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Santa Rosa & Healdsburg

Rehoming Packet

Humane Society of Sonoma County

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Dear Pet Guardian:

Enclosed is a packet of information to help you rehome your pet(s). You should find the following:

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Providing alternatives to surrendering your pet to a shelter is the goal of this packet. These include Rehoming your pet from your home and obtaining behavior assistance from our trained staff, among other alternatives. If after exhausting these options you still need to find another home for your pet, this packet contains information to help you.

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Our Rehoming service offers tools for you to find a responsible and loving family for your pet without causing him or her the stress of entering the shelter system. The service is designed help people whose pets are already spayed or neutered, which makes it easier to find him or her a new home and improves your pet's chance of forming a lasting and successful relationship with a new owner.

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Once you have exhausted all the resources available through our Rehoming service, you can call to make an appointment to surrender your pet at 707-542-0882 x267. The protocols for surrendering your pet to HSSC are explained later in this document.

Sincerely,

Humane Society of Sonoma County Staff

Information about Rehoming

The Humane Society of Sonoma County seeks to provide alternatives to pet relinquishment. We and other shelters in the area take in anywhere from 20-100 animals a day during our busy months. If you plan to turn your own animal in at a shelter, please reconsider.

The Humane Society of Sonoma County has the following resources to assist you with keeping your family pet:

Rehoming

Ask around to see if you know anyone (friends, family, co-workers, etc.) who is looking for a new pet, or take advantage of free resources such as the Adoptions by Owner page on our website. It is better for your pet if you are able to re-home him or her yourself. The shelter can be a very stressful environment.

Pet Behavior Help

- **Dogs adopted from HSSC in the previous 90 days:** Call (707) 542-0882 ext. 233
- **Dogs adopted more than 90 days from HSSC, or from another source:** For help with behavior issues and concerns, call our Dog Training Manager at (707) 542-0882 ext. 247 or email dogtraining@humanesocietysoco.org. Trained staff will contact you within two business days.

Pet Manners Classes

Ask how to sign up for a class specifically designed to help great pets who have minor challenges. Visit www.humanesocietysoco.org/clever for a listing of classes offered by our Dog Training Department.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

The Humane Society of Sonoma County's low-cost spay and neuter clinic is subsidized by donations and is available for low-income residents of Sonoma County. Our low-cost services are reserved for cats and dogs. Priority is given to Pit bulls and Chihuahuas. *To schedule an appointment for your four-legged loved one, contact us at 707- 284-FIXX (3499).*

Foster Care

If you are surrendering a sick animal or a mom and her litter, are you willing to keep the pet until he or she is well or the litter until it is old enough to be spayed or neutered? Join our Foster program. We provide all the food, medications and vaccinations. When they are ready to be spayed or neutered, we'll provide the surgery and place them in our adoption program.

Trap-Neuter-Return for Feral Cats

If you have feral (unsocial) cats in your neighborhood, visit Forgotten Felines online at <http://forgottenfelines.com/feral-links.shtml> for information about trap-neuter-return. Forgotten Felines can answer all your questions about TNR and spay/neuter and will provide you with additional information and literature regarding trapping, caretaking, and the protocols for using their services. Call (707) 576-7999.

The Humane Society of Sonoma County accepts owned pets who need to be rehomed by appointment only

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call (707) 542-0882 x267. Trained staff will contact you within seven business days.

Humane Society of Sonoma County's Rehoming Service

Consider finding your pet another home instead of surrendering them to a shelter. It will be less stressful for your animal, allows you to play a part in uniting them with a new family, and makes additional space available for animals whose lives are immediately at risk in surrounding municipal shelters.

Before you start looking for a new home for your pet, consider the following:

Get help with behavior problems such as chewing, housebreaking challenges, excessive energy, etc. Call (707) 542-0882 ext. 247 and our trained staff will give you the information or referrals you need to help resolve the issues. By working to solve behavior problems before you find your pet a new home, you'll ensure a good, lasting home for your pet.

You do not have to give up your pet just because you're moving. Moving is stressful even in the best of circumstances, so give yourself extra time to find a residence where pets are permitted. When talking to landlords, be honest and offer to introduce your pet(s) to the landlord. Many property owners will allow well-behaved pets, particularly if the owner behaves responsibly. Providing your pet's veterinary records, graduation certificate(s) from obedience classes and references from past landlords can help to show a prospective landlord you are a responsible pet owner.

We can help you find the right home through our online Rehoming service:

First, be sure your pet is spayed or neutered and is up-to-date on all of his or her vaccinations. This will make it easier for you to find a new home for your pet and is a requirement for posting. Next, follow these guidelines. Be thorough and patient – finding the right home takes time, but it's worth it for your sake and the sake of your pet.

Take several color photos of your pet. Show off your pet's cutest and most endearing qualities.

Write a story about your pet. Include the reason your pet needs a new home, the kind of home he or she needs and would do well in, and some "human interest" information – for example, your pet's funniest behaviors, his/her favorite things to do, or the thing you love most about your pet. Many people write the story from the animal's perspective, for example, "Hi, my name is Midnight..."

Rehome your pet on our website. Submit a photo and a brief story of your pet at www.humanesocietyso.co.org. Visit the menu item Adopt, and then Adoptions by Owner. Interested persons will contact you to learn more about your animal. Pets will remain on the website for at least 30 days. You will be responsible for contacting us once your pet has been adopted. All pets must be spayed or neutered to be posted on the website.

Email out to friends, family or co-workers. Give your photos, story and email address to everyone you know asking for their help. Advertise through your workplace or your community bulletin board. Placing your pet with someone you know will ease the transition for everyone.

Charge a fee. Most people who want a pet for the right reasons are happy to pay a modest adoption fee.

Advertise. Place an ad in your local newspaper, listing the most important characteristics about your pet and the kind of home your pet needs. This will cost a little more, but will save you time and aggravation evaluating the applicants. Advertisements with photos get more attention.

Helpful hints on evaluating potential adopters:

Interview potential adopters carefully. Make sure your pet fits into the lifestyle of the applicant's family, and your pet is what they're really looking for. You might consider the following in order to ascertain additional information (please note that with respect to some of these items, an open and honest discussion will provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision regarding your pet's placement):

- **Verify the name and address** with a driver's license.
- **Call the person's landlord** and make sure he/she has permission to have a pet.
- **Ask to see the person's vet records** on all his/her current or past pets
- **Get references** and call to see if they can vouch for the person's ability to care for animals.
- **Take the time to consider applicants.** Don't allow yourself to be pressured into making a decision that you do not feel right about. Your judgment is your best guide.
- **Follow up.** Call to see how your pet is doing in his/her new home.

Admissions Information

Surrender Your Pet to HSSC:

You have a number of choices, the last of which should be surrendering your pet to a shelter. If you have exhausted alternatives to relinquishment (including trying to work through challenges, or trying to find a new home for your pet yourself with friends, neighbors, family or co-workers), here is how our admissions process works.

What You Should Expect:

Please understand that as a no-kill shelter, the Humane Society of Sonoma County cannot accept every animal brought to our shelter immediately. We treat every animal's life as precious, and will not resort to euthanasia to control the number of pets at our facility. Therefore, we will accept the surrender of owned pets by appointment only, as space allows. We do charge a modest surrender fee, which will be applied to the costs we will incur providing care for the pet.

How The Process Works:

Each day the Humane Society Adoption Staff assess the amount of space available in the shelter as animals find homes through our Adoption Center. Based on the number of adoptions and available space, a staff member will call (based upon your order on our waiting list) to schedule appointments for the week. Appointments are available 5 days a week. Each appointment should take approximately 30 minutes. A questionnaire pertaining to your pet's behavior and medical history will be given as well.

Animals over 7 years old will need to have blood work done ahead of time - either at your vet or through our shelter medical department for a \$50. Your pet's acceptance hinges upon a healthy blood panel. Please arrange for the blood work prior to your surrender appointment. If an Admissions Staff member leaves you a message, we must hear back from you within 48 hours to confirm that you still need our services. Leaving a voicemail is considered confirmation. If we are unable to contact you or you do not return our message within 48 hours of our initial call, we will leave your name on our waiting list, but will contact the next person to bring in his pet for the available space. The goal of this process is to have available spaces filled as quickly as possible, keeping spaces from standing empty and maximizing our lifesaving capacity.

What To Bring With You:

- All veterinary records
- Your pet's medications (if any)

- Completed surrender paperwork. Please obtain and complete surrender forms ahead of time to make the appointment process easier. Call 707-542-0882 x267 to request paperwork.
- Please understand that any of your pet's belongings from home such as blankets, toys and food may be donated but will not necessarily follow your pet through the adoption process.

For everyone's safety, all dogs must be leashed and all cats must be in a carrier.

What To Do When You Arrive:

- A staff member will evaluate the behavior of your pet.
- An appointment for evaluation does not guarantee that the Humane Society will be in a position to take your pet into its care.
- Once your pet has been evaluated and the Humane Society decides to take your pet into its care, your surrender fee will be collected. The surrender fee is usually \$40 (exceptions may apply for litters of infant animals). Accepted forms of payment are cash or credit/debit card.

What To Do If You Need To Surrender Your Pet Today:

The Humane Society of Sonoma County urges you not to surrender your pet to a shelter. A shelter should always be your very last resort. If you are unwilling to wait for an appointment at our shelter, you may contact the local animal control agency in your jurisdiction to inquire about their surrender process. You may also want to ask questions related to their adoption and euthanasia practices for owned animals.

Contact Information:

Sonoma County Animal Care and Control: (707) 565-7100 Rohnert Park

Animal Shelter: (707) 584-1582

North Bay Animal Services: (707) 762-6227

Sonoma Pets Lifeline: (707) 996-4577

ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS*
(Within California)

Dogs

Organization	Telephone	Web Address/Email Address
A Leg Up Rescue	(707) 591-5417	www.alegugrescue.org
All Aboard Animal Search and Rescue	(707) 526-0970	www.allaboardanimalsearchandrescue.com
Anderson Valley Animal Rescue	(707) 895-3785	anersonvalleyrescue@yahoo.com
BAD RAP (a pit bull rescue)		www.badrap.org
Big Dog Rescue	(707) 665-0332	www.homelesshounds.us
Border Collie Rescue of Northern California	(707) 849-7759	www.bcrescuenc.org
California Animal Rescue	(707) 293-4470	www.californiaanimalrescue.org
California Collie Rescue	(650) 851-9227	www.calcollierescue.org
California Irish Setter Rescue	(510) 524-2602	www.ncisrescue.org
California Labradors, Retrievers, and More Rescue	(858) 273-5386	www.labsandmore.org
California Lhasa Apso Rescue		http://lhasaapso.rescueme.org/California
California Shih-Tzu Rescue		http://shihtzu.rescueme.org/California
California Whippet Rescue		www.ncwfa.com/whippet-rescue.html
Chihuahua Rescue		www.chihuahuarescue.com
Countryside Rescue	(707) 542-5582	www.countrysiderescue.com
Dachshund Rescue of Northern CA		www.drnc.org
Delta Paws Animal Rescue	(206) 298-5418	www.petfinder.com/shelters/CA1418.html
Dirty Dog Squad		http://dirtydogsquad.org/
Doberman Pincher Club of Norcal		http://dpcnc.org/
Dogwood Animal Rescue Project	(707) 799-9957	https://dogwoodanimalrescue.org/

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she was left in a crate outside our doors.

Organization	Telephone	Web Address/Email Address
Dragonfly Rescue	(707) 479-1818	dragonflyrescue@yahoo.com
FurEver Animal Rescue	(510) 912-9036	www.fureveranimalrescue.org
Furry Friends Rescue	(510) 794-4703	www.furryfriendsrescue.org
German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California	(800) 728-3473	www.gsrnc.org
Golden Gate Bassett Rescue	(707) 765-2690	www.ggbassetrescue.org
Golden Gate Lab Retriever Rescue	(707) 480-8469	www.labrescue.org
Golden State German Shepherd Rescue	(877) 447-4717	www.gsgsrescue.org
Golden State Greyhound Adoption and Rescue	(925) 946-0426	www.goldengreyhounds.com
Grateful Dog Rescue	(415) 587-1121	www.gratefuldogsrescue.org
Greendog Rescue Project	(707) 433-4377	www.greendogproject.com
Greyhound Rescue	(707) 280-0881	www.greyhoundfriendsforlife.org
Herd It Through The Grapevine (Herding Dog Rescue)	(707) 583-9583	www.hittgv.org
Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue	(916) 655-1410	www.homewardboundgoldens.org
Jessica's Haven	(415) 757-8785	www.jessicashaven.com
Labrador Rescuers	(619) 819-0234	http://labrescuers.org/
Lake County Animal Services	(707) 349-2624	www.lakecountyanimalservices.org
Lily's Legacy Senior Dog Sanctuary	(415) 488-4984	www.lilyslegacy.org
My Pit Bull Has A Pack		scrrap.info@gmail.com
Muttville (senior dog rescue)	(415) 272-4172	www.muttville.org
New Leash on Life Rescue Foundation	(661) 255-0097	www.nlol.org
No Boundaries Animal Rescue	(707) 228-9485	www.noboundariesanimalrescue.org
Noah's Bark	(707) 657-7626	www.noahspets.org
NorCal Beagle Rescue	(510) 579-5850	www.norcalbeagles.com
NorCal German Short Hair Rescue	(408) 402-2092	www.norcalgsprescue.com
NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue	(650) 615-6810	www.golden-rescue.org
NorCal Italian Greyhound Rescue	(707) 446-1858 (Barbara Birt)	www.italiangreyhound.org/pages/500rescue.html
NorCal Poodle Rescue		www.norcalpoodlerescueadoption.com
NorCal Weimaraner Rescue	(707) 987-8572	www.norcalweimrescue.org

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North Bay Canine Rescue	(707) 763-7736	www.northbay-canine.org
Northern California Family Dog Rescue (The Kern Project)		www.thekernproject.com
Peace of Mind Dog Rescue	{831} 718-9122	www.peaceofminddogrescue.org
Pets in Need	(650) 367-1405	www.petsinneed.org
Pit Bull Rescue		www.pbrc.net
Pomeranian Rescue Group	(510) 691-2780	www.darybolt.wix.com/pomeranianrescuegroup
Pug Rescue of Sacramento	(925) 974-7847	www.pugpros.org
Rocket Dog Rescue	(415) 756-8188	www.rocketdogrescue.org
Rotts of Friends	(530) 661-0213	www.rottoffriends.com
Russell Rescue CA		www.russellrescueca.com
Southern California Vizsla Rescue		www.socalvizslarescue.org
Special Pets Rescue	(707) 350-7008	www.specialpetsrescue.org
Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation	(925) 256-1273	www.arf.net
West Coast Mastiff and Large Breed Rescue		www.wcmastiffrescue.com
Wine Country Animal Lovers	(707) 888-9196	winecountryanimallovers@gmail.com
Wonderdog Rescue	(415) 621-3647	www.wonderdogrescue.org
Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch	(707)927-3536	www.jamesonanimalrescueranch.org

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Cats

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All Aboard Animal Search and Rescue	(707) 526-0970	www.allaboardanimalsearchandrescue.com
Anderson Valley Animal Rescue	(707) 895-3785	andersonvalleyrescue@yahoo.com
Bay Area Cat Rescue		www.bayareacatrescue.org
Bee Holistic Cat Rescue and Care		www.beeholistic.com
Brighthaven-Healing Arts Center for Animals	(707) 578-4800	www.brighthaven.org
California Animal Rescue	(707) 293-4470	www.californiaanimalrescue.org
Countryside Rescue	(707) 542-5582	www.countrysiderescue.com
Dragonfly Rescue	(707) 479-1818	dragonflyrescue@yahoo.com
Feline Rescue of No. California	(707) 494-5544	www.feline-rescue.com
Forgotten Felines	(707) 576-7999	www.forgottenfelines.com
FurEver Animal Rescue	(510) 912-9036	www.fureveranimalrescue.org
Furry Friends Rescue	(510) 794-4703	www.furryfriendsrescue.org
Lake County Animal Services	(707) 349-2624	www.lakecountyanimalservices.org
Nine Lives Foundation	(650) 368-1365	www.ninelivesfoundation.org
No Boundaries Animal Rescue	(707) 228-9485	www.noboundariesanimalrescue.org
Persian and Himalayan Cat Rescue	(925) 838-1838	www.persiancats.org
Pets in Need	(650) 367-1405	www.petsinneed.org
Purebreds Plus Cat Rescue	(707) 301-7377	www.purebredsplus.org
Ragdoll Rescue		www.floppycats.com/ragdoll-rescue.html
Special Pets Rescue	(707) 350-7008	www.specialpetsrescue.org
The Urban Cat Project	(415) 334-1003	www.theurbancatproject.org
We Care Animal Rescue	(707) 963-7044	www.wecareanimalrescue.org
Wine Country Animal Lovers	(707) 888-9196	winecountryanimallovers@gmail.com

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Rabbits/Rodents

Organization	Telephone	Web Address/Email Address
Contra Costa Rabbit Rescue		www.contracostarabbitrescue.org
North Star Rescue		www.northstarrescue.org
Save A Bunny	(415) 388-2790	www.saveabunny.org
The Rabbit Center		www.rabbit.org

Horses

Organization	Telephone	Web Address/Email Address
Animal Place	(530) 477-1757	www.animalplace.org
Blue Horse Rescue	(510) 459-5900	www.bluehorserescue.org
California Horse Rescue Groups		www.horse.rescueshelter.com
Change (Horse Rescue)	(707) 570-7050	www.sonomachangeprogram.com
Sadie's Haven	(707) 206-1892	www.sadieshaven.org
Sonoma Equine Rescue Rehab and Adoption	(888) 883-0868	www.serraequinerescue.org

Farm Animals

Organization	Telephone	Web Address/Email Address
Animal Place	(530) 477-1757	www.animalplace.org
Brighthaven-Healing Arts Center for Animals	(707) 578-4800	www.brighthaven.org

Wildlife

Organization	Telephone	Web Address/Email Address
Bird Rescue Center	(707) 523-2473	www.birdrescuecenter.org
International Bird Rescue	(707) 207-0380	www.bird-rescue.org
Native Songbird Care and Conservation	(707) 484-6502	www.nativesongbirdcare.org
Sonoma County Reptile Rescue	(707) 829-8152	www.sonomacountyreptilerescue.com
Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue	(707) 526-9453 (707) 992-0274	www.scwildliferescue.org
Wildlife Fawn Rescue	(707) 931-4550	www.fawnrescue.org

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ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS*

(Outside of California)

Dogs

Organization	Telephone	Web Address
Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown, Iowa	(641) 753-9046 Central time zone	www.arlmarshalltown.com
Arizona Pug Adoption and Rescue Network	(480) 964-3126 Mountain time zone	www.aparn.org
Arizona Weimaraner Rescue		www.arizonaweimaranerrescue.com
Central Ohio Greyhound Rescue	(614) 239-0943 Eastern time zone	www.centralohiogreyhound.org
Chihuahua Rescue and Referral (Washington)	(206) 234-4977 Pacific time zone	www.chihuahuarescueandreferral.com
Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue (Reinholds, Pennsylvania)	(717) 484-4799 Eastern time zone	http://dvgr.org/
For Luv of Dog Rescue (Fargo, North Dakota)	(701) 205-0190 Central time zone	www.4luvofdog.org
Golden Retrieve Rescue of Michigan	(888) 814-9670 Eastern time zone	http://grrom.com/
Homeward Bound Dog Rescue (Minnesota)		http://homewardboundrescue.com/
Last Hope Animal Rescue of Long Island, NY	(631) 425-1884 Eastern time zone	http://lasthopeanimalrescue.org/
Long Island Bull Dog Rescue, NY	(631) 689-6245 Eastern time zone	www.longislandbulldogrescue.org
Mutt Madd-Ness (Marietta, Georgia)	(404) 406-6322 Eastern time zone	www.muttmaddness.org
North Shore Animal League America (Port Washington, NY)	(516) 883-7575 Eastern time zone	www.animalleague.org/rescue/
Old Dog Haven (Washington)	(360) 653-0311 Pacific time zone	http://olddoghaven.org/
Rawhide Rescue (Warren, New Jersey)	(908) 420-8780 and (908) 420-8781 Eastern time zone	http://rawhiderescue.weebly.com/
St. Louis Bull Dog Rescue (Missouri)		www.stlbulldogrescue.org

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Organization	Telephone	Web Address
Save a Yorkie Rescue (Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania)	(610) 670-2183 (7:00 PM eastern time is the best time to call)	http://saveayorkierescue.rescuegroups.org/
The Golden Retriever Club of America National Rescue Committee		www.grca-nrc.org

Cats

Organization	Telephone	Web Address
Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown, Iowa	(641) 753-9046 Central time zone	www.arlmarshalltown.com
Last Hope Animal Rescue of Long Island, NY	(631) 425-1884 Eastern time zone	http://lasthopeanimalrescue.org/
Rawhide Rescue (Warren, New Jersey)	(908) 420-8780 and (908) 420-8781 Eastern time zone	http://rawhiderescue.weebly.com/

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