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Rehoming Tip Sheet

The Humane Society offers this service, but makes no guarantees as to the health or behavior of the pets posted.

Promoting Your Pet

Be sure your pet is spayed or neutered and up-to-date on his vaccinations

Take several color photos of your pet

Make a Rehoming poster

Use our Pet Placement form as a guideline and be sure to make copies. Bring a completed form along with proof of current rabies and spay/neuter surgery to the Humane Society and we will hang your pet's poster on our rehoming board.

Write a story about your pet

Include the reason your pet needs a new home, the kind of home he would thrive in and what makes him special (funniest behaviors, what you love most about your pet, etc.). Potential families also like to know if cats and dogs are litterbox or house-trained. Include any special needs your pet may have.

Advertise

Place an ad in your local newspaper; hang your pet's rehoming poster at veterinary offices or grooming facilities; e-mail friends, family and coworkers.

Evaluating New Homes

Interview potential new homes carefully

Use our Dog or Cat Interview Questions and review the answers with potential families. Make sure your pet will match the family's lifestyle and expectations.

Charge a fee

Most people who want a pet for the right reasons are happy to pay a rehoming fee and asking for a monetary contribution will help discourage inquiries from people who are in the business of selling animals to be used in scientific research/experimentation. Consider donating the rehoming fee to your local animal shelter.

Other considerations

Verify name and address with a driver's license.

Check with the family's landlord if they rent. Make sure pets are welcome.

Ask for references from the family's friends, neighbors or veterinarian.

Success for the Future

Humane Society of Western Montana Behavior Helpline: (406)549-9295

The Humane Society offers free advice to anyone needing help with a pet problem.

Dumb Friends League Online Behavior Resources: www.ddfl.org/education

The Dumb Friends League in Denver Colorado offers online pet behavior tip sheets about helping a pet transition to a new home and common pet problems.

Pet Behavior Help Resources: www.myhswm.org/resources/petcare_advice.htm

Encourage your pet's new family to visit the Humane Society's website for a comprehensive list of resources.