



FINDING A NEW HOME FOR YOUR PET

If you can no longer keep your cat or dog, these resources can help you find a new home where they can thrive.

THE ESSENTIALS

Seal Beach Animal Care Center does not accept owner-relinquished animals*. However, we can help you connect with potential adopters by posting your pet on our Private Adoptions page.

Keeping your pet in a familiar environment while you look for the right new home can reduce disruption and gives you the opportunity to choose a family that fits their needs.

**If an animal was initially adopted at SBACC we will always welcome them back.*

A THOUGHTFUL REHOMING PLAN

Give yourself as much time as possible. A good match matters more than finding the fastest placement.

- Start with people you trust. Ask friends, family, neighbors, coworkers and your veterinarian to share your pet with their networks. Someone who already knows you or your pet may help you make a trusted connection.
- Create a profile. Include clear photos and describe your pet's personality, health, behavior, routines and the kind of home where they are likely to thrive.
- Screen potential adopters. Ask about their household, other pets, experience and plans for care. Make sure potential adopters understand your pet's medical history, routine and needs.
- Heading to a new home. Share veterinary records and supplies, document the transfer of ownership and update the pet's microchip registration.

TOOLS THAT CAN HELP

- **SBACC Private Adoptions:** sbacc.org/adverts-privateadoptions/ — Courtesy listings for cats and dogs. Review posting guidelines before submitting.
- **Rehome by Adopt a Pet:** rehome.adoptapet.com — Create a profile, review applications, meet adopters and use a transfer-of-ownership template.
- **Home To Home:** home-home.org — Connect directly with potential adopters through an online pet placement platform.
- **Best Friends Animal Society:** bestfriends.org/network/resources-tools/pet-rehoming — Additional rehoming guidance and tools.

A NOTE ABOUT FEES & SAFETY: Avoid "free to a good home" placements. If you rehome independently, SBACC recommends a reasonable adoption fee. If you use a rehoming platform, follow that platform's fee and safety rules.

POST YOUR PET ON SBACC'S PRIVATE ADOPTION PAGE

Read the guidelines at sbacc.org/post-your-private-adoptions/. Listings are offered as a courtesy; pets remain in the owner's care and SBACC does not screen owners or potential adopters.

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