



# THE RESCUE TRAIN

ADOPT A PET TAIL TALK



**Founded 2004 • Los Angeles, CA**

**[www.therescuetrain.org](http://www.therescuetrain.org)**

A photograph of a light brown dog standing on the right side of a set of train tracks. The dog is looking down the tracks towards a bright sunset or sunrise in the distance. The tracks recede into the background, flanked by greenery and some blurred lights on the left.

# MISSION

## **ROLLING DOWN THE TRACKS TO SAVE ANIMALS' LIVES**

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The Rescue Train's deep-rooted goals are to be a voice for animals and to help save as many lives as possible. We fulfill our mission through our key initiatives: rescue and rehome, shelter intervention, dedication to spay and neuter, and collaboration with other like-minded organizations. We aim to drastically reduce the number of animals entering kill shelters and animals living on the streets of Los Angeles.



## Key Takeaways

◆ **You don't need to be a big organization to make a big impact**

*Small teams can create powerful change with bold ideas and targeted action.*

◆ **There is opportunity in crisis**

Crises force us to innovate, and those innovations lead to new ideas and solutions.

◆ **Follow the need**

*The best programs are born from listening to your community.*

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens  
can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*

*Marshall McLuhan*



# The Rescue Train's



# RESCUE & REHOME



## Key Takeaway

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*“In the midst of every crisis lies great opportunity.”*  
—Albert Einstein



# Crisis #1: Emotional Fatigue in Animal Rescue

Rescuing one animal feels like saving the world—  
until you realize thousands more are still waiting.

The heartbreak of never being able to do enough led to burnout.



## Opportunity

We stopped reacting and started problem solving.  
By shifting focus from individual rescue to prevention, we found our power.



## Tip

When you get lost or overwhelmed, reconnect with your mission.



# MOBILE SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

CALL 888-504-SPAY (7729)



HOSTED FIRST S/N CLINIC 2012



# The Rescue Train's



**KEEP YOUR PET PROJECT**

## **Crisis #2: COVID Shutdown**

The shelter doors closed—and with them, our access to the animals and people who needed us most.

How could we help if we couldn't reach them?

### **Opportunity**

We left the comfort of the shelter and went into the community—where we saw the real, urgent needs happening right outside our doors.

### **Tip**

When systems shut down, listen harder.  
That's where the real stories—and solutions—live.



# The Rescue Train's



**MOBILE PET ASSISTANCE**





# Follow the Need

It started with shelter volunteers noticing the same story over and over: So many cats coming in were outdoor, unowned, and part of a bigger, unseen crisis.

Their insight led us to a truth we couldn't ignore—  
The community cat problem was growing, and the shelter system wasn't built to fix it.



## Opportunity

By listening to the people on the ground, we shifted our focus to prevention. We launched a targeted TNR program and met the need where it started: in the neighborhoods. This one simple act led us to years later having our own clinic.



## Tip

Your team's observations are data.  
Pay attention, they just might lead you to your next mission.



Feral Fix LA

*It takes a village  
to help each animal!*





# (un)Birth Announcement

## MEET THE RESCUE TRAIN'S NEW BABY!



Just like the joy a birth announcement brings, our(un)Birth Announcement marks a pivotal moment in The Rescue Train's efforts to give access to spay/neuter in Los Angeles and help reduce our overburdened shelters.







Over 1,700  
pets fixed!

# RESCUE TRAIN PROGRAMS



## RESCUE & REHOME

We rescue dogs, cats and farm animals and find them loving homes. In addition, we provide rehoming assistance to the public, Good Samaritans and other rescue groups.



## KEEP YOUR PET PROJECT

We provide resources to senior, veteran, low-income and pet owners experiencing homelessness, so they never have to surrender their pet to a shelter.



## PET PANTRY

There are many areas of Los Angeles where people live in poverty and struggle to make ends meet. We provide pet food and supplies to pet owners in crisis.



## RESCUE TRAIN HOTLINE

As part of our community outreach, we operate a hotline for pet owners to obtain affordable referrals to veterinary care, spay/neuter services, and other valuable resources.



## SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

We offer free and low-cost spay and neuter because it is the most effective way to decrease pet overpopulation and help animals live longer, healthier lives.



## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RACE FOR THE RESCUES

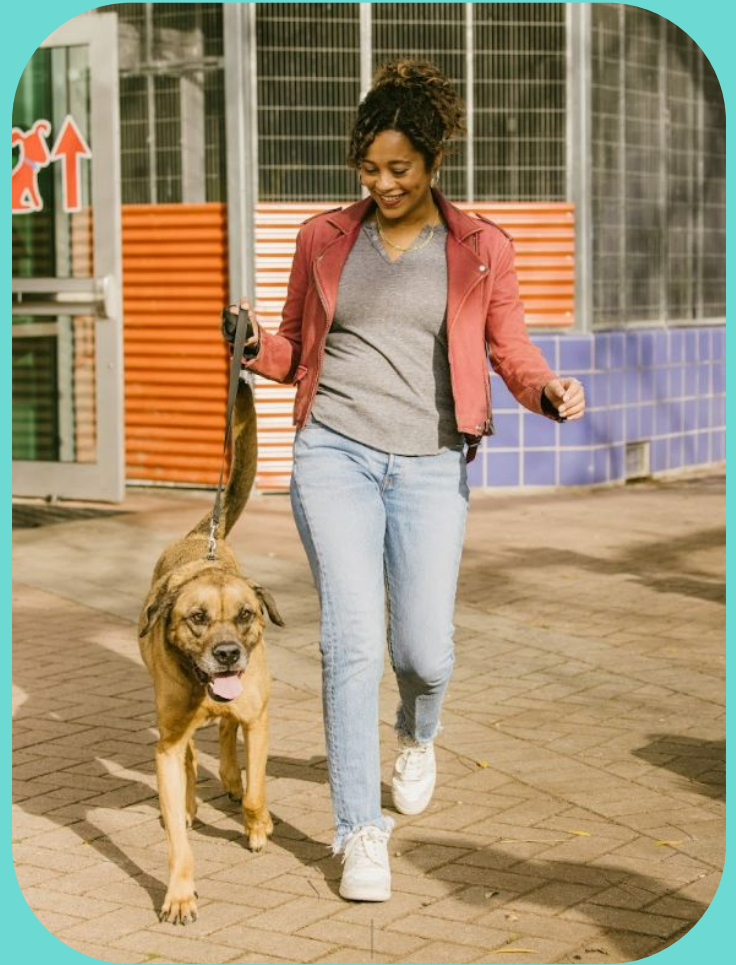
In 2005 we created a fundraising platform that has helped over 50 animal non-profits raise much needed funds to continue their life-saving efforts. Visit [www.racefortherescues.org](http://www.racefortherescues.org) to join.





**A brief history of...**

**Adopt a Pet**





# adoptapet.com - 1996

Internet released  
to the public in  
1993

Adopt a Pet  
officially has a  
landing page to  
promote shelter  
and rescue  
websites

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## Adopt-a-Pet

*Helping to find owners for homeless animals...*

### Animal Shelters On-Line:

- [Animal Welfare League of Alexandria](#)

# adoptapet.com - 1997

More shelters and  
rescues added

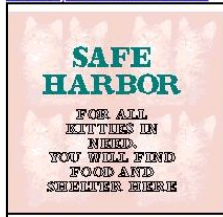
## Adopt-a-Pet

*Helping to find owners for homeless animals...*

### Animal Shelters On-Line:

- [Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Virginia](#)
- [Stamford Animal Control Center of Fairfield County Connecticut](#)
- [House Rabbit Society](#)
- [Pet Page for Arlington and Alexandria Welfare League](#)
- [Mercy Rescue Net - International Pet Adoption](#)
- [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#)
- [Stamford Animal Control Center of Fairfield](#)
- [House Rabbit Society](#)

-  [Trying to stop cruelty to animals](#)
- [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#)
- [Brooklyn Animal Rescue](#)



- [The Safe Harbor program for pets](#)
- [The Doris Day Animal League.](#)
- [The Humane Society of the United States](#)
- [Find other animal shelters around the country.](#)

If you know of other animal shelters around the country that are on-line, please [drop us a note and we'd be happy to add a link.](#)

# adoptapet.com - 1998

Testing out a new  
color scheme

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## Adopt-a-Pet

Helping to find owners for homeless animals...

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| <a href="#">Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Virginia</a>  | <a href="#">Mercy Rescue Net - International Pet Adoption</a>   |
| <a href="#">Stamford Animal Control Center of Fairfield County, Connecticut</a>  | <a href="#">House Rabbit Society</a>  |
| <a href="#">House Rabbit Society</a>   | <a href="#">Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club Rescue</a>   |
| <a href="#">Pet Page for Arlington and Alexandria Welfare League</a>   | <a href="#">the Standard Schnauzer Club of America Rescue</a>   |
| <a href="#">Fairfax County Animal Shelter</a>  | <a href="#">Brooklyn Animal Rescue</a>  |
| <a href="#">4 Paws Rescue Team, Inc. - Northern Virginia</a>   | <a href="#">The Dogs Day Animal League</a>  |
| <a href="#">Pets and People Humane Society of Yukon, Oklahoma</a>  | <a href="#">The Humane Society of the United States</a>   |
| <a href="#">The T.L.C. Animal Shelter</a>  | <a href="#">B.E.S.C.U.E. Volunteer</a>  |
| <a href="#">Fairfield Animal Control of Fairfield, Connecticut</a>   |  <a href="#">Trying to stop cruelty to animals</a> |
|  <a href="#">Pet Assistance League Online</a> |  <a href="#">The Safe Harbor program for pets</a>  |
| <a href="#">Helping Dogs on Line</a>   | <a href="#">Lewis and Clark Humane Society</a>  |
| <a href="#">West Milford Animals Shelter Society</a>   | <a href="#">Lakefield Animal Welfare Society</a>  |
| <a href="#">Bramblewy Hedge Rabbit Rescue, Phoenix</a>   | <a href="#">Underworld Animal Adoption Center (a no kill shelter)</a>   |
| <a href="#">SPCA of Columbia, South Carolina</a>   | <a href="#">New Leash on Life</a>   |
| <a href="#">Ferret Wise Shelter</a>  | <a href="#">Animal Welfare League of Chicago Ridge, IL</a>  |
| <a href="#">Humane Society of Camden County, GA Animal Shelter</a>   | <a href="#">Feline Hope</a>   |
| <a href="#">The Humane Society of Baltimore County</a>   | <a href="#">Tri-State Siamese Rescue</a>  |
| <a href="#">Animal Aid Society, Hampton Virginia</a>   | <a href="#">the Humane Society of Fairfax County Virginia</a>   |
| <a href="#">Friends of the Shelter, Inc., Lawrenceville, GA</a>  | <a href="#">Open Door Animal Sanctuary (no-kill)</a>  |
| <a href="#">Citizens for Humane Action Animal Shelter, Columbus, Ohio</a>  | <a href="#">Association for the Protection of Animals (no-kill)</a>   |
| <a href="#">Humane Society of Ventura County Home Page</a>   | <a href="#">Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society</a>  |
| <a href="#">The Washington Humane Society</a>  | <a href="#">Sun City 4Paws Rescue</a>   |
| <a href="#">Deaf Dog Education Action Fund</a>   | <a href="#">Lindsey Patton's Deaf Dog Web Page</a>  |
| <a href="#">Animal Shelter</a>   | <a href="#">Pet Shelter Network</a>   |
| <a href="#">Coopers Humane Society</a>   | <a href="#">Veterinary Pet Adoptions</a>  |
| <a href="#">Animal Placement Bureau</a>  | <a href="#">Harrison County Humane Society, Marshall Animal Shelter</a>   |
| <a href="#">Little Egg Harbor Animal Rescue, Southern New Jersey (no-kill)</a>   | <a href="#">Animal Rescue Movement of Orange Park, FL</a>   |
| <a href="#">Cybertails - Dogs of Northern Virginia</a>   | <a href="#">Michigan Animal Adoption Network</a>  |
| <a href="#">Denver Dumb Friends League</a>   | <a href="#">Orphan Pet Oasis, North Palm Springs, CA (no-kill)</a>  |
| <a href="#">Hearts United for Animals (no-kill) website for Puppy Mill Campaign</a>  |   |

If you know of these animal shelters around the country that are on-line, please drop us a note and we'd be happy to add a link.



# adoptapet.com - 2000

Testing out yet another color scheme

Additional content

More shelters and rescues added

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Helping to find owners for homeless animals...

"Twisty Cats" are naturally the result of a rare congenital deformity causing the shortening and bending of the cats front limbs. However there is a Texas woman who is deliberately breeding crippled and deformed cats. WE URGENTLY NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE OPPOSING THIS PRACTICE. Such cats are defenseless out of doors and must depend on humans for care and feeding or die. Please click to sign petition to stop the breeding of these crippled cats



"A twisted death on this way!"



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[A Dog's Life in the Far North - Urgent Appeal for Help!](#)

[Help the Icelandic Racing Dogs](#)

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**ANIMAL OVERPOPULATION IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.**  
Contact SPAV/USA (800) 248-SPAY/7729)  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a. .m. - 4:30 p.m. EST for Low Cost Spaying and Neutering for Fluffy or Bouvier (Also Prevent A Utter Coalition "Spay Inc" (VA) (703) 490-4447)

If your kitty is suffering from weight loss, excessive or poor appetite, behavioral changes, lethargy or hyperactivity and/or rapid heartbeats she may have hyperthyroidism. [TREATMENT CURES THYROID DISEASE IN CATS](#)

On the Lighter Side, Pet Humor for Cat and Dog Lovers:  
[Humor for Dog Lovers \(and others\)](#)  
[Feline Thoughts for Cat Lovers](#)

[VolunteerMatch: Help the Animals Nationwide](#)


**Animal Shelters On-Line:**

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| <a href="#">CHECK OUT WOOF'S MAGAZINE ON-LINE! AND HELP WOOF'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION</a>   | <a href="#">Pet Finder - Locate an Animal Shelter Near You, OR Post an Ad to Find Your Perfect Pet or Register Your Humane Organization with this Site</a>  |
| <a href="#">Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Virginia</a>  | <a href="#">Mercy Rescue Net - International Pet Adoption</a>   |
| <a href="#">Adopt-A-Pet, Inc., Fenton, MI</a>  | <a href="#">Noah's Ark, INC., PO Box 892, Dandridge, TN 37725</a><br>They accept any/all pets and are no kill. All animals are spayed/neutered (if too young, a certificate is issued @ adoption for services later) & are current on shots. The shelter operated solely on donations/fundraisers.                |
| <a href="#">Stamford Animal Control Center of Fairfield County, Connecticut</a>  | <a href="#">Mississippi Animal Rescue League, Jackson, MS</a>   |
| <a href="#">Concerned Citizens For Animals, Post Office Box 1332 Simpsonville, SC 29681 864-243-4CCA</a>   | <a href="#">Pulaski County Animal Shelter, Adopt Me Lane, Somerset, KY 42501 Phone: 606-679-6434</a>  |
| <a href="#">The Brat Cats, Maxine Brat's Cat Site - Excellent Feline Health Information, "Free to Good Home" Link - excellent reasons NOT to give your pet to strangers for free</a> | <a href="#">Ce-Ce &amp; Friends Humane Society, P.O. Box 590008, Quincy, MA 02169, 617-328-5812</a>   |
| <a href="#">About Cats - Cat Issues and Cat Welfare Site</a>   | <a href="#">Pug Dog Club of Maryland</a>  |
| <a href="#">Kalamazoo Animal Rescue - Kalamazoo, MI</a>  | <a href="#">Warren's Hugs &amp; Kisses Online - Warren Eckstein is an internationally known pet and animal expert. He has devoted over twenty-five years to teaching both pets and their people to live happily together through his unique "Hugs and Kisses" approach to animal behavior, care and training.</a> |

# adoptapet.com - 2001

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**Don't Breed or Buy  
While Shelter Animals Die!**

[Sign Petition to Help Rabbits & Beagles Bred for Research in Finland](#)

[Help the Southside SPCA in Meherrin, Virginia save its shelter - They must upgrade their shelter or be forced to close. The animals will have no place to go \[click here for details\]\(#\)](#)

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[Do you know how to protect your pet if there is a natural disaster or emergency? Click here for disaster relief information from the Humane Society of the United States.](#)

[Holiday Safety Tips for your Pets](#)

[Looking for a pet to adopt? Click here for a state-by-state list of Animal Shelters On-Line](#)

[ASPCA Dog Breed Page - Information on Dog Breeds](#)


[VolunteerMatch: Help the Animals Nationwide](#)

**Save your pet's life!**  
[If your pet eats or drinks something toxic, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is available 24-hours a day. Call 1-888-426-4435.](#)


**Is Animal Abuse under-prosecuted in your area?**  
[If so, please call the Animal Legal Defense Fund's Cruelty Actionline at 1-800-555-6817.](#)

[A Dog's Life in the Far North - Urgent Appeal for Help!](#)

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**Annie: Diary of a Bad Girl**  
by Robert Hamilton



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[Feline Thoughts for Cat Lovers](#)

# adoptapet.com - 2003

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multiple columns  
and colors

[Looking for Love? Click here for Shelters, Rescue Groups, and Pet Advice Sites.](#)

[A Dog's Life in the Far North - Urgent Appeal for Help](#)


[Help Endangered Racing Dogs](#)

[Artemis Kitties Online - Advocacy Letters](#)

[Protect Your Pet During Natural Disasters - Humane Society of the United States Advice](#)

[Holiday Safety Tips](#)

[Volunteer/Watch: Help Animals Nationwide](#)


 I'm loved, schooled, cared for and played with. Sadly, many dogs are less fortunate. Help me stop Eury Mills by signing the anti Rummy Mills petition book on [Ella's Fight Against Eury Mills Abuse](#).

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**Don't Breed or Buy  
While Shelter Animals Die!**

"Life is as dear to a mute creature as it is to man. Just as one wants happiness and fears pain, just as one wants to live and not die, so do other creatures."

quote from his holiness the Dalai Lama

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Animal cruelty cases and violence directed at humans have increased alarmingly. Studies show animal abuse is often the first step toward violence against humans.

Adoptapet's objectives:

#### **National Directory for Animal Shelter Websites**

- Educate pet guardians to reduce the number of unplanned animal births by sterilizing their pets . For every person in the United States there are 7 pets who need homes.
- Spotlight animal cruelty cases in court and provide access pre-written letters to court officials with links to advocacy sites, like the [Doris Day Animal League](#)
- Promote effective Trap-Neuter-Release program to reduce feral (non-house) cat population and provide information on [Feral Cats](#) and the [Maintenance of Cat Colonies](#)
- Provide information on the (mis)use and (mis)application of animal testing in relationship to human health. Visit [PETA](#), [Physicians for Responsible Medicine](#), [American Antivivisection Society](#), [National Anti-Vivisection Society](#)
- Help [Wild Life](#), including our closest genetic relatives through the [Great Ape Project](#) and [International Primate Protection League \(IPPL\)](#), [Fauna Foundation](#), and [World Wildlife Fund](#)

If you know of other animal shelters around the country that are on-line, please drop us a note and we'd be happy to add a link.



# adoptapet.com - 2006

Added a left hand menu

[Adoptapet Home](#)  
[Adoptapet Pet Supply Store](#)  
 [Adopt a Cat](#)  
  
[Looking for Love?](#)  
[Index of Animal Shelters>](#)  
[Assistance for Animal Shelters & Groups>](#)  
[Animal Chat!!! Adoptapet Forum](#)  
[Animal Health & Safety Tips>](#)  
[Lost Pet?>](#)  
[Animal Funnies>](#)  
[Publications>](#)  
[Sharing space with Wildlife>](#)  
[Would you like to Volunteer?>](#)  
[Animal Advocacy Organizations>](#)  
 [Adopt a Dog](#)  
  
[About Adoptapet.com>](#)  
[Link to us!>](#)

**Save a Life! - Adopt a Pet.Com**  
Helping to unite loving families with homeless animals.



**Don't Breed or Buy While Shelter Animals Die!**

**Euthanasia Death Toll**  
since Oct 27, 2001  
**14,402,923**  
provided by [Pet-Abuse.Com](#)

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**Worldwide Directory of Animal Shelters**  
[Click here for the Worldwide Animal Shelter Directory.](#)

**Pet Disaster Relief Information & Hurricane Katrina**

*What's New at Adoptapet.com!!*

**Special Feature:**

Check out the touching documentary on animal shelters and the animal population crisis; **"Born to Die" by Joanie Spina.**  
(It's a free download)

 [Animal Shelter Documentary](#)

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Page Updated: Tuesday November 08, 2005

# adoptapet.com - 2008

New color scheme

Function launched to allow shelters and rescues to list pets on Adopt a Pet

Search is launched to assist organizations that do not have their own websites

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The screenshot shows the Adopt a Pet website interface. At the top, the logo "Adopt a Pet" is in blue, with "Com" in orange below it. A tagline reads "A new name for 1-800-Save-A-Pet!". Below the logo are five green circular icons with white symbols: a dog for "Search Dogs", a cat for "Search Cats", a rabbit for "Search Other Animals", a house for "Find a Shelter or Rescue Group", and a heart with a paw for "Get Involved - Lend a Helping Paw!". A central text block says "Dog Adoption, Cat Adoption and More!" followed by "See pet photos & adopt a dog, cat or other pet". Below this are three bullet points: "See dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters and more", "Find a humane society, animal shelter or SPCA", and "Adoption saves pets! Adopt a dog or adopt a cat!". A note states "Adoption is the loving option... consider adoption before buying a dog from a dog breeder or pet store." To the right is a large photo of a woman smiling with a dog, with a yellow party hat on the dog. Text overlaying the photo says "Drew Barrymore with her adopted mixed-breed Vivian!". A blue bone-shaped tag with "BEST FRIENDS" is next to the photo. To the right of the photo is a vertical list of links: "Donate", "Our TV Show", "Spay & Neuter", "Search Saver", "Blog", "Cool Links", "Press Room", "About Us", "Contact Us", "Shelter Log In", and "Volunteers Log In". Below the main content area is a section titled "What's New?" featuring a photo of a woman holding a dog. At the bottom left, a "Recently Added" section lists several pet listings with details like "Rockcastle's", "Mt. Vernon, KY", "Added on Jun 10", "Northern Arizona", "Show Low, AZ", "Added on Jun 10", "Lewis County", and "Vanceburg, KY". A large white box at the bottom right contains four blue hyperlinks: "Here's a list of shelters and rescue groups posting cats for adoption on Adopt-a-Pet.com", "Here's a list of shelters and rescue groups posting dogs for adoption on Adopt-a-Pet.com", "Here's a list of shelters and rescue groups posting cats and dogs for adoption on Adopt-a-Pet.com", and "Here's a list of other shelters and rescue groups with cats and dogs for adoption". Below these links is the text "You can also check out our breed-specific pages for breed info and rescue links!".

**Adopt a Pet**  
A new name for 1-800-Save-A-Pet! **Com**

Search Dogs Search Cats Search Other Animals Find a Shelter or Rescue Group Get Involved - Lend a Helping Paw!

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**BEST FRIENDS**

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About Us  
Contact Us  
Shelter Log In  
Volunteers Log In

This pet-saving service is funded by the passionate pet lovers at Purina & NSALA.

**PURINA** north shore animal league america

**What's New?**

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[You can also check out our breed-specific pages for breed info and rescue links!](#)

# adoptapet.com - 2008

Shelterzone is  
born

And many parts of  
this still live on  
today!





# adoptapet.com - 2013

Added specific  
information for  
shelters and  
rescues


Groups shelters  
and rescues by  
pets served

### For Shelters & Rescues...



#### Shelter & Rescue Group Log In

Log in to get your pets seen and saved!




#### Shelters & Rescue Groups...

Increase your adoptions for free!


[Click here to sign-up!](#)

#### Pet-Saving Grants!

Shelters and rescues [apply here](#) for help funding your programs.

 **Veterinary Care Fund**

Helping homeless pets get healthy!



#### Recently Added Shelters

[Pet Pros Virginia](#)  
Arlington, VA  
Added on Aug 28, 2013

[Bugsy's Buddies Animal Rescue](#)  
Quartz Hill, CA  
Added on Aug 28, 2013

Here are lists of shelters and rescue groups adopting out...

[Latest Pet Listings at Adopt-a-Pet.com](#)

[Dogs](#) [Cats](#) [Cats and Dogs](#)

[Rabbits](#) [Birds](#) [Horses](#)

[Farm Animals](#) [Small Animals](#)

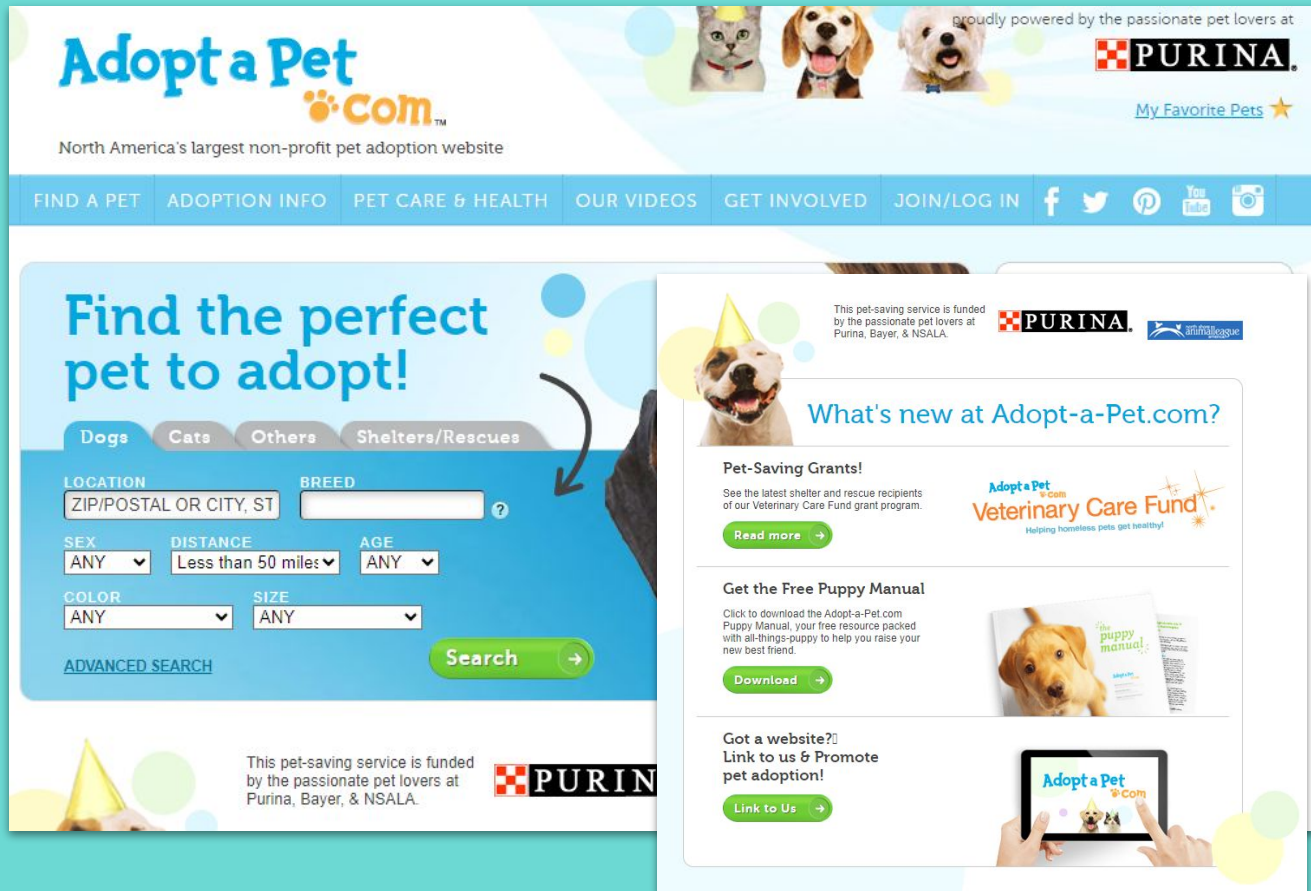
[Reptiles](#) [Fish](#) [and/or Amphibians](#)

[A mix of animals!](#)

(You can also check out [our breed-specific pages](#) for breed info and rescue links or [other shelters posting pets for adoption](#))


# adoptapet.com - 2014

Search filters are introduced



# adoptapet.com - 2016

Featured pets  
become part of  
the home page



North America's largest non-profit pet adoption website

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**Find the pet to adopt**

[Dogs](#) [Cats](#) [Other](#)


LOCATION  
94118

SEX  
ANY


COLOR  
ANY

[ADVANCED SEARCH](#)

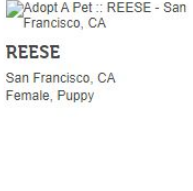
**Featured Pets:**




**Nikki**  
San Francisco, CA  
Female, Adult




**Snowbird**  
San Francisco, CA  
Female, Adult




**REESE**  
San Francisco, CA  
Female, Puppy




**Ziggy & Stardust (...)**  
San Francisco, CA  
Male, Kitten




**Bowie**  
San Francisco, CA



**Summer**  
San Francisco, CA  
Female, Adult



**Neela**  
San Francisco, CA  
Female, Senior



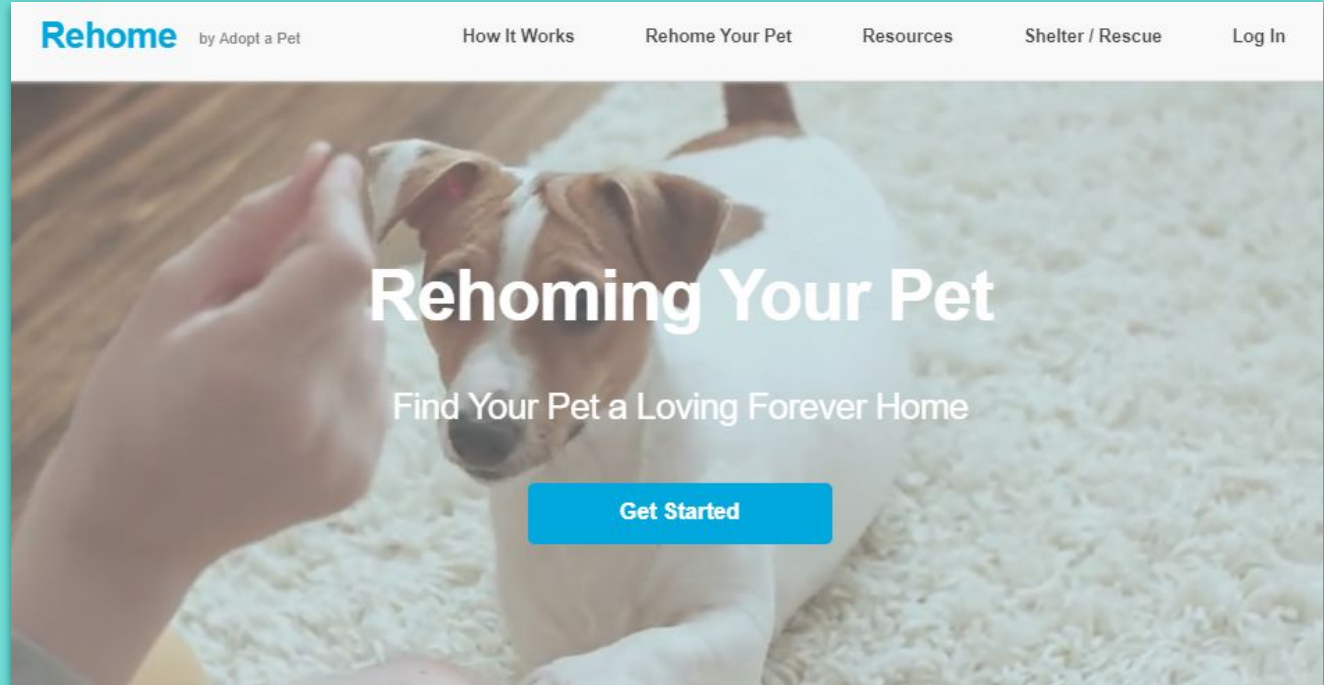
**SEASHELL**  
Pt. Richmond, CA  
Female, Senior



# rehome.adoptapet.com - 2017

Rehome is launched as a solution for shelters and rescues inundated with owner surrender requests

Safe alternative to Craigslist and Facebook



## Updates to search filters and menu



# adoptapet.com - 2019


Search filters to reduce to only include those that are most common


Done in an effort to get potential adopters to the results page with as few clicks as possible




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Join Today And Save Lives  
Shelter pets need your monthly gift



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North America's Largest Non-Profit Pet Adoption Website

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### Adopt the Perfect Pet

from more than 17,000 animal shelters & rescues


DogsCatsOther PetsShelters & Rescues

Zip / Postal or City, State

Age  
Any

Breed  
Any

Search




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Donate

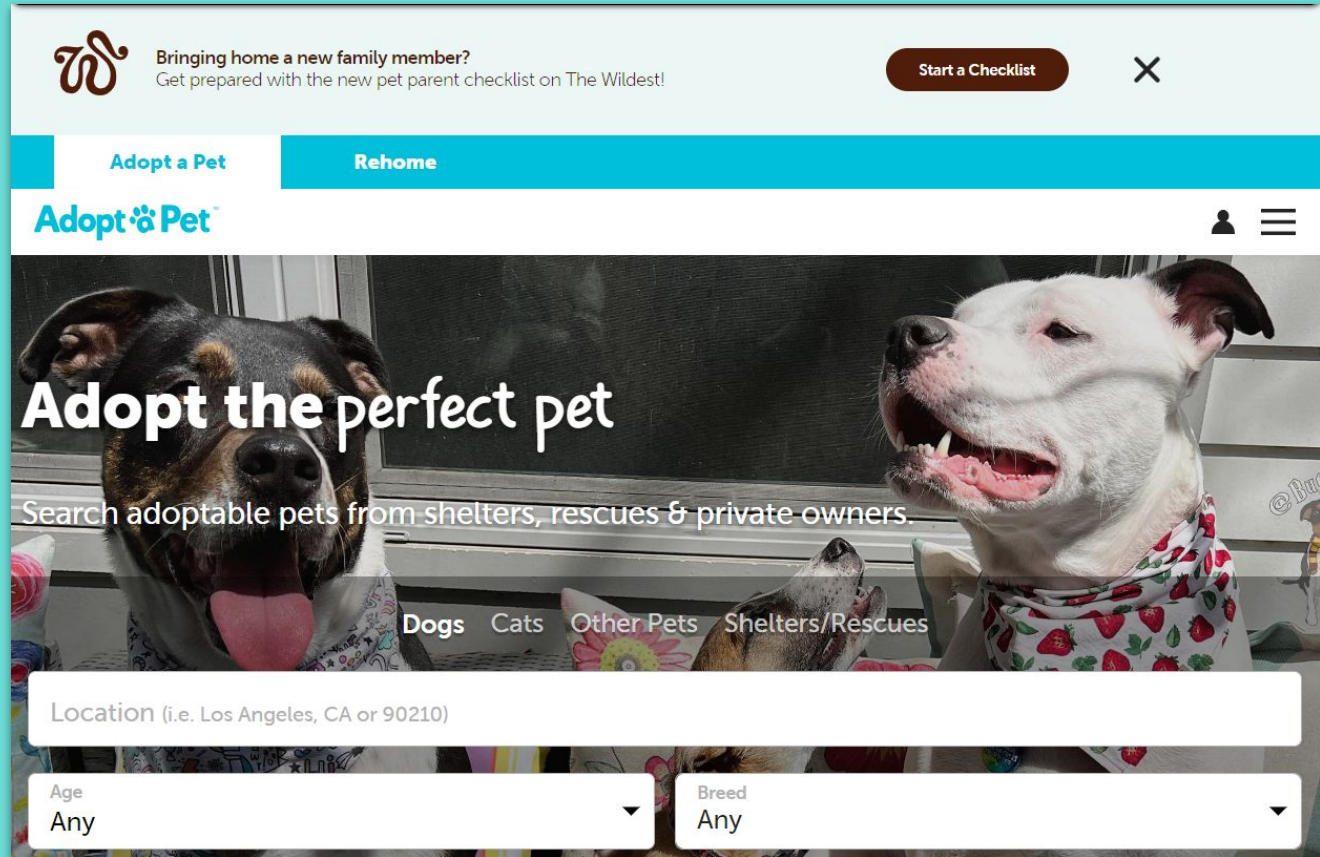
### Special Thanks

 Maddie's Fund  
#ThanksToMaddie



# adoptapet.com - 2022

Switched imagery  
and brand style



# adoptapet.com - 2023

Complete overhaul of website, brand and design to better service potential adopters



Adopt

Rehome

Adopt a Pet

Find a pet

How it works

Pet resources

Get involved

Shop

Login

Sign up

Ready to adopt a pet?

Let's get started. Search pets from shelters, rescues, and individuals.

Dogs

Cats

Other Pets

Shelters/Rescues

Location (i.e. Los Angeles, CA or 90210)

Age

Any

Breed

Any

Get Started

# adoptapet.com - 2024

Switched gears to focus on shelters and rescues

Update pet list to modern, mobile friendly design



Adopt a Pet BETA

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## My pet lists

### Cupcake's Posse



Bulk actions ▼

Apply

Available pets ▼

All species ▼

Search pet name or ID Q

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Date <span>⬇</span><br><small>(Added)</small> | Date <span>⬇</span><br><small>(Pending edits)</small>    | ID # <span>⬇</span> | Name <span>⬇</span>                  | Breed <span>⬇</span> | Pet photo   | Sex <span>⬇</span> | Age <span>⬇</span> | Status                   | Actions  |
|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 01-07-25                                      | 05-06-25<br><small>Last edited by April Huntsman</small> | 73780116            | TestCat1<br><a href="#">Edit Pet</a> | Abyssinian           |  | M                  | Adult              | Available <span>▼</span> | <a href="#">View on Adopt a Pet</a><br><a href="#">Copy pet details URL</a><br><a href="#">Promote pet</a><br><a href="#">Permanently Delete</a> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 03-14-24                                      | 05-06-25<br><small>Last edited by April Huntsman</small> |                     | Gelato<br><a href="#">Edit Pet</a>   | Chihuahua            |  | F                  | Senior             | Available <span>▼</span> | <a href="#">View on Adopt a Pet</a><br><a href="#">Copy pet details URL</a><br><a href="#">Promote pet</a><br><a href="#">Permanently Delete</a> |

× Hi. Need any help?



# adoptapet.com - 2025

Removed “dog”  
as the landing  
species for  
searches

Show all criteria at  
time of initial  
search

Adopt

Rehome

Adopt a Pet

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Ready to adopt a pet?

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Location

Ivins, UT

Search for

Add Pet Criteria

Search

Feeling adventurous? Try our new AI SmartSearch (BETA)

Riggins

Boxer Mixed Breed (M

Male, 4 Yrs 2 Mos

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Add pet criteria

Distance

Distance

50 miles or less

Show transport pets

Breed

Breed

Age

Puppy

Young

Adult

Senior

Sex

Female

Male

Size

Small (<25lbs)

Med (26-60 lbs)

Large (61-100 lbs)

X-Large (>100 lbs)

Adoption fee

\$0

\$1-25

Cared for by

Shelter

Rescue

Private owner

Good with

Good With Kids

Good With Dogs

Good With Cats

Color

Black

Brindle

Brown / Chocolate

View all colors

Health

Spayed/Neutered

Special needs

Vaccines up to date

Additional

New on Adopt a Pet (48 hrs)

Housetrained

Bonded pair

Needs experienced adopter

Needs home fast

Save & Search

Our sister brand

Kinship™

Our partners

zoetis

Pedigree

PETSMART

# adoptapet.com - 2025

In response to the need for better photos, launched feature to leverage volunteers and fosters to get better photos, personality traits and stories without the need to log in to shelter software

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My volunteers & fosters

Invite New Volunteer/Foster

Cupcake's Posse

Volunteer & Foster edits 

ON

Search name

| Date <div>(Added)</div> | First Name <div></div> | Last Name <div></div> | Email Address <div></div>            | Permissions <div></div>             | Actions                             |
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| 04-16-25                | April                  | Huntsman              | aprilarchive+1@gmail.com             | Always require approval <div></div> | <a href="#">Remove from account</a> |
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What's next?

