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*We strive toward
the day when no
healthy, treatable
or rehabilitatable
companion animal
is euthanized and we
work with over 100
rescue partners and
countless volunteers to
achieve this vision.*

Surrendering Your Pet

Have you considered all of your options?

- ▶ **Friends and Family or people in your social network** may be able to help. It never hurts to ask.
- ▶ **Rescues:** There are hundreds of rescue organizations in Northern Virginia that helps animals of all types and breeds. Ask the front desk for a referral to a rescue.
- ▶ **Housing problem?** We can help! Ask the front desk about resources for renters.
- ▶ **Behavior issues?** We can provide resources to help you solve your behavior issue. Dogs, cats and even bunnies can be trained!
- ▶ **Not urgent?** Wait to surrender your cat, dog, or small animal until a time when the shelter is not already full. Generally, we have the highest volume of animals between April and October.

BEFORE YOU SURRENDER YOUR PET

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is an open-access, municipal shelter. Once you sign your pet over, it will be the property of Fairfax County and you will not be able to know the outcome. Euthanasia is a possibility so surrendering your pet to a shelter should be your LAST option.

Many pets, even those who are happy and friendly at home, have difficulty coping with the stress of a shelter environment. They may become fearful, aggressive, or highly anxious, which makes it difficult for us to adopt them out. Please consider all of your options before surrendering your pet to the shelter.



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