



**Our mission is to create a community without homeless pets by providing high quality affordable spay neuter and medical services.**

## **FINDING A NEW HOME FOR YOUR PET**

If you need to place a companion animal: There is a serious pet homelessness problem in this country and in our own community. That's why it's so important for pet owners to spay/neuter their pets.

Shelters and rescue groups work really hard to place as many animals as possible in loving homes but because most shelters are operating at full capacity, many of them euthanize animals to make space for incoming animals or turn animals away.

Each local animal shelter and rescue group has a different intake policy. You are your pet's best advocate and we encourage you to think about the number of homeless animals already filling shelters and to take the following steps before surrendering your pet.

- 1.) Spay Neuter Charlotte has a Pet Food Pantry that makes pet food available to pet parents in need.
- 2.) If you are having a behavioral issue, please consult your veterinarian or a trainer/behaviorist first. Our Web site [www.spayneutercharlotte.org](http://www.spayneutercharlotte.org) has a list of trainers/behaviorists and contact numbers. Your pet's behavior may be the result of a medical problem that you are not aware of, or your pet might just need some training. Spaying/neutering your pet can often eliminate many undesirable behaviors associated with breeding like roaming, yowling and marking territory. If you explore the above options and are still unable to keep your pet, try the following :
  - Make a flyer with a photo of your pet and a description of his most desirable traits.
  - Post flyers at veterinarian offices, pet supply stores, other locations around town and on social media.
  - E-mail and talk to friends, co-workers and relatives to see if they are looking for a pet or know anyone who is. Share the flyer with them. •
  - Post a "classified ad" on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) – the nation's leading homeless pet adoption database.
  - Place an ad in the paper, but be advised that "free to good home" ads may attract individuals seeking animals for purposes other than companionship. Most groups advise that you ask for an "adoption" fee to attract only serious and legitimate inquiries.
  - If your pet is a purebred, you can search for a breed rescue group on the internet and at <http://www.columbusdogconnection.com/othersvcs.htm>, then contact the rescue group(s)

**RESOURCES FOR TRAINING:**

**WHERE TO ADOPT- LINKS TO LOCAL RESCUE GROUPS**