



## Find a new or temporary home for your pet with Home To Home virtual rehoming

When it comes to finding a new home for your animal, their best resource is often you! Since you know their preferences, habits, and routines, you are the expert on finding them a great match. As a bonus, your animal gets to stay in a familiar environment (your home) while you search for an adopter, rather than coming to a shelter, which can be a stressful environment for your animal.

[Home To Home](#) is an online pet placement platform that helps families find new homes (permanent or temporary) for their pets. Home To Home believes pets that need a new home do best if they can be transitioned directly from their current home to a new home and avoid the stress of a stay in an animal shelter. This **free** resource works by allowing an individual to post a profile with pictures of their pet, which is shared with people who are interested in adopting a pet.

If you have any questions about Home To Home or are looking for additional resources to support your pet, contact our Community Resource Navigator at 414-431-6115.

### Steps for posting an animal as available for adoption:

- Register and create a user profile
  - Visit <https://home-home.org/shelter/whs> and click on “login/register” in the upper righthand corner to register and create a user profile.
  - Click Register, then input your name and contact info to create an account
- Create your pet’s profile
  - All species are welcome on the site, as long as they are legal to have as pets in Wisconsin.
  - Share your pet’s personality, habits, and unique traits.
  - Check out [Tips on writing your pets profile](#) or use the [Rescue Writer](#) to help create your pet’s profile.
  - Upload photos that capture your pet’s charm.
- Submit for approval
  - Once approved by a Home To Home admin, your profile will be live and shared with interested adopters. Please allow up to 48 hours for approval.
  - Want your pet to get extra attention on the site? You’ll get an email from Home to Home with tips and tricks on how to make your pet shine, including social media boosts and more.
- Connect directly with potential adopters
  - Once your listing is live, you will work one-on-one with potential adopters to determine the best match for your animal and complete the adoption yourself.
  - Check your dashboard frequently and watch for email notifications for new messages.
  - Respond to messages from potential adopters privately.
  - Ask questions and schedule meet-and-greets to find a good fit for your pet. Example questions to ask can be found on pages 3-5.
- Transition to a new home
  - Finalize the adoption by generating the online adoption agreement through Home To Home that is digitally signed by you first, then emailed to the adopter of your choice for



them to adopt and e-sign. This agreement protects everyone involved. Home To Home kindly requests a small adoption fee of \$25, paid online by the new pet parent, to finalize the adoption process. Home To Home does not allow fees to be collected outside the platform by the original pet guardian.

- Every Home To Home adoption includes a [New Home Package](#), designed to help your pet and their next family start off on the right paw and includes a free first veterinary exam, free 30-day pet insurance policy, and other offers.

### **Home To Home also offers the ability to find a temporary foster home for your pet**

Life happens, and sometimes you just need short-term help. Whether you're facing a housing crisis, medical challenges, or other emergencies, Home to Home enables you to find a temporary foster home for your pet.

#### **[Steps for posting your pet as available for foster:](#)**

Follow the same process as for posting an animal as available for adoption, outlined above:

- Post a pet profile, connect with potential foster families via messages through Home To Home, and decide what's best for your pet. Home To Home has resources to help along the way such as sample interview questions and a fostering agreement.



## Making the match

Initiate a conversation with potential adopters and ask open-ended questions, rather than those that yield a yes or no response, to encourage an open, honest conversation with a potential adopter. Below are some open-ended questions that you can use for your conversations with potential adopters. Finding the right home may take time, but it's worth it!

## Questions for dog adopters

### About the adopter

- Tell me about your household. How many adults/children are in the home?
- What experience do you have with dogs?
- Are there animals in your home now? If so, tell me about them (spayed/neutered, age, behavior, etc.).
  - If the client has rehomed any animals, ask questions about why/how.
- What interests you about this dog?
- Why are you looking to adopt a dog?

### Companion preferences

- Where will you keep the dog when you are home? Away?
- How do you plan on exercising your dog?
- What behaviors did you find most challenging with your last dog?
- What is your experience with crate training?
- How do you plan on socializing your dog?
- How important is it that your dog gets along with other animals?
- What behaviors are you looking for most from a new companion?

### Dog behavior questions

- How comfortable are you with housetraining? (Even housetrained dogs are going to take time to adapt to new environments and schedules.)
- How do you plan on training your dog?
- How do you plan to introduce your new dog to your resident animals?
- What's your plan if the animals do not get along right away?



## Questions for cat adopters

### About the adopter

- Tell me about your household. How many adults/children are in the home?
- What experience do you have with cats?
- Are there animals in the home now? If so, tell me about them (spayed/neutered, age, behavior, etc.).
  - If the client has rehomed any animals, ask questions about why/how.
- What interests you about this cat?
- Why are you looking to adopt a cat?
- Do you have any allergies that you are aware of? If yes, how do you plan to manage them?

### Companion preferences

- What behaviors are you looking for most from a new companion?
- Where will you keep the cat when you are home? Away?
- How do you plan on exercising your cat?
- What behaviors did you find most challenging with your last cat?
- How do you plan on socializing your cat?
- How important is it that your cat get along with other animals?

### Cat behavior questions

- What are you looking for in a cat?
- Do you prefer a cat who is declawed? Do you plan on declawing?
- How long do you plan to give your new pet to adjust to their new environment?
- How do you plan to handle any litterbox problems?
- How would you handle unwanted scratching or play-biting?
- How do you plan to introduce your new cat to your resident animals?
- What's your plan if the animals do not get along right away?



## Questions for small animal adopters

### About the adopter

- Tell me about your household. How many adults/children are in the home?
- What experience do you have with this type of small animal (rabbit, gerbil, guinea pig, etc.)?
- Are there animals in the home now? If so, tell me about them (spayed/neutered, age, behavior, etc.).
  - If the client has rehomed any animals, ask questions about why/how.
- What interests you about this small animal?
- Why are you looking to adopt a small animal?
- Do you have any allergies that you are aware of? If yes, how do you plan to manage them?

### Companion and behavior preferences

- What behaviors are you looking for most from a new companion?
- Where will you keep the small animal when you are home? Away?
- What behaviors did you find most challenging with your last small animal?
- How do you plan on socializing your small animal?
- How important is it that your small animal get along with other animals?