



Virtual Shelter Project

You can save your pet's life without a shelter.



Thank you! You're reading this because you may not be able to keep your animal and are committed to finding your animal a loving home. If you need to bring your animal to our shelters, please contact our Intake Department at 920-469-3110 x251. The Intake department is open Monday through Friday 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you're able to hold and rehome your pet, a non-shelter option is the best choice. When you explore non-shelter options 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
- Perhaps 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.

Here in our "virtual shelter," you'll find the resources to help you if you would like to:

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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 just being able to afford an animal's care in difficult times. We believe the best home for any animal is the home of someone who already loves them. So we have many resources to help you keep your animal in your home.

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 920-469-3110 x116 to leave a message for our behavior staff.
- **Check Out Our Online Resources**
Visit bayareahumanesociety.com/services/tips-training/ to download free puppy training e-books, and to find a link to our resource library full of helpful handouts on animal behavior.
- **Dog Manners Classes**
Check your local yellow page or online search listing for area businesses that provide dog obedience classes. Sometimes better manners can make all the difference in helping you keep your dog.

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 bayareahumanesociety.com/resources/pet-friendly/ for a list of many (but not all) apartments that permit companion animals. You do not have to surrender your companion just because you are moving. 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; particularly if you behave responsibly. 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 animal guardian. Once you have a new place, the Bay Area Humane Society can give you advice on how to help you and your companion animal cope with the change.

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER

Spaying or neutering your animal can actually help reduce unwanted behaviors.



- **Low Cost Spay/Neuter**
The Bay Area Humane Society offers low cost spay/neuter to the public. The goal of this program is to decrease the number of unwanted animal litters by expanding sterilization services to those pet owners in need. If you are interested in scheduling a spay or neuter appointment for your cat or dog, contact the surgery scheduler at 920-469-3110 x110. Or schedule your appointment online bayareahumanesociety.com/services/spay-neuter/.

CAN'T AFFORD YOUR ANIMAL?

If you think about the times when you struggled the most, maybe due to a sudden job loss, a medical emergency, or even losing a family member, the last thing you want to do is lose the companion who's stuck by your side through it all.



- **Animal Foundation & Pet Pantry of WI**

The AFPPW is dedicated to providing pet food for families struggling to provide for themselves and their animals. If you are in need of pet food assistance, contact the AFPPW outreach team at petsathome@yahoo.com, or call 920-428-7387, or visit afppw.org.

- **Low Cost Vaccine Clinic**

The Bay Area Humane Society hosts a monthly low-cost vaccine clinic that offers vaccines, dewormers, heartworm testing, FIV/FelV testing, and microchipping at a reduced cost. The vaccine clinics are held one Saturday a month, 9am-Noon, no appointment needed. To see a complete listing of vaccine clinic dates, services, and pricing, go to bayareahumanesociety.com/services/vaccinations/.

- **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 C.A.R.E Credit, which allows you to pay your balance at a later date. For more information on applying for C.A.R.E. Credit visit carecredit.com or call 1-866-893-7864.



ARE YOU TRYING TO HELP AN OUTDOOR CAT?

Feral cats are often many generations removed from human guardianship. They are the offspring of outdoor cats who roam free. Feral cats cannot be safely handled by humans and cannot be placed into a typical home situation. To help feral cats in our area, the Bay Area Humane Society works with organizations in the community who humanely trap, spay/neuter, and release feral cats.

TRAP, NEUTER, & RETURN

The goal of the TNR program is to prevent suffering and overpopulation of undomesticated feral cats.



- **TNR at BAHS**

The Bay Area Humane Society will provide low cost spay/neuter packages for those property owners who would like to maintain feral cats on their property, while preventing them from making more kittens. The package includes the spay/neuter surgery, ear tipping (to easily identify at a distance which cats are spayed or neutered), a rabies vaccine, and a microchip. If you are interested in scheduling a TNR appointment, please call 920-469-3110 x110.

- **Cats Anonymous**

Cats Anonymous, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to better the lives and reduce the number of semi-feral and feral cats in Northeastern Wisconsin. To accomplish this goal, they promote, educate and advocate the non-lethal reduction of the feral cat population utilizing the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) method in a safe and humane manner. Cats Anonymous offers trap rentals and low cost spay/neuter of trapped cats. For details, go to catsanonymous.org.



HOW TO FIND A GREAT HOME FOR YOUR ANIMAL

REHOMING RESOURCES

Ask around to see if you know anyone who is looking for a new companion or take advantage of our Rehoming: Pets Seeking People section on our website.



When it comes to meeting with potential adopters, be thorough and patient. Finding the right home takes time, but it's worth it for your sake and the sake of your animal. Ask good open-ended questions to determine if your companion and the potential adopters are a good match. Ensuring that your companion animal is up-to-date on his/her vaccinations as well as spayed/neutered will make it easier for you to find a new home.

- **Rehoming: Pets Seeking People**

Visit bayareahumanesociety.com/services/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.

- **Rehome on Your Own**

Ask around to see if you know anyone (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc.) who is 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. Please do not give your animal away "Free to a Good Home" as there are unscrupulous individuals who could harm your animal. Asking a reasonable fee may help deter such people.

On the next few pages are materials you can use when you are talking to someone who is interested in adopting your animal. With questions like these, you will learn a lot about whether this person can provide the right home for the animal you know so well.

TEMPORARY CARE

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. 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!



- **BAHS Rescue Partners**

The Bay Area Humane Society works with many rescue organizations to help place animals that are best cared for in a rescue foster home rather than a shelter cage or kennel. You can find a listing of these organizations at bayareahumanesociety.com/resources/rescue-resources/.

- **WI Dog Rescue**

A great listing of local dog rescue groups can be found at Wisconsin Dog Rescue website: widogrescue.com.

- **Fetch**

Fetch magazine offers a listing of various breed rescue groups on their website. Some of these groups may be based in other states, but may have fosters or volunteers operating in your area. Check out fetchmag.com/to-the-rescue/.

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 children? _____

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 children? _____

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 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? _____

ALLERGY QUESTIONS

Do you have allergies to any animals? _____

How do you plan to manage your allergies and a new animal?

ADOPTER INFORMATION – HAVE POTENTIAL ADOPTER FILL THIS 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

SURRENDERING AT THE BAY AREA HUMANE SOCIETY



The Bay Area Humane Society offers resources and education 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 willing to help.

When you bring your animal in to the Bay Area Humane Society for surrender, he or she will receive a health and behavior assessment. 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 that will require extensive treatment

If you need to surrender your animal to the Bay Area Humane Society, please call our Intake department to schedule an appointment. Trained staff will be able to answer any questions you might have. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call 920-469-3110 x251.

Please fill out a surrender profile on our website at bayareahumanesociety.com/services/surrendering-a-pet/. 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.

What to Expect. The Bay Area Humane Society accepts the surrender of cats and dogs by appointment in order to provide the best possible care for your animal. BAHS does not euthanize animals due to constraints of space or time. Once you have contacted us with your need to surrender, we will schedule a day and time for you to bring your pet in.

How the Process Works. Appointments are typically scheduled Monday through Friday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Each appointment takes approximately 30-45 minutes. If you are running behind or need to reschedule your appointment, please contact the Intake department at 920-469-3110 x251. If you leave a voicemail with the Intake department about your need to surrender, the Intake staff will make a maximum of three attempts to contact you. If the shelter is at capacity, you may be placed on a waiting list. As soon as space is available, an Intake counselor will contact you to schedule your surrender appointment.

What to Bring With You.

- o Any veterinary records you have.
- o A government-issued photo ID such as a driver's license.
- o 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 reclaim your animal, BAHS will be unable to return these in-kind donations.*

For everyone's safety, all dogs must be leashed and all cats in carriers. If you do not have a leash or a carrier, contact Intake at 920-469-3110 x251 for assistance.

What to Do When You Arrive. Enter the Intake door of the Bay Area Humane Society. An Intake Counselor will guide you through the surrender process. The Intake Counselor will review your pet's medical and behavior history. If you are surrendering a dog, his/her behavior will be assessed at the time of surrender. Surrender fees will be collected at this time and surrender contracts will be signed.

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 Intake Counselor know and he/she will work with you. The Bay Area Humane Society is a nonprofit organization that receives no government funding and is not affiliated with any national animal welfare organizations. See the next page for a listing of surrender fees.

Surrender Fees:

Dogs

- Adult dog spayed/neutered: \$30
- Adult dog NOT spayed/neutered \$40
- Single puppy: \$20
- Female dog and her litter of puppies: \$40 for mom, \$5 per puppy
- Litter of puppies without mom: \$20 for the first puppy, \$5 for each additional puppy
- Pregnant females: \$50

Cats

- Adult cat: \$20 per cat
- Single kitten or a litter of kittens: \$20 for a single or first kitten, \$5 for each additional kitten
- Female cat and her litter of kittens: \$20 for mom, \$5 for each additional kitten

Rabbits

- Spayed/Neutered: \$10 per rabbit
- NOT spayed/neutered: \$25 per rabbit

Small Animals

- Guinea pig/rat/hamster/gerbil/mouse: \$5 each
- Chinchillas/hedgehogs: \$20 each
 - All small animals must have a cage, no exceptions.

Ferrets

- \$10 each
 - All ferrets must have cage and food; all ferrets will be sent to a rescue

Birds

- Small birds (cockatiels, love birds, finches, parakeets/budgies, canaries) \$10
- Large birds (any parrots) \$20 per bird - All large birds/parrots will be sent to a rescue.
 - All birds must have a cage, no exceptions.

Reptiles/Fish

- We do not accept reptiles or fish. Refer to the pet store you purchased the pet or contact Kingdom Animalia Exotic Animal Rescue at 920-609-3529.

*****If you cannot afford to pay the total fee, please let a staff member know.*****

What to Do if You Need to Surrender Your Animal Today. Call the Bay Area Humane Society's Intake department to speak with an Intake Counselor at 920-469-3110 x251. The Intake department is open Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.