



Mayor's Alliance  
for NYC's Animals

## **The Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals Recommendations for Surrendering Your Pet**

Choosing to care for a pet is a life-long commitment of the animal – sometimes lasting as long as fifteen to twenty years. Despite best intentions, however, life events and unexpected circumstances sometimes occur. Determining what to do with your animal can be an extraordinary challenge but it is important to remind everyone not to abandon a family pet to the outdoors (in the city or country) where all animals face considerable risk.

Re-homing cats and dogs can be difficult but there are steps that you can take to make each pet more adoptable. What can you do? The Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals offers the following information and resources for re-homing your pet.

### **Making your Pet More Adoptable with NYC Low-cost & Free Services**

- Spay or neuter your pet to ensure a longer life and no reproduction.
- Get a check up with a vet – update vaccinations and ensure a clean bill of health for the pet.
- For older animals, consider getting a blood work-up and teeth cleaning.
- Consult with a pet behaviorist for challenging behavior.

#### Low-cost and Free Resources:

Spay/Neuter Services:	ASPCA Mobile Clinic	877-SPAY-NYC
	The Toby Project Clinic	212-799-1120
	Humane Society of New York by appt.	212-752-4842
	Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals	( <a href="http://www.AnimalAllianceNYC.org">www.AnimalAllianceNYC.org</a> )
Veterinary Care:	Humane Society of New York	212-752-4840
	Pets for Life NYC offers discounted referrals in NYC:	917-468-2938.
Vaccinations:	Neighborhood Petco, Petland Discount, and Petsmart Stores have vaccination clinics at reduced prices. Check the stores for info.	
	Pets for Life NYC provides referrals for vaccinations	917-468-2938
Behaviorists:	Pets for Life NYC has free/low cost behavior assistance and evaluations for cats and dogs through their hotline:	917-468-2938

### **Re-homing Placement Recommendations**

- Talk to friends, family, colleagues, neighbors and others who might be interested in taking in a pet.
- Take a photo and post the description at vet offices, pet stores, and on-line.
- Offer a small stipend and/or one month of pet supplies.
- Email local rescue groups and shelters to post the pet and request intake. (In NYC, the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals is not a shelter but serves as the umbrella group to private rescue groups and breed specific groups and a list of the organizations to contact are located at [www.AnimalAllianceNYC.org](http://www.AnimalAllianceNYC.org).)
- Make appointments with groups that have public intake appointments, including the ASPCA, Animal Haven, and Bideawee.
- Consider the local municipal shelter as a last resort as these organizations are required to accept animals but may also be required to euthanize animals if there is not enough space. (In NYC, the municipal shelter is Animal Care & Control of NYC. Locations are listed at [www.nycacc.org](http://www.nycacc.org) or call 311.)