



Pet Resource Guide



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Rehoming Your Pet

We understand that circumstances in life may put you in need of finding a new home for your pet or the pet of a loved one. If you're in this situation, we encourage you to try to re-home your pet directly rather than bringing them to a shelter. This is often a much more calming and comforting way for ownership to change hands for the pet, and means that you are able to be fully involved in the process. We can recommend some key tips and tricks to make the process go smoothly.

Getting the Word Out

There are a few options for posting your pet on websites that specialize in rehoming and offer specific platforms for simple, safe, and free ways of transferring a pet to a new family.

Rehome by Adoptapet.com

To list your pet on this site, visit rehome.adoptapet.com and create a profile. Not only does this site get seen by thousands of potential pet parents in your area, it also allows you to review applications for your pet and set up meetings with potential new families.

Home to Home

Home to Home is another platform that allows you to post your pet -- but you need a local shelter to be associated with the profile you create. Visit home-home.org and search by zip code to find a shelter near you -- and if your local shelter is not participating you can request that Home to Home onboard them so you can get started.

Rescue Me!

Rescue Me is a site that can help reach community members within 2 hours of you sharing your pets information. They email adopters in your area based on the breed of your pet and interest on their mailing list. Visit rescueme.org

Humane Society of Utah Private Pet Listings

The Humane Society of Utah offers a private pet rehoming listing service on their website. All arrangements for rehoming are made directly between the adopter and guardian. Visit utahhumane.org

Ruff Haven Private Pet Listings

Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering offers a private pet rehoming listing service on their website. All arrangements for rehoming are made directly between the adopter and guardian. [Visit ruffhaven.org](http://ruffhaven.org)

KSL Classifieds Pet Listings

KSL Classifieds are often used by Utahns to directly rehome their pets and there is a specific category for pets on this site, which has high visibility. Many pets have been successfully rehomed using this platform. [Visit classifieds.ksl.com](http://classifieds.ksl.com)

Tips for Writing a Pet Description

One of the key components of rehoming a pet is sharing information with potential new families to help find a good match. It's tempting when writing these descriptions to share the details of why you need to find a new home for the pet, but it is more engaging for them to read about what to expect when living with this pet, what they enjoy, and the things that make them happy!

We recommend always being honest and forthcoming about your pet, but keeping the pet description largely positive is also important to encouraging interest.

Again, when we say keep it positive, we don't mean hiding the truth. But keep in mind that we all have different expectations of life with pets. A dog who chases or doesn't get along with cats may make a perfect pet for someone who is looking for a companion for their other dogs or a person with a cat allergy.

Some examples of keeping your language positive and matchmaking focused:

INSTEAD OF:

- Needs a lot of exercise -->
- Needs too much attention -->
- Isn't good with my kids -->
- Hates other animals -->

TRY THIS:

- Will make a great running partner
- Loves people / being by your side
- Needs the peace of a home without children
- Would prefer not to share a home with other pets / Would like to be your one-and-only

You can also use templates to help craft a pet description or bio for you pet if you need more guidance. Most prospective families want to know a bit about what to expect and what life will look like with this animal, so start there!

BIO-WRITING ROADMAPS

• *for fast and effective pet bios* •

The 'roadmap' approach makes writing accurate, engaging bios easier when time and resources are limited! Try these tailored sets, or mix n' match.

FAST AND SIMPLE

MEET _____ !

HER/HIS FAVORITE THING IS _____

BUT HE'S/SHE'S NOT AS INTO _____

HE/SHE NEEDS _____

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO KNOW ABOUT _____ IS _____

For more resources on writing pet descriptions, including fill-in-the-blank tools or other language suggestions, visit www.heartsspeak.org/edu & search "bio writing"

Other Tips for Matchmaking Success

A few other tricks to successful rehoming:

- Don't rule out potential new homes before you learn more. It can be tempting to put a lot of restrictions on what you think is the perfect new home for the pet, for instance "must have fenced yard" or "must work less than 40 hours per week". But consider that "perfect" may look different than you imagine: Someone without a fenced yard who walks the dog on a leash is arguably giving them more attention and exercise than letting them out the door into the yard. And someone who works 60 hours a week but splits their time between home and work, or hires a petsitter, is still giving excellent attention
- Check your email regularly and use an email address you can view frequently. Rehoming websites will use that email to get in touch with you and allow potential new homes to ask questions, etc.

Tips for Great Photos

In addition to the pet description, photos are really important to catching the attention of someone who might want to adopt your pet. Photos (and video clips!) are a great way for the potential new caretaker to connect with the pet. Try for about 4 different images to show variety!

Here are some quick tips for taking better cell phone photos at home:



Get On Their Level + Fill Frame

Rather than stand and take a photo of a pet from above, crouch down so you're taking the photo more at eye level with them. Also try and be sure they are taking up most of the photo, rather than appearing as a small part of a larger photo. This helps more accurately show size and connect with their eyes.



Use Natural Light + Avoid Harsh Sun

Oftentimes people think that a clear, sunny day is perfect for pictures -- but it's actually the opposite! Sunny days make for harsh shadows and squinting, which even affects pets! Look for a shady spot or a cloudy day and your photos will be gorgeous. Using natural light like this is preferable to florescent overhead lights. When indoors, just try to position the photo so the light source is behind the photographer.



Pay Attention to Background

To maximize connection and impact, try to take a photo without much clutter or distraction in the background -- we want the pet to be the star!



Shoot for Eye Contact

Use a funny noise, a treat, or toy --- held right over the lens of your camera -- to get a photo where the pet is looking at you and making eye contact.

Getting the Pet Ready for Rehoming

A healthy pet is easier to rehome so try and be sure that your pet is up to date on vaccines. If possible, reach out to your vet and ask for copies of your veterinary records to pass along to the new owners.

If your pet is not spayed/neutered, it's important to have that done before they are rehomed. You can see the "Medical Resources" section of this guide for more information on how and where to find low-cost options.

Using Social Media

Once you post your pet on a rehoming site, you can then share the link to their profile on social media to help circulate it and get more eyes on them.

When you post on any social network to share your pet, try these quick tips for success:

- Tell a story. Sometimes a heartfelt story about your pet and your search for a safe place for them to land can help people understand your choice to rehome and help get the post shared to other potential adopters.
- Be descriptive. Use the same advice as you did when writing your pet description - be positive, share important basics (weight/size, age, preferences, etc).
- Choose your cutest / favorite photo. Grab attention and help show off their best side! Make sure it's a recent photo and accurately represents them
- Include your contact info or ask people to DM you. If there's a deadline for seeking the new home or other critical info share that too.

Facebook

On Facebook you can not only share a link to Rehome or Home to Home, you can also seek out facebook groups or local pet groups in your area to post about your pet. If you're a member of local community groups (church, social clubs, community service orgs) you can ask the admin of the group if you're allowed to post there as well.

Twitter or Instagram

If you're a regular user of either of these platforms, then definitely share your pet there and include hashtags like #rehome #adoptadog #adoptacat #petadoption as well as hashtags for your local area or neighborhood to make sure you're zeroing in on the right audience.

Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a neighborhood or community based social network so really helps ensure you're posting to folks nearby.

Other Networks & Community Connections

Consider other off-line connections you have to help get the word out. You never know who might be looking for a pet!

- Friends & Family members
- Neighbors
- Co-workers
- Community contacts
 - School
 - Church, Synagogue, House of worship
 - Community-based organizations

You can also make flyers -- using the same basic information you used in your online pet description and a few great photos -- and post them in different locations around your community:

- Veterinarian or pet supply store
- Coffee Shop
- Restaurants / Diners
- Work, school, or other community bulletin boards

Meet & Greet: Interviewing Potential Adopters

You want to find the best possible match for your pet, so the first step is transparency. Share any medical information, behavior information, and the pet's personality and lifestyle in your home.

Some questions that can help you learn more about the prospective adopter:

- What is a typical day like in your home?
- What qualities are you hoping for in a pet?
- What behaviors would be hard for you to tolerate or difficult to manage in a pet?
- Do you have other pets? Tell me about them
- Are there children in your family? If very young, will they be supervised with the new pet?
- What questions do you have for me about our life with the pet?

If it's an option for you, consider doing a trial sleepover where the pet goes to stay and you check back in. If you're able to take the pet back temporarily, let the new adopters know that you'd like that option if things do not work out.

Problem Solving and Solution Building

We know it's not an easy decision to rehome your pet. And it's often a decision that a lot of thought has gone into. However, there may be options that will allow you to keep your pet.

Rehoming Solutions

ISSUE

"I got a new job and there's no time for my pet"

"I can't afford my pet any longer because of extenuating circumstances." (Ex: job loss)

"My pet has health issues which I can't afford to manage."

"A sickness/injury is significantly preventing me from taking care of my dog"

"My pet is not getting along with the other pets in the home / showing signs of agitation."

"My pet has separation anxiety, or his energy is a mismatch for us"

POTENTIAL SOLUTION

Have you considered a doggy day-care or a dog walker?

Are you able to utilize a pet food pantry or crisis sheltering until you are back on your feet?

Have you checked out low-cost options in your area? (See Medical Resources in this guide)

Are there family, friends, or a crisis sheltering program who can care for your pet while you recover?

If they previously got along with other pets or just recently began to change behavior, consider taking them to a vet first to see if it might be caused by feeling unwell.

Are there things you could change about their exercise routine or mental stimulation? A bored pet can sometimes be destructive but activity can reduce this.

Additional Rehoming Resources

Best Friends Rehoming Resource Guide: A guide for rehoming your pet

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/rehome-my-dog-cat-or-other-pet>

Utah Pet Directory: A directory of Facebook Groups for Lost, Found, and Rehoming Pets in Utah

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahPetDirectory>

Humane Society of Utah Admissions: Accepts owner surrenders if rehoming has not been successful

<https://www.utahhumane.org/programs-services/admissions>

Humane Society of Utah Last Litter Program: for pets who have a litter of kittens or puppies that need to be rehomed and have their mama cat or dog spayed to prevent future litters.

<https://www.utahhumane.org/programs-services/lastlitter>

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary Admissions: Specific admission criteria

<https://bestfriends.org/sanctuary/plan-your-visit/book-tours-and-activities/information-and-admission-policies>

To find Best Friend's Network Partners near you:

https://bestfriends.org/network-partners-map?_ga=2.122920653.753176086.1677003320-156116.1623356478

To find shelters and rescues near you:

<https://www.petfinder.com/animal-shelters-and-rescues/search/>

Local animal shelters No-Kill 2025 Statistics

<https://bestfriends.org/no-kill-2025/animal-shelter-statistics/utah>

Solution-Based Resources

Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering

Offers temporary crisis sheltering for pets with the goal of reuniting them with their families.

801-251-6765 (texts preferred)

info@ruffhaven.org

ruffhaven.org

HSU Pet Retention Program

Offers assistance with preventative care, behavior solutions, and more with the goal of keeping pets in their homes.

801-261-2919 ext 238

petresources@utahhumane.org

<https://www.utahhumane.org/programs-services/pet-retention>

Medical Resources

Please note this guide does not serve as an endorsement or promotion of any specific organizations and simply reflects currently available resources.

Low-Cost Vaccines / Veterinary Services

Salt Lake Spay & Neuter

spayandneuterofslc.com/

Low cost services including spay, neuter, and vaccinations.

(801) 262-6414

Orchard Animal Hospital

orchardanimaloutreach.org/orchard-animal-clinic.html

Low cost spay/neuter services for cats and male dogs under 30 lbs; SLC.

(801) 886-1770

orchardanimalclinic@hotmail.com

Midvalley Animal Clinic

midvalleyanimalclinic.com/

Low cost services; Taylorsville.

(801) 269-1213

Street Dawg Crew

streetdawgcrew.org

Vaccine clinics for homeless pet owners.

info@streetdawgcrew.org

Cache Humane Community Clinic

cachehumane.org/clinic

Low cost services including spay, neuter, microchips, and euthanasia.

(435) 792-3920

2370 W 200 N, Logan, UT 84321

Humane Society of Utah Clinic

utahhumane.org/clinic-locations/

Offers low cost spay, neuter, and vaccine services at their clinics in Murray and St. George.

Murray clinic: (801) 261-2919 ext. 230

St. George clinic: (435) 216-7960

SNIP program: further discounted spay/neuter for Utah residents enrolled in one or more state or federal assistance programs. Call (801) 261-2919 ext 253 to see if you qualify.

Nuzzles & Co Community Clinic

nuzzlesandco.org/community-clinic/

Low cost spay/neuter, microchip, vaccination, and dental services.

(435) 608-1424

6466 North High View Road, Peoa, UT

Second Chance for Homeless Pets

utahpetadoptions.org

Low cost vaccinations in SLC.

(801) 590-8999

info@utahpetadoptions.org

Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering

facebook.com/ruffhavencrisissheltering

Pop up vaccine clinics- announced on their Facebook page.

THRIVE Affordable Pet Care

thrivepetcare.com/

Low cost services; multiple locations.

Banfield Pet Hospitals

banfield.com/

Located inside PetSmarts throughout Utah; offer booking and pricing tools online.

Cuddles Cat Rescue Community Clinic

cuddlescatlounge.com

Low cost spay, neuter, and vaccines for dogs and cats.

(530) 507-7543

cuddlesrescue@gmail.com

76 North 100 East, American Fork

Canyon View Cares

canyonviewcares.com

Offer packages to save money on routine care. Multiple locations in UT:

Perry, UT: (435) 734-2900

Layton, UT: (801) 547-1111

Tremonton, UT: (435) 257-2900

Orem, UT: (801) 266-0168

Humane Society of Northern Utah

humanesocietyofnorthernutah.com

Low cost microchips.

(801) 648-2719

hsnu8016482719@gmail.com

West Jordan Veterinary Hospital

(formerly Animal Crackers)

westjordanveterinaryhospital.com/

Low cost services; West Jordan.

VCA Reduced Cost Vaccine Clinics

Tues & Thurs 12-4pm

2530 4700 S, Taylorsville 84129

(801) 966-4700

5991 S Redwood Rd, Taylorsville 84123

(801) 890-7912

1519 W 9000 S, West Jordan 84088

(801) 561-8872

<https://vcahospitals.com/>

A Caring Vet & Pet Medical Services

acaringvet.com

Offers financial assistance for veterinary services at their clinics in some cases.

A Caring Vet: (801) 785-6737

360 North State St, Lindon, UT 84042

Pet Medical Services: (385) 375-2000

525 S State St, Orem, UT 84058

Utah Veterinary Hospital

utahvethospital.com

Low cost services. Offer packages to save money on routine care.

Call: (801) 692-1563

Text: (801) 692-7807

161 East 30 N, American Fork, UT 84003

Animal Services

Your local animal services or rescue may offer free or low-cost spay, neuter, vaccination, and/or microchip services for residents.

Financial Assistance / Funding for Medical Resources

National Orgs

Red Rover COVID-19 Relief

<https://redrover.org/2020/07/08/coronavirus-covid19/>

Help for urgent care and emergency boarding and a list of other national resources.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless

<http://www.petsofthehomeless.org/>

Medical & food assistance for pets of the homeless.

Brown Dog Foundation

<http://www.browndogfoundation.org/>

Help with prescription medications

Onyx & Breezy Foundation

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

Assistance for medical care, food, and critical cases

The Humane Society of the U.S. - Pet Support Resources

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/are-you-having-trouble-affording-your-pet>

An extensive list of resources, both national and organized by state -- for everything from medical to supplies, and other support.

Waggle

<https://waggle.org/>

Submit your pet's profile and Waggle donors give to help crowdfund.

For pets with cancer visit

wagglefoundation.org/riedelcody

Frankie's Friends

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

Support for emergency and specialty medical care

Shakespeare Animal Fund

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

Emergency care, especially COVID-19 related

The Pet Fund

<https://thepetfund.com/>

The Pet Fund has a grant program that provides assistance for medical issues

Email: info@thepetfund.com

Financial Assistance / Funding for Medical Resources

Local Resources

Humane Society of Utah Retention Program

utahhumane.org/programs-services/pet-retention

May be able to offer financial assistance with medical costs through their Pet Retention Program on a case-by-case basis.

Call: (801) 261-2919 ext. 238

Humane Society of Northern Utah Emergency Medical Assistance Program

humanesocietyofnorthernutah.com

May be able to offer financial assistance with medical costs on a case-by-case basis.

(801) 648-2719

facebook.com/Humanesocietyofnorthernutah

hsnu8016482719@gmail.com

Pet Samaritan Fund Medical Aid

petsamaritan.org/MedicalAid

May be able to offer financial assistance with medical costs on a case-by-case basis.

Will need one of the following:

-Disability/SSI. (copy of letter)

-A copy of last year's IRS 1040 (indicating low income)

-Any card showing you are with a government assistance program such as Medicaid, WIC, food stamps, or Section 8 Housing.

(801) 870-9093 or petsamaritan.org/Contact/

Behavior & Training

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National & Online Resources

Best Friends - Pet Training Resources

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

Body language, training tips, and enrichment

The Jackson Galaxy Project

<http://www.thejacksongalaxyproject.org/Resources/Cat-Behavior-Resources>

Cat Behavior resource library

The International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC)

<https://iaabc.org/en/public-resources>

-Free downloadable posters for cat, dog, and horse behavior.

Clicker Training Library

<https://www.clickertraining.com/>

Free resource library on clicker training provided by Karen Pryor Clicker Training.

Fundamentally Feline

<https://www.fundamentallyfeline.com/>

Free resource library on cat behavior solutions.

Oregon Humane Society Info Guides

<https://www.oregonhumane.org/resources/>

Free informational guides about cat and dog behavior.

ASPCA

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care>

Dog, cat, equine care tips

Dr. Sophia Yin Dog Behavior Issues

https://drsophiayin.com/resources/dog_behavior/

Videos and articles to better understand dog behavior problems or questions

The IAABC Foundation

<https://iaabcfoundation.org>

-Courses on animal behavior and training
-Has a free journal with current research in the animal training and behavior field.

Fear Free Happy Homes

<https://www.fearfreehappyhomes.com/>

Free resource library on animal behavior based on Fear Free principles.

Dr. Patricia McConnell

<https://www.patriciamcconnell.com/learning-center/>

Free resource library on dog behavior and training.

Pupford Academy

<https://pupford.com/pupford-academy/>

Free dog training videos.

Local Resources + Trainers

Humane Society of Utah Behavior Department & Retention Program

www.utahhumane.org/programs-services/behavior

www.utahhumane.org/programs-services/behavior/training-resources

Offers a free resource library as well as behavior classes and events. May be able to offer behavioral assistance through their Pet Retention Program.

Call: 801-261-2919 ext 238.

Side by Side Dog Training

www.sidebysidedogtraining.com

Positive reinforcement based training.

Free dog training resources on their website. Located in Salt Lake City.

(801) 643-6272

sidebysidedogtraining.com/contactus/

Superhero Dog Academy

www.superherodog.com

Positive reinforcement based training.

Free dog training articles on their website. Located in Salt Lake City.

Call or text: (801) 396-0019

info@superherodog.com

Training to a T

www.trainingtoat.com

Positive reinforcement based training.

Free dog training resources on their website. Wasatch Front and beyond.

Call: (801) 251-6035

train2at@gmail.com

Pet Food Resources

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Pet Food Pantries

Humane Society of Utah

www.utahhumane.org

Offers assistance through their pet retention program.

Call: 801-261-2919 ext 238

Email:

petresources@utahhumane.org

Pets of the Homeless

www.petsofthehomeless.org/

Email: info@petsofthehomeless.org

Legacy Initiative Dog Squad Team:
American Fork

385-212-1897

Hildegard's Food Pantry:

231 E 100 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

801-328-2303

Ruff Haven Pet Pantry

www.ruffhaven.org/petpantry

Offers pet food assistance at their facility at 1370 S. 400 W. in SLC.

info@ruffhaven.org

801-251-6765

Catholic Community Services Utah

www.ccsutah.org/

Offers pet food assistance at select food banks.

Salt Lake City: 801-363-7710

Weigand Homeless Resource Center

437 West 200 South, SLC, UT 84101

Open 7am-7pm daily

Ogden: 801-394-5944

Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank

2504 F Ave., Ogden, UT 84401

Please call for current hours

Street Dawg Crew of Utah

www.streetdawgcrew.org/

Provides pet food and supplies to homeless, low-income, and

vulnerable populations of pet owners

on select Sundays every month at

Pioneer Park. Check their Facebook

page for current dates:

www.facebook.com/StreetDawgCrew

Email: info@streetdawgcrew.org

Nuzzles & Co Pop-Up Pantries

www.nuzzlesandco.org/pop-up-pet-pantries/

Please check website for upcoming pop-up pantry events. Pet food and supplies are also available for pick-up at the Nuzzles & Co. Rescue Ranch in Summit County seven days a week.

Nuzzles & Co Rescue Ranch:

6466 N High View Rd, Peoa, UT 84061

Open daily from noon - 5pm

Call: 435-608-1424

Email: contact@nuzzlesandco.org

Salt Lake County Animal Services

www.slco.org/animal-services/owner-support/pet-crew-pantry/

Monthly dog and cat food pick up while supplies last. Please check website for current dates, times, and rules.

Call: 801-468-7387

Email: animal@slco.org

Because Animals Matter (Washington Co)

www.becauseanimalsmatter.com/pet-food-pantry

Partners with Washington County Council on Aging to deliver pet food to homebound seniors with their Kibbles on Wheels program. When there is surplus food it is offered to low-income owners in the Washington County area. They ask that you bring a clean container for the kibble to go in and that you contact them ahead of time or come during scheduled pantry events, which can be found on their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BecauseAnimalsMatter/>

Call: 435-773-5209

Humane Society of Moab Valley

www.moabpets.org/

956 Sand Flats Rd., Moab, UT 84532

Call: 435-259-4862

Tuesday - Friday

10 am-12 pm & 1 pm-3 pm

Buddha's Belly Pet Pantry

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091284802529>

Pet food assistance in Carbon & Emery.
synthemum18@yahoo.com

435-650-9415

Other Options

Other places to find assistance with pet food:

- Your local animal shelter or rescue may be able to assist (list on next page)
- Human food banks may have pet food
- Nextdoor: You can ask neighbors for assistance or potentially find someone selling or giving away pet food
- KSL Classifieds: You can post asking for assistance or find free or low-cost pet food and supplies
- Facebook:
 - Facebook Marketplace often has free or low-cost pet food and supplies similar to KSL Classifieds
 - There are many Facebook groups where you may find support or assistance
- Low-cost options to purchase pet food:
 - Walmart or similar big-box stores
 - Costco, Sam's Club, BJ's Wholesale Club or other membership warehouse stores tend to have low prices on pet food
 - Chewy.com is one of the lower-priced options for online
 - CAL Ranch, IFA, Tractor Supply or other "feed-and-seed" or "farming" type stores tend to have very low prices on pet food

Tips for saving money on pet food & supplies:

- Check for coupons and keep an eye out for sales, Memorial Day tends to see the biggest discounts on pet food as well as the end of September and the week after Thanksgiving.
- Bigger sizes usually cost less overall but you should compare the unit price (price per pound or price per oz, there are online calculators which can do this for you). Buying in bulk can often save you money in the long-term.
- Online prices are not always lower- especially if you are paying for shipping. Though many online stores offer a small discount (around 5%) if you sign up for auto-ship, which can be canceled or modified later. You can also see if there is a discount to buy online and pick up in store.

Your local animal services

Northern Utah

Weber County Animal Services

1373 N 750 W, Ogden, UT 84404
801-839-8244

South Ogden Animal Services

5594 S 600 E, Washington Terrace,
UT 84405
801-622-2949

Davis County Animal Services

1422 E 600 N, Fruit Heights, UT
84037
801-444-2200

Pleasant View Animal Control

801-827-0469

Morgan County Animal Control

801-791-7714 (cell)
801-629-8221 (dispatch)

Tooele County

Tooele City Animal Services

3312 N 1200 W, Tooele, UT 84074
435-882-4607

Grantsville Animal Control

900 North Race St, Grantsville, UT 84029
435-882-5600

Utah Valley

North Utah Valley Animal Services

193 N 2000 W, Lindon, UT 84042
801-785-3442
northutahvalleyanimalshelter.org

South Utah Valley Animal Services

582 W 3000 N, Spanish Fork, UT
84660
801-851-4080
suvas.org

Salt Lake Area

Salt Lake County Animal Services

511 W 3900 S, SLC, UT 84123

Office: 385-468-7387

Dispatch: 801-840-4000

slco.org/animal-services

South Salt Lake Animal Services

2274 S 600 W, SLC, UT 84115

Office: 801-483-6024

Dispatch: 801-840-4000

West Valley Animal Services

4552 W 3500 S, WVC, UT 84120

801-965-5800

Draper City Animal Services

12375 S 550 W, Draper, UT 84020

801-576-6345

Sandy City Animal Services

8715 S 700 W, Sandy, UT 84070

Office: 801-352-4450

Dispatch: 801-799-3000

West Jordan Animal Control

5982 New Bingham Hwy, West Jordan,

UT 84084

801-282-3951

South Jordan Animal Control

10882 S Park Rd, South Jordan, UT 84095

801-253-4113

Herriman Animal Services

5355 W Herriman Main St, Herriman, UT

84096

801-758-0080

Riverton City Animal Services

12830 S Redwood Rd, Riverton, UT

84065

801-208-3168

Cottonwood Heights Animal Control

Office: 801-944-7000

Dispatch: 801-944-7100

Alta City Marshall/ Pet Licensing

Office: 801-742-3552

Unincorporated Dispatch

Office: 801-743-7000

Hospice, Grief Support, and End of Life Services

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National Resources

Pet Peace of Mind

<https://petpeaceofmind.org/>

This organization helps hospice and seriously ill patients keep their pets
(503) 363-0499

The Pet Loss Support Page

<https://www.pet-loss.net/>

Hotlines and resources for dealing with grief

ASPCA -Resources for End of Life Care

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/end-life-care>

Coping with end of life decision-making and pet hospice

Best Friends - Pet Loss & Grief Resources

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/pet-loss-and-grief-resources>

Links to different resources around the web

The Association of Pet Loss and Bereavement

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

Extensive collection of resources

International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care

<https://iaahpc.org/>

A community of pet lovers dedicated to a respectful and dignified final journey for beloved pets

Local Resources

Grief Support

Salt Lake Pet Loss Support Hotline

Call: (801) 756-2640

Utah State University Pet Loss Hotline

Call: (435) 757-4540

Pet Cemeteries

Angels Rest at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah

angelsrest@bestfriends.org
<https://bestfriends.org/>

Tiffany Mack Memorial Pet Cemetery at Ogden City Cemetery

(801) 629-8231
simonepenrod@ogdencity.com

Local Resources

Euthanasia

Lap of Love

www.lapoflove.com

In-home euthanasia, hospice, & end-of-life care across Wasatch Front.

(801) 396-0368

SLC@lapoflove.org

www.lapoflove.com/our-services/pet-loss-support

Provides pet loss resources

Errand of Mercy

www.errandofmercy.net/

In-home euthanasia in the Greater Salt Lake City area.

(512) 809-7662

laylegriff@gmail.com

Pet Loss at Home

www.petlossathome.com/

In-home euthanasia, end-of-life assistance, and grief support services in the Greater Salt Lake City area.

(877) 219-4811.

Humane Society of Utah

www.utahhumane.org/programs-services/end-of-life-euthanasia

Community Clinic: (801) 261-2919 ext. 230

Low-cost euthanasia with up to two family members present. Requires an appointment, often booked out two weeks in advance. Communal interment is included but private cremation can be provided for an additional fee.

Admissions Department: (801) 261-2919 ext. 214

Urgent or low-income discounted-fee euthanasia, guardians are not able to be present during procedure. Communal interment is included but private cremation can be provided for an additional fee.

Disposition of remains for pets who have passed elsewhere is also offered, please speak with staff for current options and pricing.

Pet Cremation & Disposition Services

Major Street Pet Services

www.majorstreetpetservices.com/
Salt Lake County & surrounding areas.

(801) 487-2814

info@majorstreetpetservices.com

All Paws Pet Cremation

www.all-paws.com/

Located in Sandy, Utah.

(801) 699-1212

service@all-paws.com

Family Animal Services

<https://familyanimalservices.com/>

Servicing Wasatch Front.

(801) 561-3278

Myers Pets at Peace

<https://myerspetsatpeace.com/>

Located in Ogden, Utah.

(801) 392-3620

Domestic Violence Assistance & Resources

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National Resources

Red Rover - Domestic Violence Safe Escape Grants

<https://redrover.org/relief/dv-safe-escape-grants/>

Helps provide funding primarily for temporary boarding to allow families to escape domestic violence with their pets.

Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims

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

Offering a network of sheltering and grant-based resources to help victims of violence

Red Rover - Safe Place for Pets

<https://safeplaceforpets.org/>

A directory of family violence shelters that have resources for pets

Domestic Shelters

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

Web tool that uses your zip code to find shelters and options nearby to you. They have filters you can use to determine what services you need.

Ahimsa House - National Directory

<https://ahimsahouse.org/get-help/directory/>

A state-by-state list of programs to help house and care of pets while escaping domestic violence situations. Plus links to other programs throughout the U.S.

Sheltering Animals & Families Together

Together

<https://saftprogram.org/sheltering-animals-and-families-together-2/>

The SAF-T Program® works directly with domestic violence shelters to enable more domestic violence victims to leave abusive households without leaving their pets behind and at risk.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

<https://www.thehotline.org/get-help/>

Advocates available 24/7 to talk confidentially to anyone experiencing domestic violence or seeking resources.

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

Safety Planning with Pets

<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/safety-planning-with-pets/>

Local Resources

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

<https://udvc.org/>

Provides free and confidential support for victims and survivors of domestic violence. Connects survivors to resources 24/7.

Call: 1-800-897-LINK (5465)

Ruff Haven Crisis Sheltering

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

Offers temporary crisis sheltering for pets with the goal of reuniting them with their families.

801-251-6765 (texts preferred)

info@ruffhaven.org

Community Abuse Prevention Services

Logan, UT: (435) 753-2500

<http://www.capsa.org>

Houses service animals onsite, other pets can be housed with the local animal shelter while the client is staying at the shelter.

South Valley Sanctuary, West Jordan

<https://svsutah.org/get-help-now>

Able to house emotional support and service animals only. Have a helpline and two community resource centers in West Jordan and Riverton.

801-255-1095 ext. 212

801-255-1095 ext. 251

Nuzzles & Co Purple Paw Program

<https://nuzzlesandco.org/purple-paw-program/>

Pet sheltering program for domestic violence survivors in Peoa, UT

Call: 435-608-1424

Email: contact@nuzzlesandco.org

Wasatch Avian Society

<http://wasatchavian.com/>

Offers resources for bird owners and may be able to assist with temporary placement.

801-424-2589

wasatchavian@gmail.com

YCC Family Crisis Center, Ogden

<http://www.capsa.org>

Will help clients obtain documentation for their pet(s) to be a support animal or will work with local animal shelters to board pets while clients stay in shelter.

801-394-9456 – Office Number

801-392-7273 – Hotline Number

Peace House, Park City

<https://peacehouse.org/get-help/>

Offer a hotline to help with resources such as housing. Contracts with Purple Paws program to house pets off-site.

435-658-4739 – Office Number

800-647-9161 – Hotline Number

Women in Jeopardy Program YWCA

Able to house emotional support animals and service animals only. Can assist with safety planning. Located in Salt Lake City.

801-537-8600 – Hotline (24/7)

801-537-8604 – Office

Colleen Quigley Women’s Center

Has a program for fostering pets of domestic abuse survivors, does not house pets on site. Located in Price.

435-637-6859 – Hotline

435-637-3905 – Office

The Center for Women and Children (The Refuge), Provo

Cannot house pets on site but assists with finding temporary housing for pets.

801-377-5500

Canyon Creek Women’s Crisis Center

www.canyoncreekservices.org/help

Have a local veterinarian that is able to work with accommodations for pets.

Located in Cedar City.

435-233-5732 – Hotline

435-867-9411 – Office

Seekhaven Moab

<http://www.seekhaven.org>

Occasionally can accommodate pets on a case-by-case basis.

888-421-1100 – Hotline

435-259-2229 – Office

Tooele County Women’s Shelter, Pathways

This shelter is pet-friendly provided that they have the available space.

435-224-2710 or 800-833-5515 – Hotline

435-843-1677 – Office

Community Cats + Kittens

Community cats can be found just about everywhere that people live. Community cats are unowned, free-roaming cats who live and thrive outdoors, rather than indoors as pets. These animals are part of the community in which they live and are valued and often cared for by community residents. They are different than stray or indoor-outdoor pet cats (cats who are owned and cared for but are either separated from their families or have a home but spend time outside).

For community cats, their home is outdoors and in the community. Typically these cats aren't likely to ever enjoy transitioning into a house and traditional pet lifestyle.

Research has shown that the most effective and humane way of helping these cats is through Trap-Neuter-Return programs, or TNR. Community cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and then returned to their community. You can often recognize those that have gone through this process by an "ear tip" - a missing tip of either ear. It's a universal sign that this cat has been spayed or neutered.

Why spay and neuter community cats? Without this measure of population control, cats living in the community can have too many litters of kittens, leading to poor quality of life and possible overpopulation issues. TNR helps community cats by relieving them of the stresses of mating and breeding, and protecting them from diseases. You can learn more here:

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/community-cat-programs-handbook->

In 2011, the state of Utah passed the Community Cat Act. This allows animal control officers and facilities to bypass the five-day holding period for animals taking part in a local community cat management initiative, where felines are brought into the care of animal control, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear tipped and returned to their original location. <http://bit.ly/CommCatAct>

What to Do When You Find a Community Cat

If you find a community cat (remember, not a friendly stray --- For info on what to do if you find a friendly stray cat see the "Lost and Found" section of this guide), the first thing to do is look to see if the cat already has an eartip. The most common type of eartip is a flat quarter-inch taken from the top of the left ear, which is painlessly performed surgically while the cat is sedated for spay/neuter. Other TNR programs may use ear notches or use the right ear instead of the left. Ear-tipped cats have already been sterilized and rabies vaccinated, and can be left where they are found.

What if a cat doesn't have an eartip?

Some shelters have a Community Cat Program, or CCP, where the cats brought into the shelter are neutered or spayed, vaccinated, ear tipped, and returned to their outdoor homes.

If you are working in collaboration with a shelter with a CCP, please contact them to coordinate trapping that will work for you and the shelter's schedule.

Animal Services with a current CCP:

Salt Lake County Animal Services

Jurisdiction(s): Midvale, Murray, Millcreek, Holladay, Salt Lake City, Magna, Kearns, Brighton, Bluffdale, White City, Copperton, Emigration Canyon, & County Islands

West Valley Animal Services

Jurisdiction(s): West Valley City & Taylorsville

South Salt Lake Animal Services

West Jordan Animal Services

Cottonwood Heights Animal Services

Herriman City Animal Services

Tooele City Animal Services

Davis County Animal Services

Contact your local animal services to see if they offer a community cat program or if they have recommendations for local programs. We advise against taking a community cat into a shelter that doesn't offer a CCP.

Not all shelters or animal services have a TNR program and for those that don't we recommend utilizing the following resources:

Other Local Resources

Humane Society of Utah CATNIP Program

utahhumane.org/programs-services/catnip

Low cost TNR (\$25) for community cats including vaccines.

Call: (801)261-2919 ext 230

Orchard Animal Services

orchardanimaloutreach.org

Low cost spay/neuter, vaccinations, and veterinary care for community cats.

Nuzzles & Co Community Clinic

nuzzlesandco.org/community-clinic/

Low cost spay/neuter, vaccinations, and deworming for community cats (\$35 package).

Salt Lake Spay & Neuter

spayandneuterofslc.com/services/community-cats-and-feral-cats

Low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations for both owned pets and community cats.

Utah TNR Trapping Assistance

facebook.com/groups/569285320259130

Facebook group for community cat trapping advice and assistance.

Best Friends Animal Society

Vouchers to assist with the cost of TNR: bfas.org/vouchers

Community cat food, humane cat trap loans, & outdoor cat shelters:

bfas.org/petpantry

Cuddles Cat Lounge & Rescue

cuddlescatlounge.com/tnr/

Assistance with TNR & community cats in Utah County.

Cache Humane Society

cachehumane.org/clinic/trap-neuter-return-services

TNR for community cats.

Community Cat Action Group of Utah

facebook.com/groups/Communitycatactiongroup/

Facebook group for community cat trappers and caregivers in Utah.

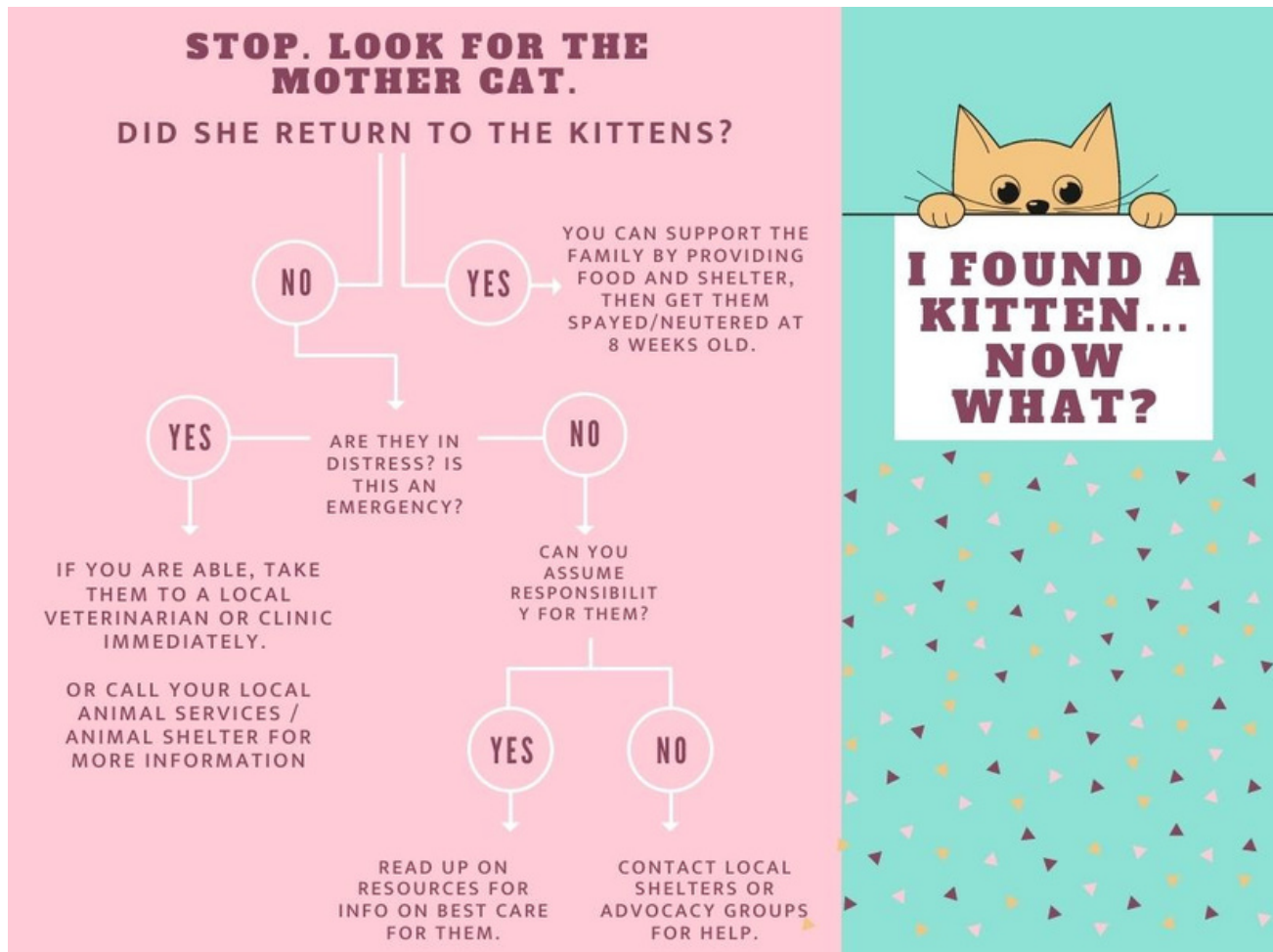
Utah Animals in Need of Help

facebook.com/groups/UtahAnimalsInNeedOfHelp

Facebook group for animals needing help in Utah.

What to Do If You Find Kittens

When kittens are very young, their best chances of survival are with their mom. If the kittens are in an unsafe locations, appear distressed or mom hasn't returned after several hours, first make sure they're warm, and then reach out to one of the local resources we've mentioned here.



For More Information:

The Kitten Lady

<http://www.kittenlady.org/>

Tons of resources on kitten care and what to do if you find kittens in the wild.

National Kitten Coalition

<https://kittencoalition.org/>

Resources and education on kitten care and increasing kitten survival rates.

Learn More / National Resources

Alley Cat Allies

<https://www.alleycat.org/our-work/feral-friends-network/>

Resources for becoming more involved in community cat management or understanding more about community cats.

ASPCA - Understanding Community Cats

<https://www.aspca.org/animal-homelessness/shelter-intake-and-surrender/closer-look-community-cats>

Best Friends - Community Cat Resources

<https://bestfriends.org/advocacy/protecting-community-cats>

Find a TNR program near you and learn more

Pet-Friendly Housing

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National Resources

My Pit Bull is Family

<https://www.mypitbullisfamily.org/housing/>

The nation's largest housing database for nondiscriminatory pet policies

People with Pets

<https://peoplewithpets.com/>

A searchable database for locating pet-friendly housing options.

Petfinder - Steps to Finding Pet Friendly Housing

<https://www.petfinder.com/dogs/living-with-your-dog/finding-pet-friendly-housing/>

Tips and tricks for finding a place that welcomes you and your pet

United Way 2-1-1 Housing + Utilities

<http://www.211.org/>

Provides resources for housing, utilities, funding, etc.

FindLaw: Tenants' Rights Issues

<https://realestate.findlaw.com/landlord-tenant-law/get-legal-help-with-a-tenants-rights-issue.html>

Assistance with low cost legal services for issues with landlords, housing, etc.

Local Resources

Utah Community Action

<https://www.utahca.org/housing/>

Rent assistance for those with temporary financial issues. Must have a current lease or will sign a lease. The assistance may cover deposits or rent only and payments are made directly to the landlord/housing unit.

Call: (801)359-2444

Utah Rent Relief

<https://rentrelief.utah.gov/>

Rent relief and assistance. Apply online (see website for qualifications).

Dog Friendly SLC

<https://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/housing>

Comprehensive list of pet friendly apartments in the Salt Lake City area, with approximate estimate of rent and pet deposit/fee.

Utah Tenant Rights, Laws, & Protections

<https://www.hud.gov/states/utah/renting/tenantrights>

FAQ page and links on legal options and next steps if a landlord is doing something unlawful. Links for Fair Housing and legal help.

SLC Housing, Rooms, Apartments, & Sublets Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2260902367467148/>

Facebook group to help find housing in your area, can filter for pet friendly listings.

VOA Denver Apartments

www.voaut.org/denver-apartments

Current clients of the VOA (Volunteers of America) suffering from mental illness can qualify to live in the Denver Apartments, with 24/7 onsite staff help for crises and mental health support.

Email: bret.wayman@voaut.org

Utah Affordable Housing Database

<https://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/housing>

Connects to your local housing association. Assists with low-income housing programs.

U of U Pro Bono Initiative

<http://law.utah.edu/pro-bono-initiative/>

Free legal advice from law students supervised by practicing attorneys.

Utah Legal Services: Housing

<https://www.utahlegalservices.org/topics/1/housing>

Resources for legal issues with rent, landlords, eviction, rent increase, etc.

Military Deployment Options & Assistance

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National Resources

Dogs on Deployment

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

Provide assistance for pets of those currently serving, including boarding/fostering of pets for those deployed.

911 Foster Pets

<https://911fosterpets.com/>

Emergency fostering and networking to find emergency fosters in your neighborhood.

PACT for Animals

<https://pactforanimals.org/>

Foster homes for pets of deployed service members.

Guardian Angel's For Soldiers' Pets

<https://gafsp.org/>

Network of fosters and other programs to support the pets of deployed soldiers.

Wildlife Resources

The following is a list of authorized Utah wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to take in and rehabilitate injured animals with the goal to release these animals back into the wild once they recover.

If you find an injured wild animal, you may contact one of the appropriate wildlife rehabilitators listed below.

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Kanab

www.bestfriends.org

Migratory birds (including eagles), small mammals (no raccoons, red foxes, striped skunks), reptiles and amphibians

(435) 644-2001 ext. 4460

wild@bestfriends.org

Great Basin Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education, Mapleton

Migratory birds (including eagles) and small mammals (excluding raccoon, coyote, red fox and striped skunk)

(801) 310-0186

Justin R. Neighbor, Hurricane

Migratory birds (including golden eagles)

(435) 467-5766

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah, Ogden

Migratory birds (including eagles), mammals (no racoons, red foxes or striped skunks)

(801) 814-7888

Second Chance for Wildlife

Rehabilitation, Price

<https://wildliferehabilitationinutah.blogspot.com/>

Migratory birds (including eagles), small mammals (no raccoons, red foxes or striped skunks)

(435) 650-3441

Uintah Raptor Rehab Inc, Vernal

Migratory birds (including eagles), small mammals (no raccoons, red foxes or striped skunks)

(435) 781-2404

Southwest Wildlife Foundation, Cedar City

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

Migratory birds (including eagles), mammals (no racoons, red foxes or striped skunks), reptiles

(435) 590-1618

DeeAnna Croasmun, Wendover

Small mammals (no raccoons, coyotes, red foxes or striped skunks)

(435) 665-2563 or (702) 498-3068

Wasatch Wanderers (*not a licensed rehabilitation facility)

Offers resources for domesticated animals such as ducks and rabbits that have been released outside.

(435) 915-6632 or wasatchwanderers.org/

Support for Other Species of Pets

Equine & Farm Animal Resources

USU: Small Farms Extension: Equine

<https://extension.usu.edu/smallfarms/animals/equine>

Resources on equine care.

Noble Horse Sanctuary, SLC

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

Horse rescue.

Dust Devil Ranch, Cedar City

<http://www.dustdevilranch.org/>

Horse Sanctuary with educational resources on their website.

Saving Gracie Equine Healing Foundation, Wanship.

www.savinggraciefoundation.org/

Horse Rescue & Sanctuary.

(435) 655-1707

Clementine Ranch

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

info@clementineranch.org

Wasatch Wanderers Animal Rescue

Focuses on the welfare of domestic farm animals and exotics.

(435) 915-6632

wasatchwanderers.org/

Lazy B Equine Rescue of Utah, Clinton

www.lazybequinerescueofutah.com/

Horse rescue; provides low cost equine & horsemanship education.

(360) 317-6856

Headin' Home Inc, West Jordan

<https://headinhome.org/>

Horse rescue; provides equine therapy to veterans and first responders.

Nuzzles & Co Farm Animal Rescue

<https://nuzzlesandco.org/>

Adoption of farm animals and barnyard species.

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary

<https://bestfriends.org/>

Horses and barnyard species available for adoption.

Sage Mountain

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

info@sagemtn.org

Exotics

Wasatch Wanderers Animal Rescue

Focuses on the welfare of exotic pets and domestic farm animals such as ducks.

(435) 915-6632 or <https://wasatchwanderers.org/>

Bird Resources

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Kanab

<https://bestfriends.org/>

Birds available for adoption.

Ronie's For the Love of Birds, Sandy

<https://roniesloveofbirds.com/>

Offers grooming, boarding, and adoption for birds.

Wasatch Avian Society, SLC

<https://wasatchavian.com/>

Offers resources for bird owners as well as adoption and surrender.

Call: (801) 424-2589

Reptile Resources

Wasatch Exotics Rescue

<https://wasatchexoticsrescue.org/>

Offers adoption and surrender of reptiles.

Best Friends Animal Society

<https://bestfriends.org/>

Offers adoption and sometimes surrender of reptiles.

Rabbit & Small Mammal Resources

Humane Society of Utah

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

Offers surrender and adoption of rabbits and other small mammals.

Best Friends Animal Society

<https://bestfriends.org/>

Offers adoption of rabbits and other small mammals

True Hearts for Healing Paws

<https://trueheartforhealingpaws.org/>

Offers rabbit adoption and resources.

MAR Animal Rescue

facebook.com/MARAnimalRescue/

Offers rabbit adoption.

Hunny Bunns Rabbit Rescue

www.hunny-bunns-rabbit-rescue.com/

Offers rabbit adoption and resources.

Utah Valley Animal Rescue

<https://www.uvar.us/>

Offers rabbit adoption and surrender.

Animal Services

Your local animal services may offer adoption and/or surrender of exotic species.

Lost & Found Animals

Whether you've lost your pet or have found a stray pet, we have some important tips for you to follow -- and the advice is actually very similar for both scenarios! The best chances for reunification between owners and lost pets happens close to home, so by following this advice for either case we hope to increase the chances that a pet and its family will find one another quickly.

If You've Found a Pet

Often times, one of two instincts kicks in when someone finds a pet -- leave it and hope it finds its way home or pick it up and take it the shelter. But there's a third and critical way to handle this that could mean helping reunite that pet with its family much more successfully.

If possible, we're going to ask that you look for the owners in your area and possibly even foster that animal for the short term. This leaves space in the sheltering system for pets in emergency situations and critical need, but more importantly often means that the lost pet can find its home -- whereas once at the shelter those chances of reunifications start to go down.

We don't encourage this because we don't want to help animals -- quite the opposite! We want to try and get as many pets back with their loving families and this often happens better in the community. You can and should still contact your local animal services if you need assistance reuniting a pet with their family as many families will look to their local shelters to find their missing pet.

Step One: Walk Around the Neighborhood

Simply by walking around your neighborhood, you may run into someone who is searching for their pet. Or, you may pass other neighbors or community members (delivery drivers, postal workers, landscapers, pool technicians, etc often know the pets in the homes on your street!) who know the pet and can help identify where they live. In some cases, the lost pet may even lead you back to their home.

Step Two: Check for a Microchip

A microchip is a small (grain of rice-sized) tag implanted just under the pet's skin (typically between the shoulder blades) that links to the owner's information when scanned with a special microchip scanner. Local vet offices or animal shelters can usually scan the pet for one!

Step Three: Notify Your Local Shelter

Northern Utah

Weber County Animal Services

1373 N 750 W, Ogden, UT 84404
801-839-8244

South Ogden Animal Services

5594 S 600 E, Washington Terrace,
UT 84405
801-622-2949

Davis County Animal Services

1422 E 600 N, Fruit Heights, UT
84037
801-444-2200

Pleasant View Animal Control

801-827-0469

Morgan County Animal Control

801-791-7714 (cell)
801-629-8221 (dispatch)

Tooele County

Tooele City Animal Services

3312 N 1200 W, Tooele, UT 84074
435-882-4607

Grantsville Animal Control

900 North Race St, Grantsville, UT 84029
435-882-5600

Utah Valley

North Utah Valley Animal Services

193 N 2000 W, Lindon, UT 84042
801-785-3442
northutahvalleyanimalshelter.org

South Utah Valley Animal Services

582 W 3000 N, Spanish Fork, UT
84660
801-851-4080
suvas.org

Salt Lake Area

Salt Lake County Animal Services

511 W 3900 S, SLC, UT 84123

Office: 385-468-7387

Dispatch: 801-840-4000

slco.org/animal-services

West Valley Animal Services

4552 W 3500 S, WVC, UT 84120

801-965-5800

Draper City Animal Services

12375 S 550 W, Draper, UT 84020

801-576-6345

Sandy City Animal Services

8715 S 700 W, Sandy, UT 84070

Office: 801-352-4450

Dispatch: 801-799-3000

West Jordan Animal Control

5982 New Bingham Hwy, West Jordan,
UT 84084

801-282-3951

South Jordan Animal Control

10882 S Park Rd, South Jordan, UT 84095

801-253-4113

South Salt Lake Animal Services

2274 S 600 W, SLC, UT 84115

Office: 801-483-6024

Dispatch: 801-840-4000

Herriman Animal Services

5355 W Herriman Main St, Herriman, UT
84096

801-758-0080

Riverton City Animal Services

12830 S Redwood Rd, Riverton, UT

84065

801-208-3168

Cottonwood Heights Animal Control

Office: 801-944-7000

Dispatch: 801-944-7100

Alta City Marshall/ Pet Licensing

Office: 801-742-3552

Unincorporated Dispatch

Office: 801-743-7000

Step Four: Get the Word Out

Social media may be a way to capture attention of not just the owner but friends, family members or community members who may recognize the pet. Be sure to post a photo or two (or even a video clip) with the information about where the pet was found, anything notable about their collar or markings, as well as your contact information and where the pet is currently being housed.

Nextdoor, KSL Classifieds, and Facebook are common places to post lost and found pets in your area on social media. Facebook has many groups for pets in several different counties throughout Utah such as Salt Lake County Pets as well as many groups dedicated specifically to lost and found pets. You can post found pets in any of these groups to try and reunite them with their families.

Utah Lost & Found Pets: facebook.com/UtahLostAndFound/

Utah Pets 411: facebook.com/groups/UtahPets411/

You can also make and distribute flyers around the community. Make sure the photo is large and easily seen, include where he/she was found, and basic contact information for yourself. Start by posting these around your neighborhood, then begin to branch out to nearby locations, with a special focus on essential needs -- gas stations, grocery stores, bodegas or convenience stores, parks, community centers, churches / synagogues / houses of worship.

Step Five: Upload the Pet to FindingRover.com

Finding Rover is an app and website that uses facial recognition technology to help reunite pets with owners, faster. Click on "Found Pet" on their site or app and add a photo of the found animal along with details about where he/she was found. Lost animals who look like the pet will show up and may help lead you to the lost animal.

If You've Lost a Pet

Similar to the process for finding a pet, we're going to instruct you to follow a few key steps to try and find your pet faster.

- Immediately do a search of the neighborhood and surrounding areas to see if you can locate or spot the pet. If the pet seems to be running away every time you get close, try to go against your instincts and rather than chase, see if you can make a game of you running in the opposite direction. Sometimes this can cause the pet (especially dogs) to decide to engage and chase you instead!

As you search, alert neighbors or community members you encounter so they can keep an eye out for the missing pet.

- Call local shelters, friends, and family who can help or get the word out, and pitch in to find the missing pet. Even after the initial few hours, remember to check in with the shelter daily.
- Take to social media to mobilize your community of friends and followers. Post to lost and found groups and other community-related groups
 - Utah Lost & Found Pets Facebook Group:
facebook.com/UtahLostAndFound/
 - Utah Pets 411: facebook.com/groups/UtahPets411/
 - [Your County] Pets on Facebook
 - (i.e. Salt Lake County Pets: facebook.com/groups/931174583608527)
- Use traditional methods of getting attention like flyering or continuing to do walk-thrus of the neighborhood with information. Post these in your neighborhood and then in key community locations, working outward from your home in the most-likely pattern. Don't give up and don't lose hope!

Preventative Measures

There are a few things you can do to both prevent your pet from becoming lost as well as being prepared if that should happen. Let's dive in:

- Have your pet wear a collar and up-to-date tags at all times. Even if microchipped this is the fastest way for them to get home when found.
- Get your pet microchipped. You can check if your local animal services offers free or low-cost microchipping or peruse the low-cost medical and veterinary resources on pages 11 & 12 of this resource guide to find an option near you.
- If your pet is already microchipped, check to make sure it's properly registered and your contact information is up to date. Visit: <https://www.foundanimals.org/microchip-registry/owners/>
- Upload their photo to Finding Rover's database in the event they are lost. www.findingrover.com
- Keep them safe when you're not home by bringing them inside, using a crate, or whatever method of containment works best for you and the pet.
- Keep them safe when out and about by leashing dogs when out on walks, or by simply leaving pets home if the occasion calls for it.

Thank you!

Quick Reference Contact Sheet

Still have questions or have something that needs to be added or changed? You can contact our team at our Sugarhouse location!



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