How to Find a Home For Your Homeless Cat

Have you found a stray cat whose family you cannot locate? Are you no longer able to care for your own cat? Regardless of the circumstances, you are this cat’s best advocate. We hope that these resources will help you find a new and loving home for a cat in need.

If it is a stray cat, make sure he/she is not lost by checking: www.trianglelostpets.org. Please a found pet ad on that site. Additionally, take the kitty to a vet and have him/her checked for a microchip.

Before you begin your search, increase your chances of successful placement by preparing your cat for adoption.

1. **Have your cat spayed/neutered.** We can help through our SAFE Care Clinic. Call (919) 872-7730.
2. Make sure your cat is current on vaccinations, deworming, flea control and FeLV/FIV testing.
3. If the coat is heavily soiled or matted, get your cat groomed.
4. Take some great pictures of your cat to show him/her off. Use this site to create a flyer @ http://www.petbond.com/flyerentry.php

Now that you are ready to get the word out, take advantage of as many opportunities as possible.

1. **Post flyers**: Place flyers throughout your community, wherever a prospective adopter might see one. Ask to put them up in veterinarians’ offices, pet supply stores, fitness centers, libraries; anywhere with a bulletin board.
4. **Use social media**: Use your email contacts or Facebook page, create a video on YouTube. Facebook is a very successful way to rehome cats!
5. **Use your community contacts**: Send an email about your cat through your company’s email system, place an ad in your HOA or church newsletter.
6. **Don’t underestimate word of mouth**: tell everyone that you have a cat that needs a home and ask friends to help.

If you have exhausted all possibilities, contact as many shelters and rescue groups as possible (see https://www.petfinder.com/animal-shelters-and-rescues/search/ for a listing of local organizations). Most agencies will be overloaded, so use this resource only as a last resort.

Don’t be afraid to question potential adopters about their plans for a new pet. **It is important that you feel comfortable with your cat’s new home.**

For more details on finding a home for your cat see: http://bestfriends.org/resources/rehoming-dog-or-cat.