

## ***Our Vision***

*We envision a community in which there are caring, compassionate, respectful relationships between humans and animals, and where all adoptable animals have loving homes. We envision building a shelter program that encourages the community to visit and take ownership in its challenges and growth. We plan to raise the standards of animal sheltering for all shelters.*



ANIMAL SERVICES

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## **Alternatives to Pet Surrender**



## Surrendering Your Pet

It is the goal of the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter to help find homes for the unwanted and stray animals of Weatherford and Parker County. As the shelter exceeds 6000 animals intaken each year, homes for these animals become increasingly difficult to secure. Although the shelter does all we can to rehome the pets that we care for, there are many things that you, as the owner, are able to do to secure a positive outcome for your pet. Because of the high intake numbers and capacity of the shelter, we request that you try to find an alternative solution to surrendering your pet to the shelter. This brochure will outline some ways you can secure a solution for your pet issues.



*If you find yourself needing to surrender your pet after trying alternative solutions, please call the shelter to be placed on the surrender wait list.*

*Surrenders will be selected based on space availability at the shelter, severity of surrender, and length of time on the waitlist. When space becomes available, we will call to schedule your surrender for that day. There is a \$10 fee to surrender and we cannot guarantee the adoption or rescue of your pet. There will be no reminders and all no shows will be removed from the waitlist.*

## Behavior Issues

**Some behavioral issues can be solved with a few minor adjustments within your home such as:**

- Taking your pet out for more exercise
- Crating your pet when you are not with your pet
- Change the type of litter/litter box if it is a cat
- Seek a veterinary evaluation

**Pet training is also a great alternative to surrender as many behaviors can be improved by training.**

**Some local resources are:**

- Canine Connection (817) 846—1853
- PetsWest (817) 441—6881
- PetSmart (817) 598—0702
- Pappy's Pet Lodge (817) 742—2222
- Aretas (817) 330—9495

**Free Behavior Helpline from Sacramento SPCA**

[www.sspca.org/helpline](http://www.sspca.org/helpline)

**SPCA of Texas Pet University Behavior Tips**

[www.spca.org/pettips](http://www.spca.org/pettips)

## Veterinary Care

**Low Cost Resources**

Texas Coalition for Animal Protection— [texasforthem.org](http://texasforthem.org)

SPCA of Texas—[spca.org](http://spca.org)

Humane Society of North Texas—[hsnt.org/clinic](http://hsnt.org/clinic)

## Rehoming Your Pet

We understand that sometimes there are circumstances that will require you to rehome your pet. Rehoming a pet sometimes takes time and patience, however, can help your pet avoid the stressful shelter life.

**Rescues as a Resource**—Sometimes a rescue is the best alternative for surrendering your pet. Sometimes offering to act as a Foster Home for your pet for the Rescue until the pet is adopted may help.

**Some local rescues and organizations that may be able to help are:**

- Tall Tails (Rescue Organization) (817) 797—5952
- Parker Paws (Rescue Organization) (817) 694—5718
- iRescue (Rescue Organization) (817) 458—8482
- Weatherford Whiskers (Cat Rescue) (817) 694—4106
- DFW Humane Society (No Kill Shelter) (817) 721—7788
- Operation Kindness (No Kill Shelter) (972) 418—7297

**Rehome—to a Home**—Rehoming your pet is something you can do yourself! Ask friends and family if they are able to take your pet, post your pet on Facebook and reach out to pet rehoming services. Make sure your pet is spayed or neutered before

