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COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

BALTIMORE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Pet Care Resources



Emergency Resources



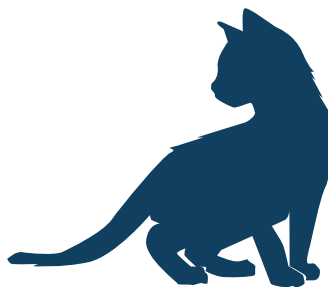
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LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER, VACCINES, AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Baltimore Humane Society Spay/Neuter Center

For low income residents of Baltimore, Carroll and Harford County

📍 1601 Nicodemus Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136

📞 (410) 833-8848 ext. 209

✉️ fixmypet@bmorehumane.org

🔗 <https://bit.ly/BHSWeb1>

✓ Spay/Neuter
✓ Vaccines
✓ Wellness Exams

BARCS

For residents of Baltimore City

📍 2490 Giles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21225

📞 (410) 396-4695

✉️ info@barcs.org

🔗 **Spay/Neuter:** bit.ly/BARCS_SN

Vaccines/Microchip: bit.ly/BARCS_vax

✓ Spay/Neuter
✓ Vaccines
✓ Services:
microchipping

Petco Owings Mills Vetco Clinic

Appointment required, typically open on Sundays

📍 Clinics offered at local Petco

📞 (410) 581-9888

🔗 bit.ly/Petco_vax

✓ Vaccines
✓ Services:
microchipping,
deworming and
diagnostic tests

Maryland SPCA

Wellness Clinic

📍 4007 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211

📞 (410) 400-9355

✉️ wellness@mdspca.org

🔗 bit.ly/SPCA_wellness

✓ Vaccines
✓ Wellness Exams

Spay and Neuter Clinic

May include vaccines and nail trim

📍 3300 Falls Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211

📞 (410) 889-7729

✉️ fixme@mdspca.org

🔗 bit.ly/SPCA_SN

✓ Spay/Neuter

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER, VACCINES, AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Baltimore County Animal Services

Low-cost package (including spay/neuter, rabies and other required vaccines, deworming, microchip and a county animal license), low-cost rabies vaccine and microchipping clinics for Baltimore City and Baltimore County residents.

📍 13800 Manor Road Baldwin, MD 21013

☎ (410) 877-7297

✉ animalservices@baltimorecountymd.gov

➡ **Spay/Neuter:** bit.ly/BCAS_SN

Rabies Clinic: bit.ly/BCAS_rabies

Microchipping: bit.ly/BCAS_microchip

✓ Spay/Neuter
✓ Vaccines
✓ Services:
deworming,
microchip, county
animal licensing

Best Friends in Harford County-Free Feline Fix

CATS ONLY. For Harford County residents. Email for location info.

☎ (443) 390-6676

✉ info@bestfriendsinharfordcounty.org

fixmypet@bestfriendsinharfordcounty.org

➡ bit.ly/BestFriends_SN

✓ Spay/Neuter



VETERINARY CARE

Affordable Veterinary Care

Baltimore Humane Society

☎ (410) 833-8848 ext. 209
📍 1601 Nicodemus Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136
✉ fixmypet@bmorehumane.org

Main Street Veterinary Hospital

Offers payment options: CareCredit and VetBilling
☎ (410) 526-7500
📍 11617 Reisterstown Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136

Academy Animal Hospital

☎ (410) 483-5162
📍 5915 Belair Rd, Baltimore, MD 21206

Maryland SPCA Wellness Clinic

☎ (410) 400-9355
📍 4007 Falls Road Baltimore, MD 21211
✉ wellness@mdspca.org
🔗 bit.ly/SPCA_wellness



Full-Service Veterinary Care

Mountainside Veterinary Hospital

Discounts for BHS adopters
☎ (410) 833-8085
📍 42 Westminster Pike, Reisterstown, MD 21136

Academy Animal Hospital

Discounts for BHS adopters
☎ (410) 833-0500
📍 501 Main St, Reisterstown, MD 21136

Freetown Animal Hospital

Discounts for BHS adopters
☎ (410) 531-8070
📍 6470 Freetown Rd #240, Columbia, MD 21044

Emergency Vet Clinic of Catonsville

☎ (410) 974-8192
📍 32 Mellor Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

PET +ER Towson

☎ (410) 252-8387
📍 1209 Cromwell Bridge, Towson, MD 21286

Veterinary Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Group

☎ (240) 295-4400
📍 10975 Guilford Rd, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Please go to: <https://bmorehumane.org/resources/vet-partners/> for a full list of vet partners who offer our adopters a free wellness exam for their newly adopted pet.

TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR RESOURCES

Find a Trainer Near You

Pet Professional Guild

Training and Behavior Hotline: (914) 357-5481

Request trainer recommendations: bit.ly/PPG_support

Search for experts by zip code: bit.ly/PPG_zipcode

Association of Professional Dog Trainers

Main Website: bit.ly/APDT_web

Search for a trainer: bit.ly/APDT_trainer

International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants

Find a behavior consultant: bit.ly/IAABC_consult

American College of Veterinary Behaviorists

Find a certified veterinary behaviorist: bit.ly/DACVB_behavior

Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers

find a CPPDT certified trainer or behaviorist: bit.ly/CCPDT_search

More Resources

Family Paws

Expert support and resources for families with dogs

☎ (877) 247-3407

✉ jen@familypaws.com

🔗 bit.ly/FP_web

Your Dog's Friend

Offers free workshops and webinars including guidance for new adopters and presentations on all sorts of behavior, training, and health issues.

☎ (301)-983-5913

🔗 bit.ly/YDF_web

TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR RESOURCES

Choosing a Trainer

10 Questions to Ask a Potential Dog Trainer

For more details, please visit: bit.ly/PPG_10Questions

Positive training works on all dogs regardless of breed, age or drive and all behaviors, so there's never a need to physically punish your dog.

1. What dog training equipment do you use when training a dog or do you recommend I use?
2. What happens in your training program when the dog responds in the way you want him to?
3. What happens in your training program when the dog responds in the way you do not want him to?
4. How will you punish the dog or advise me to punish the dog if he gets something wrong or exhibits a behavior I do not like?
5. How do you ensure that my dog is not inadvertently being punished?
6. How do you know that the type of reinforcement you have selected to train my dog is appropriate?
7. How will you know or how will I know if my dog is stressed during the training?
8. Which professional dog training associations are you a member of?
9. Will you guarantee your training results?
10. How do you think a dog's behavior should be addressed if the dog is growling or snapping at people or other dogs?

TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR RESOURCES

Choosing a Trainer

Red Flags to Watch for When Choosing a Trainer

- Use of shock, prong, or choke collars.
- Use of the phrase “pack leader”, “alpha,” or owners needing to be dominant over their dogs.
- Techniques such as ‘alpha rolls’, yanking the leash, smacking on the nose, or any sort of physical correction or punishment.
- Use of so-called “startle” items such as throw chains, shake cans, air horns, citronella spray
- Any type of guarantee of results or length of training needed to achieve those results.
- A trainer who doesn’t use treats to train or who suggest treats are “bribes.”
- A trainer who believes certain breeds, sizes, sexes or ages of dogs need to be trained with a “heavier hand” than other types of dogs.
- A trainer whose website does not provide a description of the methods they use.
- A trainer who does not let the owner be present during the training session.
- A trainer who is constantly reassuring you that their methods are safe and your dog is fine if you raise concerns.

If you are uncomfortable with or concerned that something the trainer does, says, or instructs you to do, **end the training session!** Your dog depends on you to keep him safe, and you have an obligation to speak up to protect him.

Emergency Resources

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24-HOUR EMERGENCY HOSPITALS

Anne Arundel Emergency Vet Clinic

☎ (410) 224-0331
📍 808 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401
🔗 bit.ly/AAVEC_web

Animal Emergency Hospital

☎ (410) 420-7292
📍 722 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014
🔗 bit.ly/AEH_web

Catonsville ER

☎ (410) 788-7040
📍 32 Mellor Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228
🔗 bit.ly/EVC_web

Falls Road Animal Hospital

☎ (410) 825-9100
📍 6314 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209
🔗 bit.ly/FRAH_web

PET +ER Columbia

☎ (410) 441-3304
📍 10000 Old Columbia Rd, Columbia, MD 21046
🔗 bit.ly/PetER_web

PET +ER Towson

☎ (410) 252-8387
📍 1209 Cromwell Bridge Rd, Towson, MD 21286
🔗 bit.ly/PetER_web



POISONS AND TOXINS

For a complete list, please visit: <http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com>
or www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control
or call: (888)-426-4435 or (855)-764-7661

Edible Dangers

- Alcoholic drinks and food products containing alcohol
- Avocado (mildly toxic to dogs and cats but can be severely toxic, even deadly, to birds, rabbits and horses)
- Caffeine
- Chocolate
- Fatty, rich or spicy foods (can lead to inflammation of the pancreas which can be life threatening)
- Garlic
- Grapes and raisins
- Macadamia nuts
- Onions
- Salt
- Tobacco products including e-cigarettes and their refills
- Xylitol (sweetener found in products such as some sugar-free gum, sugar-free candy, some peanut butters, cough syrup, mouthwash, and toothpaste)
- Yeast products (like raw dough)
- Marijuana
- Narcotics
- Most medication intended for people (these pose higher risks)
 - Acetaminophen (Tylenol is toxic to dogs and fatal to cats)
 - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen
 - Diet pills/Vitamins
 - Cold medicines
 - Antihistamines
 - Prescription drugs
 - Antidepressants

Non-Edible Dangers

- Antifreeze
- Cocoa mulch
- Fabric softener sheets
- Ice melting products
- Insecticides and pesticides (flea and tick products for dogs can be dangerous or possibly life-threatening for cats if they come in contact with it)
- Lawn fertilizers and weed killers
- Liquid potpourri
- Mothballs
- Paints and solvents, especially art or specialty paints may contain heavy metals
- Rat and mouse bait/poison
- Various household cleaners, including bleach and toilet bowl cleaners
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Play dough and salt dough
- Christmas tree ornaments
- Alkaline batteries
- Pennies
- Polyurethane adhesives, especially expanding wood glue containing diphenylmethane diisocyanate MDI

LOST PET RESOURCES

What to Do If You Lost Your Pet

Search

- Do a thorough search of the area your pet was last seen and your property.
- Notify neighbors and ask permission to search on their property. A loose animal may have been taken in by a neighbor, so you must get word out to everyone in your neighborhood. Be sure to talk to mail carriers, delivery people, etc.

Signage

- Make posters and signs that are big enough for the writing to be easily readable and bright enough to catch people's eye if they are driving by. Neon poster board works well.
 - Write a clear description but keep it short—only a few key words and a contact phone number. People need to be able to read the whole thing while driving by.
- Post signs where they will be seen by the most people: major intersections, popular shopping centers, main streets that lead in and out of your neighborhood.
- Post signs on YOUR property. Put a large sign on your front lawn and in your windows because the first thing that people do when they find a lost pet is walk around the area where they found the pet to look for its owner. Make sure anyone who walks by your house knows you are looking for a lost pet.

Signage (cont.)

- Ask neighbors to post signs as well.
- Use your car as a mobile billboard with a short description of your missing pet in large colorful letters. Water-based chalk markers work best.
- Make flyers and distribute to as many homes, vet offices, and other animal businesses as possible.
- Some services will help you reach a large number of people quickly. Every Door Direct Mail is a service through the post office that delivers your post card to every address in a given area in one day.

Shelters

- **ACT FAST: Maryland animal shelters are only required to hold strays for 72 hrs. before putting them up for adoption.**
- Identify all animal shelters that serve your area and go there in person! Be sure to check shelters in other nearby counties as lost pets can wander far. Check these shelters daily!
- If you don't know of a nearby shelter start by checking with local law enforcement (police, sheriff, fire station).
- Contact Dogs Finding Dogs which is a Maryland based group of K9 search teams that can track and find lost pets (not just dogs, but cats and even horses)
(410)-908-6374
www.dogsfindingdogs.com
dogsfindingdogs@gmail.com

LOST PET RESOURCES

What to Do If You Lost Your Pet

Online

- Post online on local Facebook groups for lost pets, Nextdoor, Craigslist, and Helping Lost Pets (www.helpinglostpets.com) which is a free national database of lost and found pets.
- Check sites that shelters post found animals on and connect directly with shelter systems providing a live update of found animals.
- Check local shelter and local police facebook pages and other social media pages.

Websites to Post or Look for Lost/Missing Pets

Lost and Found in Maryland: bit.ly/LF_MD

Lost and Found in Baltimore County: bit.ly/LF_BCounty

Lost and Found in Baltimore City: bit.ly/LF_BCity

Lost and Found Pets of Baltimore Highlands: bit.ly/LF_BHighlands

Dogs & Pets Lost Stolen Found Maryland: bit.ly/LF_pets

Baltimore Pet Connection: bit.ly/BPConnection

Finding Rover: bit.ly/FR_pets

Baltimore Craigslist Lost and Found: bit.ly/Craigslist_pets

Baltimore and Surrounding Areas Lost Pet: bit.ly/Bmore_LFpets

For the Love of Louie: bit.ly/LoveofLouie_pets

Lost and Found Cats of Baltimore: bit.ly/LF_cats

Lost and Found Animals of Maryland: bit.ly/LF_MD1

Petharbor: bit.ly/PH_web

Petango: bit.ly/petango_web

Remember, the best person to identify your missing pet is YOU.

LOST PET RESOURCES

Nearby Animal Shelters

The Baltimore Humane Society

☎ (410) 833-8848 ext 2

📍 1601 Nicodemus Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136

🔗 <https://bit.ly/BHSWeb1>

Baltimore County Animal Services

☎ (410) 887-7297

📍 13800 Manor Rd, Baldwin, MD 21013

🔗 bit.ly/BCAS_web

Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS)

☎ (410) 396-4695

📍 2490 Giles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21225

✉ info@barcs.org

🔗 bit.ly/BARCS_LF

Maryland SPCA

☎ (410) 235-8826

📍 3300 Falls Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211

🔗 bit.ly/SPCA_web

Anne Arundel County Animal Control

☎ (410) 222-8900

📍 411 Maxwell Frye Rd, Millersville, MD 21108

🔗 bit.ly/AAC_AnimalControl

Montgomery County Humane Society

☎ (240) 252-2555

📍 601 S. Stonestreet Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

🔗 bit.ly/MCHS_web

PG County Animal Services

☎ (301) 780-7201

📍 3750 Brown Station Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

🔗 bit.ly/PGCAS_web

If you lost your pet, make sure to check your animal shelters near you and in neighboring counties!

ACT FAST! Shelters are only required to hold stray pets for 72 hours before putting them up for adoption!

Make sure to take care of yourself as you search for your pet. When your pet strays from home, it can be traumatic for both of you.

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PET FOOD BANKS

The Baltimore Humane Society BMORE Kind Pet Food Bank

☎ (410) 833-8848 ext. 2

📍 1601 Nicodemus Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136

✉ shelter@bmorehumane.org

SPCA of Anne Arundel County Pet Food Bank Program

☎ (410) 268-4388 ext. 121

📍 1815 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403

✉ foodbank@aspca.org

The Humane Society of Harford County Pet Food Pantry

For Harford County residents

☎ (410) 836-1090

📍 2208 Connolly Rd, Fallston MD 21047

Montgomery County Pet Food Bank

☎ (240) 252-2555

📍 601 S Stonestreet Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

✉ mchs@mchumane.org

🔗 bit.ly/MCHS_PetFood

Thankful Paws Pet Food Bank

Pet food delivery to the elderly, homeless and low income within Perry Hall area

☎ (410) 907-7297

✉ bark@thankfulpaws.org

🔗 bit.ly/TP_PetFood

Luna's House

☎ (410) 671-2954

✉ PetPantry@lunashouse.org

🔗 bit.ly/LH_PetFood

MCQE Mobile Pet Pantry

Serves within Hampstead, Manchester, Westminster, Hereford and Reisterstown

☎ (443) 507-6849

✉ MCQE.pet.pantry@gmail.com

🔗 bit.ly/MCQE_PetFood

Humane Society of Carroll County

☎ (410) 848-4810

📍 2517 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158

🔗 bit.ly/HSCC_web

Best Friends in Harford County

☎ (443) 390-6676

✉ petfood@bestfriendsinharfordcounty.org

🔗 bit.ly/BestFriends_web



PRESCRIPTION AND PAYMENT PLAN ASSISTANCE

Prescription Assistance

Please visit these websites for more information on how to receive assistance!

GoodRX

bit.ly/GoodRX_web

Target PetRX

bit.ly/Target_PetRX

AAA

Offers members discounts on pet prescriptions with AAA Prescription Savings card. This is not insurance.

Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.

For more information, call 1-866-222-7283

Payment Plan Assistance

Please visit these websites for more information on how to receive assistance!

VetBilling.com

Offers veterinary bill assistance and installment payments at participating veterinarian offices.

bit.ly/VetBilling

AAA

Offers members discounts on pet prescriptions with AAA Prescription Savings card. This is not insurance.

Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.

For more information, call 1-866-222-7283

CareCredit

Gives a line of credit to provide flexibility to use your card again and again for pet's procedures and vet bills.

bit.ly/CC_VetCare



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Bow Wow Buddies Foundation

Offers a second chance to sick and injured dogs in need by providing medical care funds to dogs who are either homeless or whose parents cannot afford to pay their veterinary bills.

➡ bit.ly/BWB_web

The Mosby Foundation

The Mosby Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, to assist in the care of critically sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs through financial support and public education. Has an additional financial assistance program specifically for cancer.

➡ Main Website: bit.ly/Mosby_web

Canine Cancer Program: bit.ly/Mosby_Cancer

The Mr. Mo Project

Financial assistance for owners of senior dogs that are considering surrendering to a shelter due to high medical expenses and illness.

➡ bit.ly/MrMo_web

The Buddy Foundation of Maryland

Provides financial support necessary to prevent euthanasia and/or surrender of a canine family member due to the high cost of urgent veterinary care.

➡ bit.ly/TBFMD_web

Paws 4 A Cure

Provides financial assistance throughout the US to those who cannot afford veterinary care.

➡ bit.ly/P4AC_web

Frankie's Friends

Provides grants to assist with the cost of life-saving or life-enhancing emergency or specialty care for pets whose families cannot afford the full cost of treatment. Special funding may be available to support the care of working dogs.

bit.ly/FF_web



The Onyx & Breezy Foundation

Helps with the costs of food, medicine and supplies for dogs of veterans suffering from PTSD. Provides funding and support where medical hardship is present.

➡ bit.ly/OB_web

Pets of the Homeless

Provides pet food and veterinary care assistance for the homeless.

➡ bit.ly/POTH_web

The Shakespeare Animal Fund

Financial help for elderly, disabled and low-income families to obtain emergency pet care.

➡ bit.ly/SAF_web

Waggle

A pet-dedicated crowdfunding solution that channels funds directly to verified veterinary providers to ensure the money goes only to the pets' care.

➡ bit.ly/Wag_web

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Brown Dog Foundation

Provides funding to families who have a sick pet that would likely respond to treatment but due to an unforeseen circumstance there is not enough money available to make it happen.

bit.ly/BDF_web



The Companion Bridge

Online community for people to connect, share and assist one another on behalf of their companion animals. Provides online space to raise funds for people with either special needs companion animals or animals requiring significant medical attention that would otherwise be euthanized. ONLY FOR MD, DC and VA

bit.ly/CB_web



Molly's Hope

Grants ranging between \$300-400 to provide necessary financial assistance for emergency medical treatment in efforts to prevent financially driven euthanasia.

bit.ly/MH_web



The Pet Fund

Provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals in the US who need veterinary care. For non-basic, non-urgent care: cancer treatment, heart disease, chronic conditions, endocrine diseases, eye diseases, arthritis treatment, orthopedic surgeries.

bit.ly/PF_web



Murphee and Sugar Foundation

Up to \$500 in financial assistance for eligible pet owners who are caring for critically ill pets and experiencing severe financial strain.

bit.ly/MS_web



Dogs on Deployment

Grants financial assistance to military members for help with their pet's care during emergencies. Aids pets of all types that belong to active duty, reservists, guard, honorably discharged veterans and their families.

bit.ly/DD_web



Handicapped Pets Foundation

Donates wheelchairs to pets in need

bit.ly/HPets_web



Bialy's Wellness Foundation

Helps families and rescue organizations care for pets with special needs particularly those with mobility issues from paralysis, amputation, neurological or birth defects and other diagnosed ailments. Provides equipment, medical care, rehabilitative therapy, training, resources and support to give these special animals another chance at the good life.

bit.ly/BWF_web



Tipper and Squirt Care for Cushings Fund

Financial aid for families struggling to pay their dogs' medical costs associated with the diagnosis and treatment of canine hyperadrenocorticism or canine cushings.

bit.ly/TSCF_web



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Help-a-Pet

Provides financial assistance to pet owners who are unable to afford the cost of veterinary services, medicine, or medical supplies for a sick or injured pet.

➡ bit.ly/HAP_web

Friends & Vets Helping Pets

Assists families with financial limitations to pay for extraordinary veterinary expenses necessary to save a pet's life. Fund treatments for curable diseases such as tumors, broken bones, ambulatory care, expensive medication or post-surgical prosthetics such as a K9 cart.

➡ bit.ly/FVHP_web

Oscar's Cause

Veterinary financial assistance program that helps pets in need of life saving medical treatment their owners could not otherwise afford and where the animal would be euthanized or surrendered due to lack of funding for medical care. Provides assistance for non-emergency medical care like dental treatments, spays, etc. and also provides assistance for life essentials needed to keep pets in their home: e.g. toys, blankets, pet carriers, temporary food assistance.

➡ bit.ly/OC_web

RedRover Relief

Provides financial assistance, resources and emotional support to pet guardians struggling with economic hardship when pets are in life-threatening situations.

➡ bit.ly/RR_Relief

RESOURCES FOR MEN AND WOMEN BEING DEPLOYED

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pets

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pets is a national organization assisting and supporting our active duty deploying service members, wounded warriors, veterans, and their beloved companion animals or assistance service canines through various assistance programs. Programs include the "Foster Home" program which assists our deploying active duty service members and veterans in specific situations with volunteer foster homes within our foster home network and the "Military Pet Assistance" (MPA) Fund for assisting our "Homeless Veterans" with veterinary care expenditures and temp pet boarding expenditures.

☎ (254) 248-1818

✉ info@gafsp.org

🔗 bit.ly/GAFSP_Foster

Dogs on Deployment

Dogs on Deployment provides a network for active duty, reservists, National Guard, honorably discharged veterans, first-responders and government service employees and their families to find volunteers willing to board their pets while they are deployed or have other service commitments making them unable to temporarily care for their pets.

☎ (619) 800-3631

🔗 bit.ly/DD_web

**Thank you for
your service!**



Housing Resources

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PET-FRIENDLY ABUSE/HOMESLESS SHELTERS

These organizations will either directly or indirectly provide or find care for your animals while you are seeking help.

RedRover Relief

The Safe Escape grant program helps families with pets safely escape domestic violence together. We provide financial assistance for pet boarding while pet owners are ill and unable to care for their pets due to the COVID-19 virus.

- ☎ (916) 429-2457
- ✉ info@redrover.org
- 🔗 Emergency Boarding: bit.ly/RR_Boarding
- Safe Escape: bit.ly/RR_Escape

House of Ruth

House of Ruth Maryland is one of the nation's leading intimate partner violence centers, helping thousands of battered women and their children find the safety and security that so many of us take for granted. We ensure that victims in danger receive services and shelter immediately.

- ☎ 24/7 Hotline: (410) 889-7884
- 📍 2201 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218
- 🔗 bit.ly/HRuth_web

Dove Center

The Dove Center provides safety, advocacy, and counseling to individuals whose lives have been shattered by domestic violence and/or sexual assault, and strives to expand public awareness of those issues.

- ☎ Toll-Free: (800) 656-4673
- 24/7 Helpline: (301) 334-6255
- 📍 882 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD 21550
- ✉ dovecenter@gcdovecenter.org
- 🔗 bit.ly/GCDC_web

TurnAround

Our mission has been the same: to provide counseling and support services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

- ☎ 24/7 Helpline: (443) 279-0379
- 📍 8503 LaSalle Rd, 2nd floor, Towson, MD 21286
- ✉ info@turnaroundinc.org
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CONVINCE YOUR LANDLORD YOUR PET IS A SAFE BET

Create a "Pet Resume"

A typical pet resume will include the following:

- Your pet's name, age, breed, sex and spay/neuter status. Attach copies of your pet's up to date vaccination records.
- A brief description of your pet's temperament. For example, "Sparky enjoys playing with other dogs at the dog park, loves to play fetch and is friendly with children." Let the landlord know your pet is housebroken and seldom vocal.
- Include a profile of you! Let the landlord know that you are a responsible pet owner by explaining how you pick up after your dog when he eliminates outside and take him for long walks. For cat owners, include how you clean the litter box daily and discourage scratching by clipping your cat's nails and providing a scratching post.
- Include a photo of your pets! Nobody can resist a cute picture.
- Attach contact information or reference letters from your veterinarian, groomer, previous landlords, dog trainers, pet-sitters and anyone that regularly interacts with your pet.

Take your pet to the veterinarian regularly.

By taking your pet in for annual exams and vaccinations, you are demonstrating that you are a responsible pet owner and that your pet is healthy.

Offer a pet deposit.

Many landlords fear a pet will be destructive and damage property. Offer to provide an extra deposit for your pet that can be used to repair any damages after you move. Make it clear that you have never experienced destructive behaviors from your pet, but that you are willing to provide this as an extra courtesy.

Take your pet to the groomer and obedience classes.

Landlords want to maintain the integrity of their property and some may have had unpleasant experiences in the past. Consider signing Fido up for obedience classes or taking Sassy to the groomer. These are not only beneficial experiences, but give you even more references to add to your pet resume!

Be persistent.

Just because a property advertises as "no pets allowed" that does not mean they will not be lenient for certain pets. Landlords don't want to miss out on a great tenant just because Fluffy wants to come along. Let the landlord know you respect their policy, but politely offer your pet's resume and offer to include a pet fee with your security deposit. Provide your pet's vaccination information, references, and offer a meet-and-greet before they make a decision. Make it clear you are a great pet owner and tenant

Be patient.

Remaining patient is important. Pet-friendly rentals are out there! Do not settle for the sake of convenience. Your pet would prefer to stay with you than go to a shelter.

Start early!

Start searching for new rental properties several weeks in advance of the end of your lease. Use pet friendly housing websites and ask friends for recommendations. The Federation of Insured Dog Owners will provide canine liability insurance policies for all breeds of dogs.

PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING RESOURCES

MyApartmentMap

One of the largest online databases of currently available pet-friendly housing. Each apartment listing has a small pet icon that indicates if that particular property allows pets.

➡ bit.ly/MAM_PetRentals

People with Pets

National directory of pet friendly apartments, homes, and hotels. The site also gives access to pet-friendly roommates if you are looking to rent or have a room for rent.

➡ bit.ly/PWP_web

Zillow

➡ Guide to Finding Pet-Friendly Rentals:

bit.ly/Zillow_Guide

Pet-Friendly Rentals in Baltimore:

bit.ly/Zillow_PetRentals

Trulia

➡ Pet-Friendly Rentals in Baltimore:

bit.ly/Trulia_PetRentals

Hotpads

Use pet filter to find pet-friendly rentals.

➡ Rentals in Baltimore: bit.ly/HP_Rentals

ApartmentList.com

Guide to Finding Pet-Friendly Rentals:

➡ bit.ly/AL_Guide

Avalon Communities

Offers pet-friendly communities across the country.

➡ Rentals in MD: bit.ly/AC_Rentals

My Pit Bull is Family

The nation's largest non-discriminatory housing database

➡ bit.ly/MPBIF_Housing



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER

Rent Increases or Other Changes in Terms

If you wish to continue renting, be sure you know whether any of the terms of the lease will change. If your lease has an automatic renewal clause, the landlord must notify you of a rent increase or any other change with enough notice for you to decide whether you want to renew. If your lease does not automatically renew, be sure to thoroughly read the new lease you will sign. It's a new contract between you and the landlord, and any of the terms may be different from the terms in your prior lease.

Eviction

Eviction is a legal procedure. The landlord can't just tell you that you have to move or throw out your belongings. To evict you, a landlord must go to District Court to get a judgment against you. If a landlord moves your belongings out of the home, changes the locks or cuts off utilities without a court order, you should call the police and an attorney or a legal services organization.

For more information, please visit
bit.ly/Renter_Rights

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TRAPS-FOR-BORROW, OUTDOOR CATS AND TNR RESOURCES

The Baltimore Humane Society

☎ (410) 833 8848 ext. 209
✉ fixmypet@bmorehumane.org
🔗 <https://bit.ly/BHSWeb1>

BARCS

For Baltimore cats only

☎ (443) 240-8530 (call or text)
✉ communitycats@barcs.org

Alley Cat Rescue

☎ (301) 277-5595
✉ acr@saveacat.org
🔗 bit.ly/SAC_ACR

Baltimore County Animal Services TNR Program

☎ (410) 887-2727
✉ bcastnr@baltimorecountymd.gov
🔗 bit.ly/BCAS_TNR

CATS R US

✉ info@catsrusrescue.org
🔗 bit.ly/CRUR_TNR

Community Cats of Maryland

✉ Feral cat spay/neuter clinics: clincs@communitycatsmd.org
Borrow humane traps: traps@communitycatsmd.org
General information inquiries: info@communitycats.org
🔗 bit.ly/CCMD_TNR



WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND KITTENS

Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

YES

Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic immediately.

NO

Estimate the kittens' age by what they look like

Eyes still closed or just beginning to open:
1-2 WEEKS OLD



Eyes open and alert, becoming mobile:
2-4 WEEKS OLD



Very mobile and often talkative, can eat food:
4-6 WEEKS OLD



Very active and playful, weighs 1-2 lbs.:
6-8 WEEKS OLD



Very active and playful, weighs 2 lbs. or more:
8+ WEEKS OLD



Can you see the nest or hiding spot?

YES

Gently return kittens to the nest where the mother can provide care.

NO

If in danger, move kittens to a safe space and watch from a distance.

If the mother doesn't return after 6+ hours

Are you willing to take full responsibility for the kittens?

NO

Bring the kittens to a local shelter.

YES

Great! Take the kittens to your local vet and get started on vaccination and spay/neuter as early as 8 weeks old. Raise the kittens until they are old enough to be adopted (usually at 8 weeks), or make an appointment at your local shelter to surrender them.

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REASONS TO CALL ANIMAL CONTROL

The following are reasons to call your local animal control:

- An animal is in danger, injured, abused, or being neglected
- An animal attack against a human
- An animal attack against another animal
- An aggressive animal
- An animal is trapped in a vacant building
- Wildlife is found sick, injured, or inside a living space
- A stray animal is being held
- Unsanitary conditions
- Failure to restrain an animal
- Wild or domestic animal trap request
- Dead animal pick-up (stray or wildlife)



MARYLAND ANIMAL CONTROL UNITS

If you witness an animal being abused or an animal attack in progress, please call 911. If you are concerned about an animal being neglected or suspect abuse, please call 311 or the number from your district.

Baltimore City: (410) 396-4689

Allegany: (301) 777-5930

Anne Arundel: (410) 222-8900

Baltimore County: (410) 887-7297 ext. 3

Bowie City PG: (301) 809-3002

Caroline: (410) 820-1600

Carroll: (410) 848-4810

Calvert: (410) 535-2800

Cecil: (410) 392-0000

Charles: (301) 609-3400 ext. 3

Dorchester: (410) 228-3090

Ft. Meade: (301) 677-6623

Frederick: (301) 600-1546 ext. 2

Garrett: (301) 334-3553

Harford: (410) 639-3505 ext. 0

Howard: (410) 313-2780 ext. 0

Kent: (410) 778-3648

Montgomery: (240)-773-5925 ext. 3

Prince George's: (301) 780-7200 ext. 6

Queen Anne's: (410) 758-2393

Somerset: (410) 651-0986

St. Mary's: (301) 475-8018

Talbot: (410) 822-0107

Washington: (301) 733-2060

WILDLIFE RESCUES AND RESOURCES

Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary

☎ (410) 795-6546
📍 13030 Old Annapolis Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771
🔗 bit.ly/ASCM_Sanctuary

Orphaned Wildlife Rescue

☎ (410) 326-0937
📍 12199 Bonanza Trail, Lusby, MD 20657
🔗 bit.ly/OWRC_web

Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage

☎ (410) 822-5100
📍 46 Pennsylvania Ave, Easton, MD 21601
🔗 bit.ly/CWH_web

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary

☎ (301) 428-8128
📍 15200 Mount Nebo Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837
🔗 bit.ly/PSAS_web

Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary

☎ (410) 418-8899
📍 10790 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock, MD 21163
🔗 bit.ly/FWPS_web

Second Chance Wildlife Center

☎ (301) 926-9453
📍 7101 Barcellona Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20879
🔗 bit.ly/SCWC_web

To report sick, injured, orphaned, or nuisance wildlife:

Maryland Wildlife Services (toll-free): 1-877-463-6497

To find a searchable database of licensed wildlife rehabilitators:

bit.ly/MD_Rehabilitator

What to do if you find sick or injured wildlife:

bit.ly/MD_SickInjured

What to do if you think you have found an orphaned animal:

bit.ly/MD_ThinkTwice

bit.ly/MD_Orphaned