

# Need Help Rehoming Your Pet?

We understand that making the decision to surrender a pet is a difficult one and Santa Barbara County Animal Services is here to help you find the best solution.

The main focus of Santa Barbara County Animal Services is handling stray animals. Keeping these animals safe and getting them off of the streets protects public safety in our communities.

As a result, our shelters are often at capacity. We ask all owners who can no longer keep their animal to explore other options prior to surrendering an animal to the shelter by taking a look at our Solutions Checklist below!



## Solutions Checklist!

- Have you tried finding your pet a new home on your own?
- Have you checked with family/friends/neighbors/co-workers to see if they can take your pet?
- Does your dog have training or behavior issues? Have you contacted Santa Barbara Humane? Email [training@sbhumane.org](mailto:training@sbhumane.org) or call 805-964-4777
- Have you tried re-homing your pet using the [Adopt-A-Pet](#) portal?
- Have you listed your pet on [NextDoor.com](#) ?
- Have you tried boarding as a temporary solution? Please email Santa Barbara Humane, [intake@sbhumane.org](mailto:intake@sbhumane.org) with your request and they will respond with help!
- Have you talked with your doctor about obtaining a prescription for an “Emotional Support Animal” that will allow you to keep a pet even if a landlord/property manager directs you otherwise?
- Have you tried setting up a [GoFundMe](#) to raise funds for a vet procedure or pet deposit?

- Have you contacted “[Dogs on Deployment](#)” regarding the safe keeping of your pet while you’re on active duty?
- If you are looking at surrendering your pet due to medical concerns, please consult with a veterinarian. We understand the cost of medical care can be frightening but there are many programs aimed at keeping pets and their families together while ensuring the pet stays healthy. If veterinary care is the concern please contact [C.A.R.E. 4 Paws](#) ,[Santa Barbara Humane](#) , or ask your veterinarian about [Care Credit](#) options. Many of these organizations may be able to assist you which will allow you to keep your beloved pet.
- If you are looking at surrendering your pet due to landlord concerns or moving please remember that your pet is a part of your family and would be happiest with you. Often times obtaining renters insurance will help property owners feel more at ease with allowing an animal. We suggest you contact an insurance company prior to giving up hope.
- Moving into housing that doesn’t accept animals is stressful and a common occurrence. Please [click here](#) for pet friendly housing in Santa Barbara County.
- Have you attended one of our monthly [low-cost rabies vaccination clinics?](#) Making sure your pet is up-to-date on their shots will make your pet more adoptable.

Once you have exhausted all options, your local Santa Barbara County Animal Services Shelter will serve as your last resort. There is a relinquishment fee for surrendering your animal. Although we do the best we can with all animals that enter our facilities, we cannot always guarantee adoption for owner surrendered animals.

Owner surrenders are handled by appointment, but no animal in-need is ever turned away. Submit your request by clicking the button below. Our team will be in touch within 48-72 hours.

[Appointment Request](#)



### Rehome, Adopt a Pet!

One of the primary reasons pets end up in shelters is because of housing issues like breed restrictions, high pet deposits and fees in rental homes, veterinary fees, food insecurities, and much more that put families in situations

where they are unable to keep their pets. If you know someone facing a situation like this, there are various resources, like Rehome, to use first instead of immediately surrendering a pet to the shelter. Rehome, by Adopt a Pet, is a great platform that allows people to place their pets directly from one home to another.

Pet owners needing to rehome can make a profile for their pet, review applications from interested adopters, meet adopters, and use a contract to finalize the rehoming process! Adopters can filter by location,

review pet profiles, and meet with previous owners before taking in a new pet. Resources like these are great for pet owners and adopters, and help beloved pets from having to enter the shelter system.

[Visit HERE](#) to list your pet on Rehome, Adopt a Pet.



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