

Surrendering a Pet?

Animal Shelters should be the last places of resort for dogs and cats – even the best of shelters can't compare to a loving home.

Although our vision is to save every healthy and behaviorally sound companion animal, this is a challenge since all animals are accepted from our jurisdiction regardless of health, age, species, breed or behavior. There are many community animals that may need shelter more than one that has a home already.

We ask that you exhaust all options before deciding to bring a pet to the shelter.

Do what you can to re-home your pet. Check with family, friends, co-workers and rescue organizations.

Helpful tips to re-homing a pet:

- Spay or neuter your pet.
- Make sure your pet is healthy and current on vaccinations.
- Work with your pet to make sure he is friendly and comfortable with different people and situations.
- Allow your pet indoors, so that he can learn better social manners.
- If it is a behavior issue, there are a lot of resources on the internet to assist you. Visit our [Cat Resource Page](#) or [Dog Resource Page](#) to find helpful tips and tricks. The shelter may also be able to assist you in finding an appropriate behaviorist to work with.

Re-homing resources available:

- Contact Local Rescue Groups. Groups can be found by doing a search on the Internet and by visiting [Austin Animal Center's Rescue List](#).
- Network your pet on social media sites like [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).
- Use Local Classifieds, like [Craigslist](#) to find a new home for your pet.
- Place a want ad in the local newspapers.
- Visit [Austin Pets Alive! PASS Program](#) site.
- Contact the [Austin Humane Society](#).

Surrendering a Pet to the shelter:

If you are unable to re-home your pet *after considerable effort*, you can arrange to surrender your pet to the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter

Follow these Steps:

- Call the shelter or email the shelter at wcras@wilco.org to schedule an appointment.
- Be prepared to take about 30 minutes while at the shelter to answer questions about your pet. This will assist us in placing him in the best home possible.
- Bring your ID with address or other proof of residency in our jurisdiction and a \$25 surrender fee.
- Please bring all veterinarian and/or vaccination records.

***** High Risk/ Euthanasia Fee *****

After staff evaluation, if your pet is deemed a medical or behavioral high risk, there is an additional \$35 fee for the extra labor, behavioral enrichment, hospice care, medication, and possible euthanasia if you choose to still surrender your pet to the shelter.

Surrendering your pet to our shelter means you are giving up all rights to that animal. We are not required to notify you of any development regarding health or status. Nor, will we give the animal you surrendered special treatment over another animal. You may use our [website](#) or call the shelter for updates.

WCRAS is an open intake shelter serving all of Williamson County with the exception of the Cities of Georgetown and Taylor. We accept any animal from our jurisdiction that needs shelter regardless of age, health, species, breed or behavior, and no matter whether it is a stray or owned animal.