



REHOMING PACKET

Dear Pet Owner,

We know that the decision to rehome your pet is not an easy one to make. We are here to help you succeed at finding a great new home for your pet. He/She can go to a new home right from the home they have been used to and not have to come into the shelter which can be extremely stressful, and even dangerous, for some pets. We do understand that sometimes it is impossible to keep your pet, however we urge you to exhaust all options prior to bringing your pet to the shelter.

If you are considering relinquishing your companion, our team is here to help you navigate that difficult decision. Before you make the final decision to surrender your pet, please consider all other options. Is there a friend or family member that would accept your pet? Is there a rescue group that would accept your pet? Shelters can be incredibly stressful on animals, and the resources and information provided in this packet can help you rehome or even keep your pet with you! The admission team can provide additional information regarding services mentioned in this packet. Our goal is to help you resolve the problems you are having, while providing the best care possible for the animals. The procedures for admission appointments are also explained in this packet.

Thank you for helping us help your pet find the best home!

Sincerely,

Owasso Animal Control



Pet Food Assistance

The **Owasso Animal Shelter** has a pet food pantry located at *500 S Main St.* The pantry is run only on donations and are only as supplies are available.

Owasso Community Resources (OCR) Pet Pantry: Features a community-supported pet pantry box outside their facility for supplemental pet food and supplies, located at *109 N Birch St.*

Oklahoma Alliance for Animals has a pickup location in Tulsa twice per week:

<https://animalallianceok.org/pet-food-pantry/>

Meals on Wheels provides food assistance to those that qualify:

<https://www.mealsonwheelstulsa.org/>

Behavior and Care

Cat:

<https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/issues/cat-training>

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/cat-care/common-cat-behavior-issues>



Dog:

<https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/issues/dog-training>

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/common-dog-behavior-issues>

Tulsa Dog Training Club Non-Profit: <https://tulsadogs.com/>

Other:

<https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/tips-bringing-home-new-pet>

If we work with any local trainers, maybe we can link them here also

Low-Cost Veterinary Care

Tulsa SPCA: <https://tulsaspca.org/clinic/>

SPAY Oklahoma: <https://spayok.com/>

Oklahoma Animal Alliance: <https://animalallianceok.org/spay-and-neuter-vouchers/>

Red Rover Urgent Care Grants: <https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/>

The Pet Fund: <https://www.thepetfund.com/>

CareCredit (Financial Assistance): <https://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/>

ScratchPay: <https://scratchpay.com/>

Any others?



Rescue Partners

Typically, rescue groups and non-profits fully rely on donations to operate and care for their animals and do not have brick and mortar facilities. To have the best chance at a rescue group agreeing to help rehome your pet, it is recommended that you:

- Have the pet spayed or neutered and current on all vaccinations
- Agree to foster the animal until placement can be found

Here is a list of some local rescue groups that may be able to assist you. You should also search online for more adoption agencies in the area or breed-specific groups for pure-bred dogs and cats.

Humane Society of Tulsa: <https://www.tulsapets.com/relinquish-a-pet>

Tulsa SPCA: <https://tulsaspca.org/surrendering-an-animal/>

Skiatook Paws and Claws Animal Rescue:

<https://www.skiatookpawsandclaws.com/intake-requests>

Maybe we can add a few more here if you know of any that are big players in the area



Moving?

Moving is stressful even in the best of circumstances. You do not have to give up your pet just because you are moving. Give yourself extra time to find a residence where pets are permitted. When talking to landlords, be honest and offer to introduce your pets to the landlord. Many property owners will allow well behaved pets, particularly if the owner behaves responsibly. Providing your pets' veterinary records, graduation certificated from obedience classes and references from past landlords can help show a prospective landlord that you are a responsible pet owner.

If you cannot afford a pet deposit, consider starting a GoFundMe campaign so your friends and family can help you keep you pet. Your landlord may also be open to a payment plan for the pet deposit.

Information for renters with pets from the Humane Society of the United States:
<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/information-renters-pets>

Home to Home

**If your pet is spayed or neutered and up to date on his or her vaccinations, it will make it easier for you to find a new home for your pet.*



The Owasso Animal Shelter has a Rehome partnership with Adopt-A-Pet that assists owners with rehoming their own pets and avoiding the animal shelter. Visit this link to sign your pet up: <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/r/74401> - There may be a fee associated with listing your pet for adoption but here is a referral coupon code that takes 90% off the listing fee: **OAS74401**

If keeping your pet is absolutely NOT an option, here are some suggestions on how to list your market your pet for adoption on social media:

- Take several color photos of your pet. If possible, work with a partner- it can be helpful to have a second person engage your pet so you can take photos. Focus on your pet's personality- Since you already know your pet's personality, think about what they love — whether that is sleeping, eating, or playing, or focus on a quirk or characteristic that makes them special. That way you'll capture a moment that represents what your pet is really like.
- Write a story about your pet. Here are some tips for writing a great description that will catch a potential adopter's decision:
 - Make the first sentence interesting and portray the pet in a positive light. *Example-* If your pet is a dog who does not like cats, you do not want to start the sentence out with that. Start it out with his happy attributes... maybe he loves to snuggle or play ball.
 - Focus on the pet's personality - his quirks, the twinkle in her eye, the way he rests his head on your knee etc.
 - When adding in more “negative” information, make sure to watch the way you word it. *Example-* back to the dog who doesn't like cats. After you have said all the positive things, you could write “He loves to play with other dogs, but cats are just not for him.”
 - Make sure to include name and age.
 - At the end make sure to let the potential adopter know how they can meet your pet. Include your phone number or email address.

Here is an example of great photos and description:



Hello! My name is Sugar! I am a happy-go-lucky girl who enjoys running, belly rubs and playing fetch! I love to lounge on the couch and watch movies with my people or go for a nice long walk and look for squirrels. I am 4 years old, housebroken, and good with kids and other dogs. Please call or text 555-555-5555 and set up a time to meet me!

- **Network.** Use your own social media. Give your photos and story to everyone you know asking for their help. You may have friends and family who would love to give your pet a new home. Ask your friends and family to share your post. Advertise on NextDoor and neighborhood Facebook groups. You never know, use those great photos and description to help find your pet a new home.



- **Facebook groups** to post your pet:
 - [NE Oklahoma Pet Rehoming Adoption & Rescue](#)
 - [Tulsa Pets](#)
 - [Oklahoma Pets, small animals, and livestock for Rehome](#)
 - [Hope- Lost/Rehoming dogs and animals in Oklahoma](#)
 - [Declawed Cats Needing Homes in Oklahoma](#)

WHEN YOU'VE FOUND THEM THE RIGHT HOME:

- Transfer vet records
- If your pet is microchipped, contact the database where the chip is registered. If you are unsure, visit www.petmicrochiplookup.org

Surrendering to the Shelter

What to do if you still need to surrender your pet: You have several choices, the last of which should be surrendering your pet to the shelter. If you have exhausted all other alternatives to find your pet a new forever home, here is how the admissions process works.

What you should expect: Owasso Animal Control takes in hundreds of animals per year and tries to find homes for every suitable animal entering our shelter. We cannot guarantee the placement of any animal. The transfer of ownership to the City of Owasso is final and irrevocable once the animal has been surrendered. A surrendered animal becomes the property of Owasso Animal Control immediately and may be placed up for adoption, transferred to a rescue partner, or humanely euthanized.



REQUIRED FOR SURRENDER:

- Call us at (918) 272-4965 to discuss the surrender process and requirements and to request an Owner Surrender Form.
- Submit the completed Owner Surrender Form to animalshelter@cityofowasso.com.
 - Please include all vet/medical records for your pet. Did you adopt your pet from another shelter or organization? Please include these records as well.
- You must be over the age of 18 years to surrender a pet.
- You must be the sole owner of the pet.
- You must be able to provide proof that you live within Owasso city limits via a utility bill in your name or with a matching address to your ID.
- A valid driver license or government issued ID is required to surrender your pet.

Owasso Animal Control will be in contact within 72 hours of the Owner Surrender Form being submitted to discuss your pet's admission appointment.

Any other questions or concerns should be emailed to:

animalshelter@cityofowasso.com