

## What to do if you have unsocial or feral cats.

Finding new homes for unsocial, nearly wild, or feral cats is extremely difficult. If they are not people-friendly, they probably are not adoptable and no-kill shelters cannot accept them. The best option for these cats is to make sure they are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped and then left in their usual habitat with neighbors who will regularly feed them.

If there are no neighbors willing to feed unsocialized, but not completely feral cats, they are likely to starve and suffer from illness or injuries. In such situations the cats may suffer less if they are taken to the Humboldt County Animal Shelter (840-9132) and humanely euthanized.

The Companion Animal Foundation can provide advice and possibly placement, for truly feral cats. Contact them at 826-7387 or go to: <http://www.cafanimals.org/?feral>



## Remember...

Your pets will miss you when you are gone. Be sure to set aside some favorite toys and items carrying your scent to send with them to their new homes. This will comfort your pets and help them adjust to their new situation.

For more information contact:  
**Volunteer Services Coordinator**

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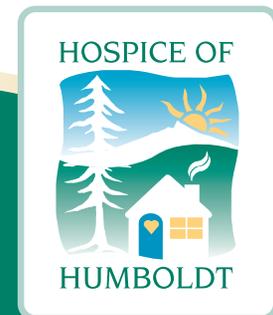
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## Hospice of Humboldt Planning for the Care of Your Pets



*Planning for who will care for your pet after you are gone can bring peace of mind. With the help of family, friends and humane organizations, you can take steps now to assure your pet's transition to a new family will be more comfortable.*



# How to Begin Planning for Your Pet's Care

*You want the transition to a new home for your pet to be as comfortable as possible, and preparation on your part can ease the change for them.*

## Important First Steps to Re-homing Your Pet

**Make sure your pets are up to date on their vaccinations**

**Have your pet spayed or neutered**

This makes it easier to find new homes for them and more likely that they will be accepted by a no-kill animal organization.

**Ask family and friends to care for your pets permanently or temporarily until a home can be found**

Decide who you want to give your pets to and keep their contact information with your other important records. If you can, leave some money to these people to help defray the cost of caring for your pets. It is not legal in California to leave money to a pet.



## Where to Find a Home for Your Pet

### Contact Humane Organizations

These organizations are always over-full and may not be able to accept your pets right away. Ask if you can get your pet(s) on a waiting list ahead of the time that they need to be placed. No-kill animal shelters may require a fee to accept your pets to defray the costs of caring for them until they can be placed.

Miranda's Rescue: 725-4449

Sequoia Humane Society: 442-1782

Companion Animal Foundation: 826-7387

### Contact Rescue Organizations

If you have a purebred pet, contact rescue organizations specific to that breed. Most of these are out of the area, but they accept animals from all over the country. You may be able to make advance arrangements for your pet to be delivered or picked up by someone in a rescue organization.

If you have a computer, go to: <http://www.akc.org/breeds/rescue.cfm> to search for rescue groups by breed. If you don't have a computer, a Hospice Pet Peace of Mind volunteer can do this for you.

## Legacy Programs are a Fee-Based Option

Sequoia Humane Society's Legacy Pet Care Program guarantees to care for your pet for the rest of his/her life. Contact Sequoia Humane Society at 442-1782 for more information about the fees for this service. Miranda's Rescue has a similar program.

## Advertise Your Pet Online

Three local organizations can help you showcase your pet to prospective adopters on the internet. Find contact information for these organizations and view their "Private Adoption" pages at:

**Friends for Life**

<http://dogrescuers.org/matckmaker.htm>

**Companion Animal Foundation (for cats)**

<http://www.cafanimals.org/?adoptions>

**Sequoia Humane Society**

<http://sequoiahumane.org>

