



Emergency Pet Retention Resources

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Morris Animal Refuge will be closed to the public until further notice.

At this time we cannot take in any new animals. We ask that anyone with the means to keep their animal in their home until the outbreak is over does so.

In an effort to continue serving our community, we will be able to provide remote support to any pet owners faced with the decision to surrender their animal until our doors open.

Rehoming Your Animal

Rehoming your animal or connecting with a rescue helps bypass the shelter completely and can continue to occur during the outbreak. There is no evidence that pets can pass on the COVID-19 virus. Please make sure to follow CDC guidelines when meeting potential adopters, and conduct interviews over the phone/Facetime.

Rehoming/Rescue Websites:

- [Rehome](#)
- [Petfinder](#)
- [Get Your Pet](#)
- [Rescue Me!](#)
- [Connect with a Rescue \(Citizens for a No-Kill Philadelphia\)](#)

Tips for Rehoming:

- Screening adopters can seem overwhelming! Contact adoptions@morrisanimalrefuge.org for a copy of our adoption application to get you started.
- Provide lots of well-lit pictures and videos!
- Offer to send your animal home with starter supplies (food, toys, leash, etc.).
- Make sure your animal is up-to-date on vaccines and spayed/neutered if possible.
- Share your animal through word-of-mouth and social media in addition to using the links above. **For an extra boost, send us the link to your listing to share!**

Common Reasons for Surrender

I've fallen on hard times and cannot afford basic care for my animal.

We understand that the unexpected happens, and sometimes life can keep us from providing the best care for our animals. Below are some of the pet food pantries in our area

Please call ahead, as some programs may be discontinued during this time:

- [ACCT Philly Pet Food Pantry](#)
- [Providence Animal Center Pet Food Bank](#) (Media, PA)

- [Animal House Project](#) (Berks, Chester, and Montgomery County, PA)
- [Henry's Cupboard](#) (Chester County, PA and all of DE)
- [Kibble Cupboard](#) (South Jersey)

My animal has a behavior issue that I don't know how to manage.

Please email behavior@morrisanimalrefuge.org to see if we can help you work through the issue. Most behavior issues including litter box aversion, destructive behavior, and overexcited behavior, can be solved with simple changes to the home.

We will do anything we can to make it easier to hold on to your pet until our doors open back up.

I've been displaced by a fire or other emergency and have nowhere to keep my animal.

Please reach out to [Red Paw Relief Team](#) -- they can assist displaced pets and people with emergency shelter, veterinary care, and supplies.

Another option is [connecting with a rescue](#) through Citizens for a No-Kill Philadelphia that may be able to provide temporary housing for your animal while you get back on your feet.

I'm facing eviction/foreclosure or other landlord issues and can't keep my animal

The city of Philadelphia is making provisions for those facing eviction and foreclosure. Please visit <http://www.phillytenant.org/> for the latest updates on tenants' rights at this time.

I can't afford basic veterinary care for my animal.

There are many options in the Philly area for low-cost veterinary care and payment plans. At the moment, veterinary hospitals may be changing their hours or procedures, but they are still open. Please see the next page and call around to find an option that might work for you!

We also recommend looking into payment plans like CareCredit and ScratchPay to help split up payments for veterinary care.

I found a stray animal I don't intend on keeping.

If you see an outdoor cat who doesn't approach you and runs from you, this is a feral cat who shouldn't be handled. If the tip of one ear is missing, they are altered and probably part of a managed colony. Leave them be!

A stray cat that is social is probably someone's former pet. If you're able to take them in or provide food for them until shelters reopen, this would be best. You can also call one of the listed clinics to see if they can scan the cat for a microchip. **If the cat is in need of medical attention, please call ACCT Philly.**

If you find a stray dog, and you are able to bring them to a clinic to be scanned for a microchip, that would be ideal. Usually when a dog gets loose, someone out there

is looking for them! **If you cannot care for the dog for the next few weeks, please call ACCT Philly for further assistance**

Low-Cost Veterinary Clinics

Spay/Neuter/Wellness

PAWS

2900 Grays Ferry Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19146
(215) 298-9680

PAWS Northeast Adoption Center & Low-Cost Clinic

1810 Grant Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19115
(215) 545-9600

PSPCA

350 E. Erie Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19134
(215) 426-6300

Women's Animal Center

3839 Richlieu Rd. Bensalem, PA 19020
(215) 750-5252

Emancipet

575 Adams Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19120
(267) 774-4901

Animal Welfare Assoc. Of New Jersey

509 Centennial Blvd. Voorhees, NJ 08043
(856) 424-2288

Providence Animal Center -- dentals, mass removals, lifesaving surgeries, etc.

555 Sandy Bank Rd. Media, PA 19063
(610) 566-1370

Full Service

Dutton Road Veterinary Clinic

10901 Dutton Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19154
(215) 331-2968

Girard Veterinary Clinic

2806 W. Girard Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 232-0931

The Bridge Clinic

2820 Old Lincoln Highway Suite 1A Trevose, PA 19053
(215) 639-3333

Emergency Clinics**Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center (VSEC)**

Philadelphia: 1114 S Front St Philadelphia, PA 19147 | (267) 800-1950

Levittown: 301 Veterans Highway Levittown, PA 19056 | (215) 750 7884

Conshohocken: 625 Ridge Pike Building B Conshohocken, PA 19428 | (484) 567-7999

Ryan Hospital (Penn Vet)

3900 Spruce St Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 746-8911

VCA Cat Hospital of Philadelphia

226 S 20th St Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 567-6446

Keystone Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Referral

1200 W Chester Pike Havertown, PA 19083
(484) 202-7991