



South Florida Rescue, Rehoming and Surrender Resource List

This guide is meant to help pet owners, finders, fosters, and community members locate safe options when an animal needs help. Rescue intake changes constantly. Always contact each organization directly, explain the situation honestly, and ask whether they have space or resources before showing up with an animal.

Important:

Never abandon an animal. If the animal is sick, injured, in danger, or you found a stray and cannot safely hold the animal, contact your county animal services or emergency veterinary support right away. **If the animal was found as a stray, please make every effort to locate the owner before attempting to rehome or surrender the pet.** The first step should be to safely take the animal to a local veterinary office, animal shelter, Petco, or other location that can scan for a microchip. Microchip scans are usually quick and can help reunite a lost pet with their family. You should also check for a collar or ID tag, post clear photos and the found location on community platforms such as Nextdoor, local Facebook lost-and-found pet groups, PawBoost, Petco Love Lost, and your county's lost-and-found pet database. Petco Love Lost allows people to report found pets and uses photo-matching technology to help connect lost and found pets. If you are in Miami-Dade, you can also report the found pet through Miami-Dade Animal Services, which is the official lost-and-found resource for the area. Please do not immediately give the animal away, especially to a stranger online, without taking reasonable steps to find the rightful owner and screen any potential placement. Many animals found outside are not abandoned. They may be lost, scared, injured, or missing from a family that is actively searching for them.

Before You Contact a Rescue

1. **Confirm the situation.** Is this your pet, a found stray, an emergency medical case, a behavior case, a housing issue, or a temporary crisis? The answer changes which resource is best.
2. **Gather the basic details.** Age, sex, breed or best guess, weight, spay/neuter status, vaccines, microchip, medical records, behavior around dogs, cats, children, men, strangers, and any bite history.
3. **Take good photos and videos.** Use clear daylight photos of the face and full body. For dogs, include a short leash-walk video and a short handling video if safe. For cats, include relaxed indoor photos.
4. **Be honest.** Do not hide medical issues, aggression, anxiety, house-training problems, separation anxiety, bite history, or pregnancy. A rescue can only place the animal safely if the information is accurate.
5. **Contact the right type of rescue first.** Cats should go to cat rescues first, rabbits to rabbit rescues, bully breeds to bully-friendly rescues, and senior or special-needs dogs to groups that handle medical or hospice cases.
6. **Keep trying multiple options.** Most rescues are full. One no does not mean there is no help. Keep a list of who you contacted, when, and how they responded.

What to Send in a Rescue Message

Copy, paste, and customize this message when reaching out:

Hello, I am reaching out because I need help with an animal. The animal is a [dog/cat/rabbit/etc.]. Age: [age]. Sex: [male/female]. Weight: [weight]. Spayed/neutered: [yes/no/unknown]. Vaccines: [yes/no/unknown]. Microchipped: [yes/no/unknown]. Medical concerns: [explain]. Behavior with dogs/cats/kids: [explain]. Bite history: [yes/no and explain]. Reason I need help: [explain honestly]. I can hold the animal until [date], and I can help with transport if needed. I can send photos, videos, and medical records. Please let me know if you are able to help or if you recommend another resource.

Private Rehoming Options

Private rehoming can be a good option when the pet is safe, healthy enough to stay with the current owner for a little longer, and there is time to screen adopters carefully.

Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet

Use for: Private rehoming for dogs and cats; creates a pet profile, lets owners review applications, meet adopters, and finalize adoption with transfer paperwork.

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

Home To Home

Use for: A peer-to-peer platform that helps pet owners find permanent or temporary placement directly with adopters or fosters.

Website: <https://home-home.org>

Petfinder Rehoming Resources

Use for: Guides for deciding whether to give up a pet and how to rehome dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and other pets responsibly.

Website: <https://www.petfinder.com/adopt-or-get-involved/adopting-pets/rehoming/>

Best Friends Rehoming a Pet Resources

Use for: Guides for rehoming, screening adopters, special needs pets, and economic hardship resources.

Website: <https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/issues/rehoming-pet>

Safe Private Rehoming Checklist

- Do not post the pet as free to a good home. Use a careful screening process and consider a reasonable adoption fee or donation to reduce bad-faith interest.
 - Ask for a veterinarian reference if they already own pets.
 - Ask whether they rent or own and whether pets are allowed under their lease, including breed and weight restrictions.
 - Ask who lives in the home, including children, roommates, seniors, and other pets.
 - Ask where the pet will sleep, how many hours the pet will be alone, and how they plan to handle training, vet care, and emergencies. Meet in a safe place. Bring another person with you. Do not hand off an animal without speaking to the adopter and feeling confident. Use a written adoption or transfer agreement. Include microchip transfer, medical record transfer, and a clause that the pet must be
 - returned to you or a rescue if the adoption does not work out.
- Trust your instincts. If someone pressures you, refuses questions, wants the animal immediately, avoids vet references, or will not answer housing questions, do not proceed.

If the Animal Is Lost, Found, or Possibly Has an Owner

- Scan for a microchip at a veterinarian, shelter, or animal services location.
- Post clear found-pet photos with the general area found, but keep one identifying detail private so the true owner can confirm. Report the pet to the local county animal services and check lost pet listings daily.
- Use Petco Love Lost for free photo-matching lost and found reports.
- Post in neighborhood apps and local lost/found groups, but be careful not to give the animal to someone who cannot prove ownership.

Petco Love Lost

Use for: Free lost and found pet database using photo-matching for dogs and cats.

Website: <https://petcolove.org/lost/>

If You Need Help Keeping Your Pet

Before surrendering, check whether the problem can be solved with food support, low-cost veterinary care, temporary foster help, training resources, or pet-friendly housing support.

Pet Help Finder

Use for: Search by ZIP code for financially friendly veterinary care, spay/neuter, vaccines, pet food, supplies, temporary housing, grooming, behavior support, and transportation help.

Website: <https://www.pethelfinder.org>

findhelp Pet Resources

Use for: Search local social services and animal welfare help by ZIP code.

Website: <https://www.findhelp.org>

Humane Society of Greater Miami Community Pet Support

Use for: Pet pantry and community support resources for Miami-area pet owners and community cat caretakers.

Website: <https://www.humanesocietymiami.org/community-pet-support/>

ASPCA Miami Community Veterinary Clinic

Use for: Low-cost basic veterinary care for Miami-Dade County residents by appointment.

Website: <https://www.asPCA.org/miami-initiative/faq-resources-miami-dade-county-residents>

Miami-Dade Animal Services Wellness on Wheels

Use for: Free mobile veterinary clinic for owned dogs and cats in selected underserved areas.

Website: https://www.miamidade.gov/global/news-item.page?Mduid_news=news162742302206183

Pets of the Homeless

Use for: Pet food, emergency veterinary care, wellness care, and support for pets of people experiencing homelessness.

Website: <https://www.petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/>

My Pit Bull Is Family

Use for: Dog-inclusive rental database and housing resources, especially useful for bully breeds and large dogs facing housing restrictions.

Website: <https://www.mypitbullisfamily.org/housing>

911fosterpets

Use for: Temporary foster matching resource and foster support platform.

Website: <https://www.911fosterpets.com>

If You Are Experiencing Abuse, Violence, or Unsafe Housing

If you think you are experiencing abuse, violence, stalking, threats, or unsafe housing and you are worried about your pet, prioritize your safety first. Do not alert an unsafe person that you are planning to leave. Contact a domestic violence advocate, call 911 if you are in immediate danger, and ask about pet-safe options.

RedRover Relief Safe Escape Grants

Use for: Helps survivors and pets find safety from domestic violence. Support may help with temporary boarding and related needs while a survivor is in shelter.

Website: <https://redrover.org/relief-dv/dv-safe-escape-grants/>

RedRover Domestic Violence Resources

Use for: Domestic violence assistance resources for survivors and pets.

Website: <https://redrover.org/relief-dv/>

Safe Havens for Pets

Use for: Searchable directory for pet sheltering resources for people experiencing domestic violence or homelessness.

Website: <https://www.safehavensforpets.org/>

Animal Welfare Institute Safe Havens for Pets

Use for: State-by-state directory and information about safe sheltering services for pets of domestic violence survivors.

Website: <https://awionline.org/content/safe-havens-pets>

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Use for: Confidential support 24/7. Call 1-800-799-7233, text START to 88788, or use thehotline.org.

Website: <https://www.thehotline.org/>

Florida Domestic Violence Hotline

Use for: Florida support. Call 1-800-500-1119, TTY 711 or 1-800-955-8771, TDD 1-800-621-4202.

Website: <https://www.fpedv.org/get-help/>

Don't Forget the Pets

Use for: Resources and training for organizations helping people and pets in domestic violence or homelessness situations.

Website: <https://dontforgetthepets.org/>

County and Shelter Resources

Miami-Dade Pet Surrender Information

Use for: Miami-Dade states that surrendering should be a last resort and provides rehoming support options.

Website: https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1598567427087716

Broward County Animal Care

Use for: County animal care, surrender prevention, lost/found, pet resources and animal services. **Phone:** 954-359-1313

Website: <https://www.broward.org/animal>

Broward Surrender Prevention

Use for: Resources to keep pets in homes, including behavior support, low-cost spay/neuter, rabies/license information, and pet food pantry referrals.

Phone: animalcare@broward.org

Website:

<https://www.broward.org/Animal/ProgramsServices/Pages/Finding%20a%20New%20Home%20for%20Your%20Pet.aspx>

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control

Use for: County animal care, surrender by appointment, rehoming alternatives, low-cost services and lost/found support.

Phone: 561-233-1200

Website: <https://discover.pbc.gov/publicsafety/animalcare/pages/default.aspx>

Palm Beach County Pet Surrender Information

Use for: Surrender and rehoming guidance for Palm Beach County residents.

Website: https://discover.pbc.gov/publicsafety/animalcare/Pages/surrender_your_pet.aspx

Humane Society of Greater Miami Admissions

Use for: Limited admissions for dogs and cats, proof of ownership required, evaluation required, medical and behavior cases reviewed individually.

Website: <https://www.humanesocietymiami.org/animal-admissions-lost-and-found/>

Rescue Directory

The rescues listed below are not affiliated with Miami Animal Rescue unless specifically stated.

Please keep in mind that rescue contact information, intake availability, services, policies, and response times may change at any time. Many rescues may not always be able to accept new animals. We strongly recommend doing your own research, visiting each rescue's official website or social media page, and contacting them directly to confirm their current intake process, requirements, and availability.

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Rescue	Animal Focus	Phone / Email	Website / Social
Pooches in Pines	Dogs, Pembroke Pines area		https://www.poochesinpines.com Instagram: @poochesinpines
Dolly's Dream Home Rabbit Rescue	Rabbits	DollysDreamHomeRescue@gmail.com	https://www.dollysdreamhome.org
Off The Streetz Bully Rescue	Dogs, bully breeds and large breed dogs	offthestreetzbr@gmail.com	https://offthestreetzbullyrescue.com
I Heart Animal Rescue	Dogs, all breeds	954-501-0636 cindy@iheartanimalrescue.pet	https://iheartanimalrescue.pet Instagram: @iheartanimalrescue
We Love Animals Rescue Inc.	Dogs and cats, Hollywood and Pembroke Pines area	954-296-8208 weloveanimalsrescue@gmail.com	https://www.weloveanimalsrescue.org Instagram: @we_love_animals_rescue_inc
Love for Cats Animal Rescue	Cats and community cats	954-547-3277 liz@loveforcats.org	https://loveforcats.org
Paw Patrol Animal Rescue and Sanctuary	Dogs and cats	pawpatrolanimalrescue@gmail.com	https://pawpatrolanimalrescue.com Instagram: @pawpatrolanimalrescue
Plenty of Pit Bulls	Pit bulls and bully breeds	352-405-1696 info@popb.org	https://popb.org Instagram: @plenty_of_pitbulls
Three Stooges Rescue	Dogs		https://threestoogesrescue.org Contact through website

Rescue	Animal Focus	Phone / Email	Website / Social
Miami Animal Rescue	Dogs and cats	305-877-2880	https://www.miamianimalrescue.org
Animal Lovers Rescue	Dogs and cats	786-400-0253 animalloversrescueinc@gmail.com	https://www.animalloversrescue.org
All About the Cats Rescue	Cats and kittens	AATCRescue@gmail.com	https://www.allaboutthecatsrescue.org Instagram: @aatcsfl
Picolini's Animal Rescue	Dogs, senior dogs and special- needs dogs	786-308-9031 giving@picolinisanimalrescue.org	https://picolinisanimalrescue.org
Delilah's 2nd Chance Rescue	Dogs	772-800-7210 or 630-294-8484 info@delilahs2ndchance.org	https://delilahs2ndchance.org
Riley's Rescue of Brevard	Dogs	321-291-4030 rileysrescueofbrevard@rileysrescueofbrevard.org	https://www.rileysrescueofbrevard.org
Humans and Animals United	Dogs, urgent and death-row dogs	863-417-9922	https://humansandanimalsunited.com Instagram: @humansandanimalsunitedinc
Little Beans' Hope Rescue	Cats and kittens	702-886-2992 info@littlebeanshoperescue.org	https://littlebeanshoperescue.org
Dogtoli Dogs Rescue	Dogs	954-296-4922 dogtolidogsrescue.inc@yahoo.com	Instagram: @dogtoli_dogrescue; Facebook: Dogtoli Dogs Rescue Inc.
All Things Pawsible Rescue	Dogs and cats	305-308-5053 allthingspawsible@yahoo.com	https://www.allthingspawsible.org Instagram: @allthingspawsible
100+ Abandoned Dogs of Everglades Florida	Dogs, abandoned Redlands/Everglades dogs, some cats	877-506-8100	https://100plusabandoneddogsrescue.weebly.com Instagram: @100plusevergladesrescue
Luv-A-Bull All Breed Rescue	Dogs, bully breeds and all-breed rescue	954-675-6450 luvabullrescue@comcast.net	http://www.luvabull.org
Reesie's Rescue Ranch	Dogs	561-523-3770 or 561-509-8774 Reesiesrescueranch@gmail.com	https://www.rrrsfl.org Boca Raton
Big Dog Ranch Rescue	Dogs, all sizes	561-791-6465 saveadog@bdr.org	https://www.bdr.org Instagram: @bigdogranchrescue
Abandoned Pet Rescue	Dogs and cats	954-728-9010 info@abandonedpetrescue.org	https://abandonedpetrescue.org
Paws 4 You Rescue	Dogs, some cats/courtesy posts	786-242-7377 info@paws4you.org	https://paws4you.org
South Florida Mutt Rescue, formerly Mutty Paws Rescue	Dogs	561-305-8968 sfmuttrescue@outlook.com	https://www.sfmutterescue.org Instagram: @southfloridamuttrescue
Saving Sage Animal Rescue	Dogs and cats, rescue and wellness support	954-530-1508	https://www.savingsagerescue.org Instagram: @savingsageanimalrescue
Bella's Promise Pet Rescue	Cats and kittens	561-313-7431 rolpk19@yahoo.com	https://bellaspromisepr.rescuegroups.org Instagram: @bellaspromisepetrescue
Wonder Paws Rescue	Dogs and cats	954-884-0440 wonderpawsrescue@gmail.com	https://wonderpawsrescue.com Instagram: @wonderpawsrescue
Lady Luck Animal Rescue	Cats and dogs	754-366-3669 ladyluckanimalrescue@gmail.com	https://ladyluckanimalrescue.com
Furever Saved	Cats and kittens	info@fureversaved.org	https://www.fureversaved.org
Bullies-N-Beyond Rescue	Dogs, bully breed focus and all breeds	954-709-9352 bulliesnbeyond@gmail.com	Instagram: @bulliesnbeyondrescue; RescueMe page: bulliesnbeyond.rescueme.org
MarrVelous Pet Rescues and Adoptions	Dogs, Florida Keys	305-453-1315 info@MPRescues.org	https://mprescues.org Key Largo
Redland Rock Pit Abandoned Dogs Project	Dogs, Redland/Homestead abandoned dogs	redlandsrockpitabandoneddogs@gmail.com	https://redlandrockpit.org

Additional Florida Rescues and Shelter Resources

Rescue	Animal Focus	Phone / Email	Website / Social
Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League	Dogs and cats	561-686-6656	https://peggyadams.org Palm Beach County
Humane Society of Broward County	Dogs, cats, rabbits and other small pets when available	954-989-3977; admissions: 954-266-6873	https://humanebroward.com Instagram: @humanebroward
A Second Chance Puppies and Kittens Rescue	Pregnant/nursing dogs and cats, puppies and kittens	561-333-1100 info@asecondchancerescue.org	https://www.asecondchancerescue.org Instagram: @team_asc
Animal Aid Inc.	Dogs and cats	754-223-5378 AnimalAidInc@aol.com	https://www.animal-aid.com
Good Karma Pet Rescue of South Florida	Dogs and cats	754-200-1738 info@goodkarmapetrescue.org	https://www.goodkarmapetrescue.org
Pet Rescue by Judy	Dogs and cats	407-302-4497 petrescuebyjudy@gmail.com	https://www.petrescuebyjudy.com
H.A.L.O. No-Kill Rescue	Dogs, cats and small animals	772-589-7297 HaloNoKillRescue@gmail.com	https://halorescuefl.org
Barky Pines Animal Rescue and Sanctuary	Dogs, cats, farm animals, senior and special-needs pets	561-402-1451 barkypines@gmail.com	https://barkypinesanimalrescue.com
Dachshund Rescue South Florida	Dachshunds		https://www.dachshundrescuesouthflorida.com Contact through website
Low Rider Dachshund Rescue of Florida	Dachshunds and dachshund mixes		https://lowriderrescue.org Contact through website
Husky Haven of Florida	Huskies		https://www.huskyhavenfl.org Contact through website
Golden Rescue South Florida	Golden Retrievers		https://www.facebook.com/GoldenRescueSouthFlorida Contact through Facebook
Joshua's House for Golden Retriever Rescue	Golden Retrievers		https://www.jhgrr-fl.com Contact through website
Florida Humane Society	Dogs and cats		https://floridahumanesociety.org Pompano Beach
Everglades Angels Dog Rescue	Dogs, abandoned dogs	1-800-511-DOGS ext. 6 info@evergladesangels.org	https://evergladesangelsdogrescue.org
Dogs and Cats Forever	Dogs and cats	772-489-5454 info@dogscatsforever.com	https://dogscatsforever.com
Bell's Promise Animal Rescue	Dogs and cats, abandoned shelter animals	863-272-4666 Bellspromiserescue@gmail.com	https://bellspromiserescue.org Instagram: @bellspromiserescue
A Forever Home Animal Rescue	Dogs		https://www.aforeverhomeanimalrescue.org Contact through website
Save With Soul Pet Rescue	Dogs and cats	850-343-9986	https://savewithsoul.com Northwest Florida Panhandle
Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center	Dogs and cats, county shelter	813-301-7387	https://hcfl.gov/residents/animals-and-pets/adopt-a-dog-or-cat County resource

Fast Contact Strategy

When time matters, contact rescues in groups based on the animal type. This avoids wasting time sending cat cases to dog-only rescues or bully breed dogs to groups that do not handle them.

Cats and Kittens

- All About the Cats Rescue
- Little Beans' Hope Rescue

- Bella's Promise Pet Rescue
- Love for Cats Animal Rescue
- Lady Luck Animal Rescue
- Furever Saved
- Good Karma Pet Rescue
- Animal Aid Inc.
- Abandoned Pet Rescue
- Peggy Adams Animal Rescue
- League Humane Society of Greater Miami

Dogs, General Rescue

- Miami Animal Rescue
- Pooches in Pines
- I Heart Animal Rescue
- Paw Patrol Animal Rescue and Sanctuary Animal Lovers Rescue
- All Things Pawsible Rescue
- Big Dog Ranch Rescue
- Abandoned Pet Rescue
- Paws 4 You Rescue
- South Florida Mutt Rescue
- Wonder Paws Rescue
- Good Karma Pet Rescue
- Animal Aid Inc.
- Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League
- Humane Society of Broward County

Bully Breeds and Large Dogs

- Off The Streetz Bully Rescue
- Plenty of Pit Bulls
- Luv-A-Bull All Breed Rescue Bullies-N-Beyond Rescue
- Redland Rock Pit Abandoned Dogs Project
- 100+ Abandoned Dogs of Everglades
- Florida Everglades Angels Dog Rescue
- Big Dog Ranch Rescue
- Humans and Animals United

Specialty Rescues

- Dolly's Dream Home Rabbit Rescue for rabbits
- Picolini's Animal Rescue for senior and special-needs dogs
- Dachshund Rescue South Florida for dachshunds
- Low Rider Dachshund Rescue of Florida for dachshunds and mixes
- Husky Haven of Florida for huskies
- Golden Rescue South Florida and Joshua's House for Golden Retriever Rescue for Golden Retrievers Barky Pines Animal Rescue and Sanctuary for senior, special-needs, and sanctuary cases

Questions to Ask Before Surrendering to Any Organization

- Are you able to accept this animal right now, or do you have a waitlist?
- Do you require an appointment, application, surrender form, or intake fee?
- Will the animal be placed in a foster home, shelter, boarding, sanctuary, or transferred elsewhere?

- What medical records, medications, food, crate, litter, or supplies should I provide?
- Do you accept animals with bite history, behavior concerns, medical issues, pregnancy, or senior needs?
- If the animal is not a fit for your rescue, do you know a more appropriate rescue or resource?

What Not To Do

- Do not abandon the animal outside a rescue, shelter, park, vet clinic, school, business, or private home.
- Do not give the animal to the first person who messages you without screening.
- Do not hide bite history or serious behavior concerns.
- Do not rehome an unsterilized pet to someone who may breed the animal.
- Do not wait until the last hour if you know you will need help. Rescues need time to arrange fosters, transport, quarantine, and medical care.

Final Handoff Checklist

- Medical records, vaccine records, spay/neuter certificate, rabies certificate, microchip information, and medication instructions.
- Food the animal currently eats, feeding schedule, allergies, and any stomach sensitivities.
- Behavior notes, training commands, fears, triggers, escape risks, bite history, and preferred handling methods.
- Favorite toys, blanket, bed, crate, litter, carrier, leash, harness, collar, and ID tag if available.
- Signed transfer, adoption, foster, or surrender agreement with the correct date and contact information.

Disclaimer

This resource list was created by Miami Animal Rescue as a community guide to help pet owners, finders, fosters, and community members explore possible options when trying to rehome, surrender, or seek assistance for an animal. The purpose of this directory is to provide a starting point for people who may not know where to begin, especially when they are facing a difficult or urgent situation involving a pet.

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Contact information, websites, social media pages, adoption or surrender policies, intake availability, service areas, fees, and response times may change at any time. Many rescues are foster-based, volunteer-run, privately operated, and limited by available foster homes, donations, space, staffing, and medical resources. Because of this, being listed in this guide does not mean an organization is currently accepting animals or able to help in every situation.

We strongly recommend that you contact each organization directly, visit their official website or social media pages, ask questions, confirm their current process, and do your own research before making any decision. When rehoming or surrendering an animal, please take the time to verify that the person, rescue, shelter, or organization you are working with is reputable, transparent, and able to provide a safe and responsible outcome for the animal.

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