



# REHOMING YOUR PET

*There are many circumstances that may lead to making the challenging decision to rehome a pet. Whatever they may be, Morris is committed to helping you find a new loving home for your pet. We encourage, if possible, trying to find a new home for your animal while they still stay with you. This can help to eliminate the added stress of a stay at the shelter and keeps space open for animals in more dire need of our care. This packet should help you with everything from making the listing to screening potential adopters. And remember, we're always here to help!*

## BYPASSING THE SHELTER:

**Post your pet with pictures, videos, and a bio on one of these trusted sites:**

- [Rehome](#)
- [Petfinder](#)
- [Get Your Pet](#)
- [Pet Bond](#)
- [Rescue Me!](#)

**And never underestimate the power of word of mouth:**

- Talk to friends + family
- Post on your social media

**OR, CONNECT WITH A RESCUE! TRY SEARCHING "BREED" RESCUES IN GOOGLE OR USING A SERVICE LIKE THESE ONES FROM [WORLD ANIMAL NET DIRECTORY](#) OR [CITIZENS FOR A NO-KILL PHILADELPHIA](#).**

# PUTTING YOUR PET OUT THERE:

## 1. Set them up for success

If possible, make sure your pet is up-to-date on vaccinations, spayed/neutered, and house-broken before you start looking for their new home!

## 2. Snap a picture worth a thousand words

Channel your inner paparazzi! Upload well-lit pictures where your pet is clearly visible and looking at the camera. Add a video or two to really wow potential adopters!

## 3. Break out the pen

Write a bio that shows potential adopters who your pet really is. After all, you know them best! Include physical descriptions and personality traits. Always highlight positives first, but be sure to mention any important health or behavior concerns.

## 4. Make an offer they can't refuse

Try to send your pet to their new home with starter supplies: their remaining food, their favorite toys, a harness that fits!

# AND REMEMBER: WE'RE HERE TO HELP

## Not sure how to screen adopters?

- [contactadoptions@morriscaninimalrefuge.com](mailto:contactadoptions@morriscaninimalrefuge.com)... we'll send you a copy of our adoption application to help you get started

## Your listing's not getting the attention you expected?

- if your animal is a Morris alum, send us a link to your listing... [we'll boost it on our social media page to help you get that audience](#)

# FINDING A GOOD HOME:

Final tips to help make your pet's rehoming journey a success!

**Someone is interested in adding Fido to their family! This is wonderful news!**

**Conduct a phone interview before you introduce anyone to your pet. Then, try to meet with any potential adopter more than once.**

Some good starter questions for interviews:

1. Who is this pet for? Who will be taking care of this pet?
2. Do you have any other pets? If so, tell me about them.
3. What do you plan to do if this pet doesn't work out for you?

**Always trust your gut!**

Make sure you're comfortable with them, the way they interact with the animal, and their enthusiasm and commitment to this adoption!

**Don't be afraid to charge an "adoption fee."**

When you're worried about safely rehoming your pet, an adoption fee can help ease your nerves about your pet going to an undesirable home. An adoption fee is protection for your pet! The willingness to pay an adoption fee shows commitment to the animal from the start. Be careful though, charging too much will turn potentially good homes away!

**Sign a contract!**

It's always best to put the adoption agreement in writing! Make sure both you and the adopter walk away with a copy.