

Surrendering a MatchDog

Let's See If We Can Help



Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you need to find a new home for your pet. MatchDog Rescue (MDR) understands this and will do what we can to assist. Pets adopted from MDR are always welcomed back for an assessment as to whether or not they are suitable for adoption, though they must still go through the surrender and assessment process.

To begin this process please send an email to mdr.applications@gmail.com. Once our volunteer reviews your email you will be sent a link where you will find the surrender form. Please complete the entire form as it contains questions that will help us determine if your pet is eligible for our adoption program. If your pet is eligible you may be asked to bring the dog to meet one of our volunteer behaviorists for an evaluation.

During the surrender process we'll assess your pet for medical and behavioral issues. Many are considered treatable and will not exclude the dog from participation in our adoption program. As we are a foster-based we do not euthanize for space or length of stay, but we're not a sanctuary. There may be behavioral and medical issues that we cannot address.

- If we determine your animal is not a candidate for adoption or rescue, you'll be notified of the reason within 48 hours.
- If we cannot accept your pet, we'll do our best to provide you with resources, including referrals to animal behaviorists and education materials regarding behavioral issues.
- If we do re-home your animal, the new owner's contact information is confidential, and will not be released to you.
- If your dog is accepted as a candidate for re-adoption, you will act as the foster for the dog until we find them a suitable home.
- As a foster you will be responsible for bringing the dog to our Saturday Petsmart events and agree to work with our Matchmaker through the week for weekday meets with potential adopters.

Our Matchmakers are extremely good at what they do. Assuming you provide accurate, complete, and timely information and records, along with some fabulous photos, and you attend the Saturday meets, your dog will be rehomed very quickly.

Many unwanted animal behaviors can be corrected, enabling pets to successfully remain in the family. If you would like more information about training or other solutions for keeping your pet, please contact us. Every member of your family should be included in the decision to surrender a pet before contacting MDR. We also ask that all current veterinary health or vaccination records be brought in with the dog. The owner surrendering the dog must be at least 18 years of age and provide photo identification.

As a nonprofit organization dependent on community contributions, we appreciate any donations to defray our costs.