



Home Is Where Your Pets Are

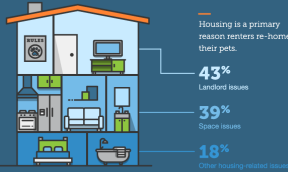
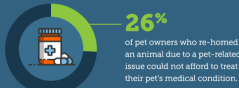
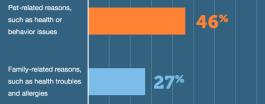
Resources can help keep families together.

Our pets are our family. 85% of pet parents agree. Despite this deep bond, more than 1 million households are forced to give up their dog or cat each year. It gets worse: An estimated 7 million pets enter shelters and approximately 2.7 million are euthanized annually. But, when pet parents are equipped with information and resources in times of need, they have a better chance of keeping their pets at home—and their families together.

When Times Get Tough

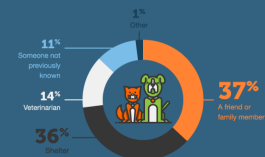
OWNERS ARE FORCED TO FIND NEW HOMES FOR THEIR PETS.

What are the top reasons pet owners give up their furry companions?



THE PET PARENT'S LAST RESORT

Where do re-homed pets go?



Low-Income Pet Owners Struggle the Most

Without the proper resources, some pet owners are left with no other choice but to re-home their pets. But many would keep their dog or cat if they could.



Pet owners with annual salaries less than \$50K are more likely to re-home their pets due to cost- and housing-related issues.

WHAT RESOURCES COULD HAVE HELPED THESE FAMILIES?

CHALLENGES	RESOURCES NEEDED	% OF PET OWNERS WHO WOULD HAVE KEPT THEIR PETS IF THEY HAD ACCESS TO RESOURCES
Vet Bills	Free or low-cost veterinary care	40%
Behavior Issues	Free or low-cost pet training or behavior classes	33%
Basic Needs	Free or low-cost pet food	30%
Pet Care	Free or low-cost temporary pet care or boarding	30%
Financial	Assistance (e.g., pet deposits)	17%

Communities Can Help

Communities are beginning to establish programs for pet owners in need.

KEEPING PETS IN HOMES SAVES LIVES AND MONEY. DO THE MATH.



Affordable Veterinary Services for Underserved Communities
1,300 pets in Los Angeles County have received medical services since June 2016, thanks to a safety net program launched in partnership with the Department of Animal Care and Control and the Animal Care Foundation.

Pet-Friendly Real Estate Agents and Housing Resources
Animal welfare organizations are urging housing authorities in cities like Washington, DC, to create more pet-friendly housing options.

Free or Low-Cost, Multi-Quality Spay/Neuter Programs
The Humane Alliance in Asheville, NC, helps clinics in underserved communities across the country offer more accessible spay/neuter services.

Help keep pets and their people together.

During difficult times, pet parents should have access to alternatives. Encourage your community to set up a safety net program to assist those in need. To learn more about how ASPCA is involved in these safety net programs and others across the country, visit www.aspc.org/safetynet.

