



How to Find a Home For Your Homeless Cat

Have you found a stray cat whose family you cannot locate? Are you no longer able to care for your own cat? Regardless of the circumstances, **you** are this cat's best advocate. We hope that these resources will help you find a new and loving home for a cat in need.

If it is a stray cat, make sure he/she is not lost by checking: www.trianglelostpets.org. Please a found pet ad on that site. Additionally, take the kitty to a vet and have him/her checked for a microchip.

Before you begin your search, increase your chances of successful placement by preparing your cat for adoption.

1. **Have your cat spayed/neutered. We can help through our SAFE Care Clinic. Call (919) 872-7730.**
2. Make sure your cat is current on vaccinations, deworming, flea control and FeLV/FIV testing.
3. If the coat is heavily soiled or matted, get your cat groomed.
4. Take some great pictures of your cat to show him/her off. Use this site to create a flyer @ <http://www.petbond.com/flyerentry.php>

Now that you are ready to get the word out, take advantage of as many opportunities as possible.

1. Post flyers: Place flyers throughout your community, wherever a prospective adopter might see one. Ask to put them up in veterinarians' offices, pet supply stores, fitness centers, libraries; anywhere with a bulletin board.
2. Place ads online: www.wral.com, www.craigslist.org, <https://nextdoor.com/city/raleigh--nc/>
3. Post your cat on adoption websites: www.rehome.adoptapet.com is an excellent source. Also, www.rescueme.org.
4. Use social media: Use your email contacts or Facebook page, create a video on YouTube. Facebook is a very successful way to rehome cats!
5. Use your community contacts: Send an email about your cat through your company's email system, place an ad in your HOA or church newsletter.
6. Don't underestimate word of mouth: tell everyone that you have a cat that needs a home and ask friends to help.

If you have exhausted all possibilities, contact as many shelters and rescue groups as possible (see <https://www.petfinder.com/animal-shelters-and-rescues/search/> for a listing of local organizations). **Most agencies will be overloaded, so use this resource only as a last resort.**

Don't be afraid to question potential adopters about their plans for a new pet. **It is important that you feel comfortable with your cat's new home.**

For more details on finding a home for your cat see: <http://bestfriends.org/resources/rehoming-dog-or-cat>.