

HELP!

I Need To Surrender My Pet

If you foresee yourself in a situation where you can no longer keep your pet, the most important thing to do is plan ahead. We strongly recommend that you begin making plans for your pet as soon as you know that you can no longer keep him or her. If you need to give up your pet, you are not alone. Thousands of people do so each year, which is why the shelter system is overwhelmed with so many homeless cats and dogs.

CAT GUARDIANS IS CURRENTLY FILLED TO ITS LEGAL CAPACITY AND CANNOT TAKE IN ANY MORE CATS OR KITTENS AT THIS TIME.

If you do find you need to surrender your pet,

If you adopted the cat from Cat Guardians, we will always accept it if you cannot keep it for any reason. Please call or e-mail Cat Guardians if you need to surrender a cat adopted from Cat Guardians.

The following places are currently accepting domesticated cats:

- West Suburban Humane Society: (630) 960-9600
- Naperville Humane Society: (630) 420-8989
- Hinsdale Humane Society: (630) 323-5630

If you intend to surrender to a shelter, make sure your animal is in good health, current on vaccines, and spayed/neutered as this will help your pet's chances of finding a new home.

General Surrendering Information

- Explore your personal network to see if anyone would be interested in adopting your pet. This can include work, neighbors, friends, social or church groups, your vet's office, or local businesses. Make sure you follow up on any opportunities! This is the least stressful way to place your pet.
- Contact your local Petsmarts and ask about their in-store cat shelter
- Post online advertisements on Craigslist and PetFinder.com, and ads in your local newspapers
- Speak to your veterinarian or groomer about possibilities of boarding or finding placement.
- Connect with the shelter that you originally adopted from, as they may take their animals back.
- Place adoption ads in your local newspapers.

Lastly, if you would like to e-mail Cat Guardians the cat's information to us, we will gladly put it on display in our shelter, where potential adopters may find out about the cat.