

## Rehoming domestic rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, or other small pets

We strongly recommend you make every effort to rehome your pet on your own prior to considering surrendering the pet to Animal Services. Due to very limited space and resources, the likelihood that we will be able to rehome your pet is very low.

Here are some suggestions and resources to assist you in rehoming your pet.

- Write up a description of your pet including age, sex, whether they are spayed/neutered, and any other helpful information such as being litterbox trained and if they've been around children or other pets. Take some good pictures that show your pet from different angles.
- Post on social media (sites like Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram) and ask friends and family to share your post.
- Ask around – at work, school, or social events – you never know who might be interested or know someone else who is looking for a pet like yours. Your child's teacher may be interested in a classroom pet!
- We do recommend charging a small rehoming fee to ensure that the person who takes your pet does so with good intentions. Ask questions about other pets they have or have had and trust your instincts as to whether or not it would be a good fit for your pet in their new home. We understand that the situation can be urgent in some cases but try to not rush into a bad fit.
- Plan to (and state in your post) give the adopter the habitat/cage, food, toys, etc along with your pet. This will help your pet adjust in their new home as well as ensure the new owner has the necessities.

Many rescue organizations are full and may not be able to accept your pet for placement but they may cross-post or share if you attempt to rehome the pet yourself. A quick Google search will return a wealth of information. Contact the organizations you find and ask if they are able to assist you in rehoming. Understand that most are volunteer run and often stretched thin, be patient in awaiting a return email or phone call.

Good sites for information:

Rabbits <https://rabbit.org/rehome/>

Guinea Pigs <https://guineapigfinder.com/rehoming/create-a-new-listing>