

Surrendering your Pet

SURRENDERING YOUR PET TO PPAR

We understand that situations arise which force you to give up your pet - and we are here to help.

Since PPAR operates an adoption service for small exotic pets and wildlife, we accept unwanted pets from US areas that can deliver them to our shelter **ONLY**. We sometimes can offer assistance through animal rescue railroads if you live far from us. We do not accept or ship animals, as it is too stressful for the animal and many exotics are too delicate to trust to shipping agencies.

What is the process?

We do not euthanize for space, so please CALL FIRST for availability. You will be asked to bring any vet records you have for your pet and fill out the [PET SURRENDER APPLICATION](#) before accepting animals. Be prepared to spend a few minutes filling out our surrender form. (The more information you provide about your pet, the better chance we have for a permanent placement with a new family.)

What does it cost to surrender a pet?

Our surrender fee is a minimum of \$10 per large exotic animal and \$5 per small exotic animal. Any donation above and beyond that is greatly appreciated and much needed. This money goes to maintaining our shelter and providing the necessary services (food/water, vaccinations, spay/neuter) needed to keep our building operating.

Which animals are good candidates for adoption?

Healthy, well-adjusted, younger animals get adopted very quickly. We accept newborn animals over the age of 8 weeks old, but require that the owner get the mother spayed to avoid a repeat of the problem. We will do our part (finding the babies new homes) but you need to do your part (keeping your pet from breeding again).

We also accept older pets. While we can often place an older pet, they don't adjust very well to a shelter environment after having once been part of a long-term family. They typically become depressed, withdrawn, and refuse to eat.

Which animals are NOT good candidates for adoption?

We do not like to accept animals which have killed another animal or accept aggressive animals, but we may choose to do so on a case-by-case basis. We understand that is natural for "exotic" animals to do things that domesticated dogs and cats might not. Once an animal is surrendered, we ask that you not stop by and visit the animal. It only makes the animal think you are coming back to take it home - which is very heartbreaking for the animal, owner, and us. Although we cannot call you once the animal is adopted, we are ALWAYS more than happy to let you know the status of your pet if you would like to call in and check.