter.

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Hours of Operation
Mon/Thurs/Fri: 12 pm – 7 pm
Sat/Sun: 12 pm – 6 pm
Tues/Wed: Closed

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*Helpful information
on re-homing your pet.*



*Promoting the welfare of animals through
leadership, education and action.*

Surrendering Your Pet

Deciding to give up a pet can be a difficult decision.

Often people think they must give up their pet because they do not know how to handle a particular issue. However, many issues such as chewing, excessive barking, scratching furniture, urination and even allergies can be addressed.

For others, an unexpected event such as illness, death or unplanned move may make caring for a pet seem impossible. But there are ways for responsible pet owners to handle these situations.

Let us be a resource to help you keep your pet in your home.

Behavior Tip Sheets. Access our free Behavior Tip Sheets in the shelter or download them from our website at www.WillametteHumane.org.

Behavior Helpline. If you have a specific question or behavioral issue with your pet you'd like to discuss, call or email our Behavior Helpline.

Phone: (503) 585-5900 ext. 204

Email: behavior@willamettehumane.org

Pet Friendly Rentals. WHS maintains a list of pet friendly apartment rentals in Marion & Polk Counties. See our website or ask for a list at customer service.

Food Assistance. WHS provides limited food assistance for pet owner experiencing temporary financial hardship. Dog and cat food is distributed at the shelter the first Saturday of each month, between 10 am and Noon on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Willamette Humane Society's Admissions Policy

Willamette Humane Society accepts cats and dogs from Marion and Polk Counties as space and resources allow. We make every effort to place healthy, friendly cats and dogs in loving, new homes. We cannot guarantee, however, that your pet will be accepted for adoption. The placement of an individual pet is based on an evaluation of his or her health and temperament, as well as available space in our adoption kennels. Once an animal becomes available for adoption, there is **no time limit** in which he or she can remain available.



Staff will discuss options with owners whose pets are not accepted for adoption, including possible referrals to other shelters or rescue groups.

Guidelines for Giving Up Your Pet to WHS

If you'd like to discuss surrendering your pet to the care of Willamette Humane, please follow these guidelines:

1. Call us at (503) 585-5900, ext. 300 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required.

If you do not reach a staff member right away, leave a detailed message and we will return your call within 1 business day. (Shelter business days are Mon/Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun. WHS is closed Tues/Wed).

We will gather some basic information about your pet, discuss options, and explain the intake process so that you know what to expect before you arrive at the shelter.

2. Complete the appropriate questionnaire about your pet(s). You can download the questionnaires from our website, www.willamettehumane.org. Please take some time to thoughtfully complete the questionnaire. Your complete answers will assist us in determining your pet's needs.

3. Bring all vet records with you to your appointment.

4. Pay the mandatory receiving fee. This fee helps offset the costs of the animal's care.

Fees:

\$20 per cat

\$30 per dog

\$40 for a litter of puppies or kittens