



Get Your Pet

From one good home to another

Frequently Asked Questions

What is getyourpet.com?

Getyourpet.com is an online community that connects people who need to find a new home for their pet with people who want to adopt a pet.

Why do we need getyourpet.com?

Animal shelters and rescues do wonderful work, but everyone can agree that preventing surrender is a preferable first step in helping a pet. Getyourpet.com does just that. It is a simple, smart and humane way to keep pets out of shelters, one that also increases shelters' ability to care for the homeless and abused animals that really need them.

How does getyourpet.com help pets?

When a guardian (pet owner) finds their pet a new home on getyourpet.com, that pet is spared the stress, exposure to illness, and potential of being euthanized in a shelter.

How does getyourpet.com help animal welfare organizations?

Shelters and rescues are able to reallocate the time, space and money now spent on caring for the pets that are being surrendered by their owners. By taking in fewer pets, animal welfare organizations can free up hard-earned donor dollars, which can be used to help more pets, increase staffing, making improvements to their building, etc.

Who else benefits from getyourpet.com?

- Guardians (current pet owners) make the decision about who adopts their pet. They can safely message with, and meet, potential adopters, thereby gaining the peace of mind that comes from knowing their pet is going to a good home.
- Adopters can learn about pets from the guardians who know them best. Also they meet the pet in an environment where they are calm and acting naturally.

Are adopters "screened"?

The most important gatekeeper in getyourpet.com's system of pet adoption is the animal's guardian, who chooses the new home their pet will go to. Animal shelter employees have the best intentions when asking potential adopters questions, but simply cannot know each pet in their care intimately. It's impossible for animal shelter employees to know each pet's needs or personality in a home setting, and even behavior assessments performed by trained professionals are not an exact science. Getyourpet.com believes that the guardian who has lived with the pet and loves the pet enough to work to find them a new home is most able to ask the important questions and take the measure of an adopter's behavior and compatibility with their pet.

The second factor in getyourpet.com's system is the payment model. Unlike Craig's List or some such mechanism that allows pets to be given away free, potential adopters are charged \$99 for an adoption. This fee is large enough to show an individual's sincerity and financial capability, as well as to discourage bad actors from easily acquiring an animal for unscrupulous purposes.

What does an adoption cost? What is included?

Adoptions on getyourpet.com are \$99, and include all necessary Transfer of Ownership Documentation for both parties, as well a voucher for an examination by a local, participating getyourpet.com veterinarian. Adopters also receive 30 days of pet insurance from Trupanion. Shelters and animal welfare organizations will also receive a percentage of the profits from getyourpet.com.

What if the adoption doesn't work out?

If the adoption doesn't work out, the Adopter can re-list the pet on getyourpet.com. The pet's previous guardian has the right of first refusal to take the pet back. If they are unable to do so and/or the new guardian needs to find placement for the pet immediately, then the possibility exists that they may end up going to a shelter. This is a result that we work to prevent, but if it happens, at least the pet got a chance with getyourpet.com.



Adopters (Seeking a Pet)

Browse pet listings

It's easy. Search based on pet type, breed, traits, location and more.



Join and chat with Guardians

When you find a pet that might be right for you, join the site and securely message her Guardian for more info.



Make a Meet-up

Arrange to meet at a neutral, convenient location, where the pet is calm and behaves naturally.



See the Vet

When you've made a good match, go see a local Get Your Pet vet for a pet examination, at no extra charge.



Make a legal adoption

Complete a legal adoption electronically on the site, right in the vet's office.

Guardians (Pet Owners)

List Your Pet

It's easy. Create a profile of your pet in minutes and post it on Get Your Pet for Adopters to see.



Chat with potential Adopters

Answer adopters' questions securely and fill them in on the pet you know so well.



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