

Did you find an
animal in need
of rescuing or
do you need to
rehome an
animal?

Here's a breakdown of what to do when you find a stray animal:

1. Assess the Situation:

- ④ **Safety First:** Approach the animal cautiously, especially if it seems injured, scared, or aggressive.
- ④ **Observe the Animal:** Try to determine if the animal is friendly, injured, or potentially a danger to itself or others.

2. Secure the Animal (If Possible):

- ④ **Friendly Animal:** If the animal seems approachable, try to gently coax it into a safe space, like a fenced yard or garage.
- ④ **Injured or Aggressive Animal:** Do not attempt to handle it yourself. Call Afton Animal Control or a local rescue organization for assistance.

3. Check for Identification:

- ④ **Collar and Tags:** Check for a collar with ID tags. Contact the owner immediately if information is available.
- ④ **Microchip:** Take the animal to a local veterinarian or shelter to have it scanned for a microchip. This could quickly reunite the pet with its owner.

4. Notify the Community:

- ④ **Post on Social Media:** Share photos and information about the found animal on local social media groups, like "Afton Area Buy, Sell, Trade," or dedicated lost and found pet pages.
- ④ **Contact Local Shelters and Rescues:** Even if shelters are full, they may have waiting lists or be able to provide resources and advice. Some organizations in the area to consider include:
 - **Northeast Oklahoma Humane Society (in Vinita)**
 - **The Little Ark Animal Rescue and Sanctuary (in Grove)**
 - **Furry Friends Animal Rescue (in Miami)**
- ④ **Put up Flyers:** Create flyers with a picture of the animal, the location where it was found, and your contact information. Post them in the area and at local businesses, like pet stores and vet clinics.

5. Temporary Care:

- ④ **If you can:** If you are able to temporarily foster the animal, provide it with food, water, shelter, and a safe space in your home until the owner is found or a more permanent solution is arranged.
- ④ **Reach out to others:** Ask friends, family, or neighbors if they can temporarily foster or help spread the word.

6. Additional Tips:

- **Lost Pet Websites:** Post the found animal on websites like PawBoost, Petfinder, and Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet.com
- **Check with Local Businesses:** Some businesses, like feed stores or veterinary clinics, might have bulletin boards for lost and found pets.
- **Be Patient:** It may take time to reunite the animal with its owner or find it a new home.

Remember, acting quickly and utilizing all available resources increases the chances of a happy reunion or finding a loving home for the stray animal. Even if you can't take the animal in yourself, spreading the word and contacting local organizations can make all the difference.

Here are some community pages and resources specifically focused on lost and found animals in Northeast Oklahoma, particularly relevant for the Afton area:

Facebook Groups:

- **Northeast Oklahoma Lost and Found Pets:** A general group for all of Northeast Oklahoma, with a large following and active community.
- **Afton Area Buy, Sell, Trade:** While primarily for buying and selling, this group also has a dedicated section for lost and found pets in the Afton area.
- **Vinita Area Lost & Found Pets:** A good option if you're near Vinita, as it covers that specific community and surrounding areas.
- **Grove Oklahoma & Grand Lake Area Lost & Found Pets:** Covers the Grove and Grand Lake area, useful if you're closer to that part of Northeast Oklahoma.
- **Miami, OK - Lost and Found Pets:** Specific to Miami, Oklahoma, and its surrounding areas.
- **Ottawa County, Oklahoma Lost and Found Pets:** A county-wide group for Ottawa County, where Afton is located.

Other Online Resources:

- **PawBoost:** A free online platform for posting lost and found pets, with a focus on creating shareable alerts for social media.
- **Petco Love Lost:** A national database for lost and found pets. You can register your pet's microchip information for free and search for lost pets in your area.
- **Nextdoor:** If you're using the Nextdoor app for your neighborhood, post information about the lost or found animal there as well.

Additional Tips:

- **Local Shelters and Rescues:** Contact local shelters and rescue organizations, even if they are full. They may have waiting lists or be able to provide resources and advice. Some in the area include:
 - Northeast Oklahoma Humane Society (in Vinita)
 - The Little Ark Animal Rescue and Sanctuary (in Grove)

- Furry Friends Animal Rescue (in Miami)
- **Veterinarian Offices and Pet Stores:** Many vet offices and pet stores have bulletin boards or online resources for lost and found pets.
- **Local Newspapers and Radio Stations:** Consider placing a classified ad in local newspapers like the "Afton American" or contacting local radio stations to share information about the lost or found animal.

Remember to provide clear photos, detailed descriptions, and your contact information in all your posts. The more information you provide, the higher the chances of reuniting a lost pet with its owner or finding a loving home for a stray animal.

Be persistent and continue to check and update your posts regularly. Don't give up hope!

Rehoming a pet can be a challenging but necessary step. Here are some resources available in Northeast Oklahoma to help you find a new loving home for your dog or cat:

Online Platforms:

- **Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet.com:** This platform allows you to create a profile for your pet and connect with potential adopters. It offers resources and guidance throughout the rehoming process and is a safe and effective way to find your pet a new home.
www.adoptapet.com
- **Social Media:** Leverage the power of social media by posting your pet's information and photos on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor. Consider joining local pet-related groups or pages for greater reach.
- **Local Online Communities:** Check websites or forums specific to your city or region, like Craigslist or local buy/sell/trade groups, where people often post about pets needing new homes.
- **Local Radio Station:** KGVE 99.3 Tradio from 9AM-10AM Monday-Friday
West 3rd Street Grove, OK 918-786-8822
- **Local Shelters and Rescues:**
- **No-Kill Shelters:** While they may have limited space, reaching out to no-kill shelters like Second Chance Pet Rescue in Grove or Tulsa SPCA 918-428-7722 is worth a try. They might have waiting lists or can offer advice and resources.



<https://www.tulsaspca.org/surrendering-an-animal/>

- **Breed-Specific Rescues:** If your pet is a specific breed, search for breed-specific rescue organizations in Oklahoma. These groups specialize in finding homes for particular breeds and may have a network of potential adopters.
- **Foster-Based Rescues:** Some rescues operate primarily through a network of foster homes. They might be able to take in your pet temporarily while they search for a permanent home.

Other Resources:

- **Veterinarians and Pet-Related Businesses:** Talk to your veterinarian, local pet stores, or grooming salons. They often have bulletin boards or connections to potential adopters.
- **Friends, Family, and Coworkers:** Reach out to your network and let them know you're looking for a new home for your pet. Someone you know might be interested or know someone who is.

Remember:

- **Be Honest and Thorough:** Provide potential adopters with all relevant information about your pet's personality, health, and any special needs.
- **Screen Potential Adopters:** Ask questions, conduct meet-and-greets, and check references to ensure your pet goes to a responsible and loving home.
- **Utilize Adoption Contracts:** Create a formal adoption contract outlining the terms of the adoption and responsibilities of the new owner.

Rehoming your pet can be an emotional process, but by utilizing these resources and being proactive in your search, you can increase the chances of finding a wonderful new home for your furry friend.

To responsibly rehome your pet yourself, please make sure they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated first. This will help protect them from illness, injury, backyard breeding, and will help keep our community's pet population under control and healthy. You can find more information on our low-cost spay/neuter and vaccine clinics at:

<https://tulsaspca.org/spayneuter/>

<https://tulsaspca.org/low-cost-vaccine-clinic/>

For more help rehoming your pet, visit:

<https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>

When you need to rehome a pet but the shelters are full, it can be a stressful situation. However, there are several responsible options you can explore to find a loving new home for your furry friend:

1. Leverage Your Network:

- **Friends and Family:** Start by reaching out to your close circle. Someone you know might be looking for a new pet or know someone who is.
- **Coworkers and Acquaintances:** Spread the word at your workplace or among your social groups. You never know who might be the perfect fit for your pet.
- **Veterinarian and Pet-Related Businesses:** Ask your veterinarian, local pet stores, or grooming salons if they have any leads or can post information about your pet.
- **Local Radio Station/Newspapers:** KGVE 99.3 (Tradio from 9AM-10AM Monday-Friday West 3rd Street Grove, OK 918-786-8822), The America, The Grove Sun, Miami News Record
- **No-Kill Shelters:** While they may have limited space, reaching out to no-kill shelters like Second Chance Pet Rescue in Grove or Tulsa SPCA 918-423-7722 is worth a try. They might have waiting lists or can offer advice and resources.
- **Foster-Based Rescues:** Some rescues operate primarily through a network of foster homes. They might be able to take in your pet temporarily while they search for a permanent home.

2. Utilize Online Resources:

- **Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet.com:** This platform allows you to create a profile for your pet and connect with potential adopters. It offers resources and guidance throughout the rehoming process. <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>
- **Specialized Adoption Websites:** Look for breed-specific rescue organizations or websites that cater to specific types of pets.
- **Social Media:** Share your pet's information and photos on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and local community groups.

Here are some Facebook groups specific to rehoming animals in Oklahoma:

General Rehoming Groups:

- **Oklahoma Rehoming Pets:** A large, active group for rehoming all types of pets across Oklahoma.
- **Rehoming Pets Oklahoma:** Another general group with a focus on responsible rehoming.
- **OKC & Tulsa & Surrounding Areas Rehome Pets:** Caters to the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas, but may also have listings for Northeast Oklahoma.

⦿

Breed-Specific Groups:

- ⦿ **Oklahoma German Shepherd Rescue:** For rehoming German Shepherds.
- ⦿ **Lab Rescue Oklahoma:** Specializes in rehoming Labrador Retrievers.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma Siamese Rescue:** For rehoming Siamese cats.
- ⦿ **Aussie Rescue of Oklahoma:** Dedicated to rescuing and rehoming Australian Shepherds.
- ⦿ **Boxer Rescue of Oklahoma: Helps Boxers find loving homes throughout the state.**
- ⦿ **Collie Rescue of Oklahoma:** Focused on rescuing and rehoming Collies and Shelties.
- ⦿ **German Shepherd Rescue of Oklahoma:** Dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming German Shepherds.
- ⦿ **Golden Retriever Rescue of Oklahoma:** Provides rescue and adoption services for Golden Retrievers.
- ⦿ **Greyhound Adoption League of Oklahoma (GALO):** Helps retired racing Greyhounds find loving homes.
- ⦿ **Heartland Husky Rescue:** A foster-based rescue group for Huskies, Malamutes, and other Northern breeds in Oklahoma.
- ⦿ **Husky Halfway House:** Another rescue dedicated to Huskies in need, located in Eufaula, OK
- ⦿ **Lab Rescue Oklahoma:** Specializes in rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming Labrador Retrievers.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma Basset Hound Rescue:** Dedicated to rescuing and rehoming Basset Hounds.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma Boston Terrier Rescue:** Helps Boston Terriers find new homes.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma Chihuahua Rescue:** Focuses on rescuing and rehoming Chihuahuas.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma Dachshund Rescue:** Provides rescue and adoption services for Dachshunds.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma English Bulldog Rescue:** Dedicated to rescuing and rehoming English Bulldogs.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma French Bulldog Rescue:** Helps French Bulldogs find new homes.
- ⦿ **Oklahoma Pug Rescue:** Dedicated to rescuing and rehoming Pugs.
- ⦿ **Poodle Rescue of Oklahoma:** Provides rescue and adoption services for Poodles.
- ⦿ **Schnauzer Rescue of Oklahoma:** Dedicated to rescuing and rehoming Schnauzers.
- ⦿ **Yorkie Rescue of Oklahoma:** Focuses on rescuing and rehoming Yorkshire Terriers.

Search for your pet's breed + "Oklahoma rescue" on Facebook.

Location-Specific Groups:

- ⦿ **Northeast Oklahoma Rehoming Pets:** Focuses on the northeastern part of the state, which includes Grove and surrounding areas.
- ⦿ **Rehoming Pets - Tulsa & Surrounding Areas:** May be helpful if you're willing to expand your search to the Tulsa area.

- **OKC Rehoming Pets:** Focuses on the Oklahoma City area.
- **Local Shelter & Rescue Pages:** Many shelters and rescues have their own Facebook pages where they post about animals available for adoption or needing foster homes. Check the pages of organizations like Second Chance Community in Grove.
- **Community Groups:** Some local community groups or buy/sell/trade pages also allow posts about rehoming pets.

Tips for Using Facebook Groups:

- **Be Detailed:** Provide clear photos, a thorough description of your pet's personality and needs, and any adoption fees.
 - **Screen Potential Adopters:** Ask questions, request vet references, and conduct meet-and-greets to ensure a good fit.
 - **Use Caution:** Be wary of anyone offering to take your pet without asking questions or meeting the animal first.
3. Consider Temporary Fostering:
- **Ask for Help:** Reach out to friends, family, or even local foster-based rescue groups to see if anyone can temporarily foster your pet while you search for a permanent home.
 - **Offer to Cover Costs:** If finances are a concern for potential fosters, offer to cover some or all of the expenses associated with caring for your pet.
4. Be Thorough and Transparent:
- **Create a Compelling Profile:** Write a detailed and honest description of your pet's personality, needs, and any medical or behavioral issues.
 - **Screen Potential Adopters:** Ask questions about their home environment, lifestyle, and experience with pets. Conduct meet-and-greets to ensure compatibility.
 - **Charge an Adoption Fee:** A reasonable adoption fee can help deter irresponsible adopters and demonstrate the value of your pet.
5. Explore Additional Options:
- **No-Kill Shelters Further Away:** Consider contacting no-kill shelters or rescues in nearby cities or towns that might have more space or resources.
 - **Sanctuaries:** If your pet has special needs or is a senior, consider reaching out to animal sanctuaries that provide lifelong care.

Remember:

- **Be Patient:** Finding the right home for your pet takes time. Don't rush the process and prioritize finding a responsible and loving adopter.
- **Never Abandon Your Pet:** Abandoning an animal is cruel and illegal. Continue to explore options until you find a suitable placement for your pet.
- **Be Honest and Thorough:** Provide potential adopters with all relevant information about your pet's personality, health, and any special needs.

- **Screen Potential Adopters:** Ask questions, conduct meet-and-greets, and check references to ensure your pet goes to a responsible and loving home.
- **Utilize Adoption Contracts:** Create a formal adoption contract outlining the terms of the adoption and responsibilities of the new owner.

Additional Tips:

- **Local Veterinarians:** Veterinarians often have connections to potential adopters or foster homes. Ask your vet for recommendations.
- **Networking within the Community:** Talk to your neighbors, friends, and local businesses to spread the word about your pet needing a new home.

Remember, rehoming your pet is a responsible decision when you can no longer provide the care they need. With patience, dedication, and the help of your community, you can find a loving new home for your furry companion.

To responsibly rehome your pet yourself, please make sure they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated first. This will help protect them from illness, injury, backyard breeding, and will help keep

our community's pet population under control and healthy. You can find more information on our low-cost spay/neuter and vaccine clinics at:

<https://tulsaspca.org/spayneuter/>

<https://tulsaspca.org/low-cost-vaccine-clinic/>