

## Surrendering your Pet

If you are looking to surrender your pet, there are many resources out there to help you. When difficult circumstances arise, we encourage you to research every avenue possible before surrendering your furry family member. Eagle County Animal Shelter and Services is an open admission shelter that accepts animals as space permits for Eagle County residents. Sometimes it may take 2 to 4 weeks for us to take an animal due to space limitation and other community needs. Through rehoming and finding other long term solutions you can reduce the shelter population giving other animals the needed space.

If you are in one of these situations, and looking to surrender your pet, please consider some of the following questions:

1. If the surrender relates to income, is it a temporary situation? Can you get support for your pet's care from friends or family?
2. Can you rehome your pet temporarily or permanently with someone you trust?
3. Have you discussed assistance with pet travel, if you have to move away? You don't have to leave your pet behind. There are ways to safely transport them.
4. If your pet is experiencing behavioral issues or you have a new member of the family, such as a new baby, have you tried to reach out to local dog trainers? They may have some solutions for behavior modification that can help. [Local Dog Trainers](#)
  - a. Eagle Valley Humane Society Dog Training Class (<https://adoptafriend.org/>)
5. The Humane Society of the United States and other pet charities are great sources of information, and even financial assistance. Have you contacted them?

### National Veterinary Financial Assistance Organizations

- Bow Wow Buddies – Medical assistance for dogs
- [The Cartwright Foundation](#) – Veterinary financial assistance
- [Harley's Hope Foundation](#) – Major/emergency vet care assistance, Senior/disabled with pets in need assistance
- Red Rover – Urgent Care Grants
- STARelief – Assistance for emergency medical, emergency boarding/foster, spay & neuter, routine medical care & end of life services
- [The Pet Fund](#) – Assistance for **Non-basic, non-urgent care** (cancer treatment, heart disease, etc.)

### Resources for Rehoming your animal:

- Please check with family and friends to see if a suitable rehome might be available within your own network.

- Facebook (specifically Pets of Eagle County page) is another great place to expose your dog to other possible adopters however we strongly recommend vetting any potential adopters to make sure it's the right fit. We also advise that any dog or cat posted is already up to date on vaccines as well as spayed/neutered.
- Rehome by 24 Adopt-a-Pet <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>
- Get Your Pet <https://GetYourPet.com/>
- Breed Specific rescues if you have purebred dog or cat

If you are in need of temporary assistance with food, other supplies, or need advice, please contact us at [animalservices@eaglecounty.us](mailto:animalservices@eaglecounty.us) . Although we are not able to help in every situation, if we have the resources available to help at the time, we will discuss options with you.

If you have tried every avenue and are still needing to surrender your pet, please call us at 970-328-3647 and press 1. Please note that we do not take in euthanasia surrenders or pets with severe aggression. There may be a waiting period but we will discuss all of that when you call us.