

No one who has opened their home to a companion animal wants to have to give up their best friend. Unfortunately, at times it is necessary. It may be due to illness, the need to move to housing that does not permit pets, issues with a new baby in the home, or military personnel who are being deployed.



HOURS: Mon-Fri Saturday
11AM – 4PM 9AM – 2PM

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## Here are several suggestions/resources to make the transition as easy as possible on both you and your pet.

Talk to the breeder or shelter/rescue where you obtained the animal. Most organizations will require the animal be returned to them if you are unable to provide a home. Or, they will work with you to help place the animal in a new home. If you have a pure bred dog, research breed specific rescues. A note of caution — most rescues are foster based and are unable to take a dog that has aggression issues.

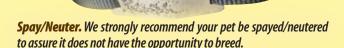
**Spread the Word.** Post on Facebook and any other social media site you belong to. Ask your friends and family members to share the post as well. Post notices on applicable bulletin boards at work, at veterinary offices, pet/feed stores, groomers, etc.

**Temporary Solutions.** If the situation is temporary — ask a friend or family member if they are able to take in your pet until the situation is resolved. Or look into a trusted pet sitter or boarding facility.

**Pet Profile.** Create of profile of your pet that includes the animal's health, medications, temperament, sleeping and eating habits, treat preferences, training & exercising habits and other needs.

**Vet Your Pet.** Assure you pet is up-to-date on all vaccinations and have all veterinary records available to the new owner or temporary caregiver.

**Identification.** Assure you pet is outfitted with appropriate ID tags, rabies tag, county license, etc. You may also wish to have your pet microchipped (call the shelter to schedule a time to bring your animal in to be chipped).



**IMPORTANT** — When rehoming your pet, ask questions, ask for vet references, request a home visit, request photos, etc. Be vigilant about where you are sending your companion animal(s) to live!





