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How to ReHome your Animal ...

There are times when owners are no longer able to keep or care for their animals, and are looking to find a new home for the animal. Because there are a lot of available animals looking for homes, it is recommended that you begin looking as soon as you think there might be a need.

JVAA does not have the ability to take in animals; we are a small volunteer group with no "shelter" and only the ability to have a few animals in foster care due to the generosity of the people who foster for us.

Here are some steps to follow to quickly find a new home for your animal.

- 1) Gather together all the medical records for the animal, including their micro-chip number, so the new owner can have the chip information transferred as soon as possible. If the animal is not up-to-date on vaccinations, it is wise to do this, so potential owners feel reassured that the animal is well cared for and does not pose a risk to other animals.
- 2) Look for a new home with friends or family, these people know the animal and may be willing to help on either a short-term (foster) basis or as a long-time owner. Use your local resources such as work, church etc. Post flyers in those places as well as the local post-office, community center or locations people congregate. (A sample poster is attached.)
- 3) Contact a 'breed specific' rescue group. These groups have a network of people willing to help and perhaps looking for an animal like yours. Here is a link to a list of these rescues:

http://animalhumanenm.org/pets/resources/breed_rescue_groups/index.php

- 4) JVAA will put the dog on several adoption websites as an Owner Surrender for no charge. To do this, we will need several pictures, the animals' 'story' (personality, medical issues, age). JVAA then posts the information along with the contact phone number of the owner. Anyone interested in adopting would contact the owner directly. JVAA has had success with this method. The owner should have all the medical records for the animal to transfer to the new owner. Depending on the dog breed, some are adopted very quickly. It is up to the owner to handle the adoption.
- 5) It is an option to take the animal to Animal Humane NM or Watermelon Mtn. Ranch as owner surrender. WMR currently charges a fee of \$200 for this service (it can be more if the animal is not fixed). AHNM has a fee of \$60 or so. Both organizations will only take the dog if they pass a personality test (not aggressive towards humans or other dog. Here are links to their rules. The AHNM page also has other tips to rehome animals.

<http://www.wmranch.org/adopt-an-animal/dog-surrender-details>

<http://animalhumanenm.org/pets/resources/rehome/index.php>

Feel free to contact JVAA at 888-828-5822 x4 if you have any questions on the process.

Adopt ME!!



Name: xxx

Description: (Sex, Age, breed)

Personality: <likes other animals? Friendly? Shy? Likes to run? Needs a large yard? Sleeps in crate? Or any other traits to encourage adoption>

Medical History: <date of last shots; include if micro-chipped and fixed>

Other: <Include an explanation of the situation and the immediacy.. >

Example: I am a friendly boy! My family has to move to a place I can't live. They want to find me a new home by Jan. 30th. Please call to adopt me!

Please call: Owner first name, Phone #'s, the more the better