

Placing a Pet

Below are some suggestions on finding homes for animals and also here is link to other rescue groups: <http://www.utahpets.org/nmhcms/Portals/0/Adopt/RescueGroups.pdf>

If your animal is not fixed, please do so. This will make their chances of being adopted more likely. Call Salt Lake Spay and Neuter for low cost options: 801-262-6414 or check out our mobile clinic The Big Fix or the Utah County Clinic on our website: www.utahpets.org

No More Homeless Pets in Utah does not take animals from the public. Our program animals come from the euthanasia list from local Utah shelters. The following suggestions will provide a guide to finding a home for your pet:

1. Call the animal shelter, rescue group, or breeder from which you originally adopted your pet. A reputable animal organization or breeder should have a return policy wherein they will take back the animal and work on finding it a new, permanent home.
2. Talk to every friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, etc. about your pet. You never know who might be ready to take an animal into their family. Be honest about your pet's likes and dislikes, special needs and medical history.
3. Place a small photo and description of the animal at your local veterinarian, pet store or grooming parlor. Most have some form of community bulletin board in their common area and will allow the public to post a free listing for a short time. With so many animal lovers moving in and out of their doors, these are great places to post a listing.
4. Place a classified ad in your local newspaper or Craig's List, KSL.com or SLweekly.com. Newspaper fees are nominal and can bring you good exposure. NEVER list the pet as free to a good home. As horrible as it is to think about, there are terrible people in the world who do terrible things to animals and the word free is a green light for them to pick up an easy animal victim.
5. Only after you have exhausted ALL of the above options, you should contact your local shelter or rescue group. (A comprehensive listing is available by clicking here: <http://www.utahpets.org/nmhcms/Portals/0/Adopt/RescueGroups.pdf>) Shelters and rescue groups are often times overcrowded and may not have room available to take in a new animal. Taking in one more animal when a shelter is already overcrowded could compromise the care they can offer their existing animal residents. Please be understanding. You can also email the Best Friends Network. They receive they thousands of requests for help each week, so it may take them several days to reply to your message. Their email is: animalhelp@bestfriends.org

Currently rescues and shelters are overcrowded be forewarned that if you choose to take your pet to a euthanizing shelter your pet may be euthanized. Older animals or those with behavioral issues are especially at risk.

In addition, many groups will require a surrender fee. This fee just begins to cover the costs associated with caring for an animal until a new adoptive home can be found. (Associated costs may include, but are not limited to: food, shelter, medical attention, etc.) Call and ask questions of shelters and rescue groups to make sure their services meet the needs of your pet.

Also read "How to Find Homes for Homeless Pets" guide located at the Best Friends web site at:

<http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/pdf/howtofindhomesforpets.pdf>

If you having a behavioral problem with your pet, please do some research on how to better deal with the issue instead of giving up on your animal. For more information on animal behavior and pet-care tips, refer <http://www.bestfriends.org/theanimals/petcare/>

Also there is low cost dog training through Brickyard Kennels
(<http://www.brickyardkennels.com/> or call 801-486-6007)

Easy way to make a flyer for an adoptable pet! :

<http://www.bestfriends.org/NoMoreHomelessPets/resourcelibrary/flyermaker/flyermaker.cfm>

Thanks again for contacting us and, and more importantly, for caring so much for our animal friends.