

Surrender Alternatives



Dear Pet Owner:

We know that the decision to rehome your pet is not an easy one to make. We are here to help you succeed at finding a great new home for your pet.

As the only open-intake shelter for the entirety of East Baton Rouge Parish, CAA is perpetually at or over capacity. Our organization values the human-animal bond and pet-owner retention, so we will do the best we can to guide you in this decision process. If you know that, ultimately, your home is not the right fit for your pet, the time to take action is sooner rather than later. Please don't wait until the day before a move to try to rehome or surrender your pet. CAA accepts owner surrenders by appointment only, and we do not typically have last-minute availability.

If you have any questions regarding the decision to surrender or rehome your pet, please email intake@caabr.org. Our Client Care Admissions Team will be able to further assist and guide you in this decision-making process.

Owners may find themselves facing the decision to surrender their pet for a variety of reasons. Please read the following information regarding the most common reasons for surrendering a pet and the corresponding alternatives.

Is your pet no longer compatible with your household or lifestyle? CAA offers a [Foster-To-Rehome](#) Program option to eligible pets and owners. This program allows current owners to continue caring for their pets in their homes with the ultimate goal of finding a better-suited home for their pets' needs. This program can be utilized by those who are looking for assistance with rehoming their pets. This is a foster-based program that requires current owners to continue housing their pets while CAA assists them in promoting their pets for adoption. If accepted into this program, CAA will provide available resources, along with all medical care while the animal is in our program.

Owners seeking admission into our foster-to-rehome program must be willing to house their pet(s) in their own home while we assist in promoting the pet for adoption. Rehoming must also comply with all guidelines outlined in our foster program and either currently reside in East Baton Rouge Parish or have previously adopted the pet from CAA.

Our foster-to-rehome program is application-based. Behavioral and medical exclusions may apply. This application is open for household pets belonging to residents of East Baton Rouge Parish ONLY or pets that have been previously adopted from Companion Animal Alliance. *If you do not fit this criteria please contact your local city/parish animal welfare program. Here is a document that may assist you in rehoming your pet on your own.*

This program is beneficial to pets and owners because it allows owners to receive promotional assistance needed to get their pets adopted through a structured rehoming/adoption process. Owners can screen applications to find the most suitable home for their pets' needs. This program keeps pets out of the shelter environment where they may otherwise experience fear, anxiety, and stress without a guaranteed positive

outcome. We care for more than 9,000-10,000 animals annually. While we do our best, we cannot provide positive outcomes for every animal brought to our shelter.

We understand that lifestyle circumstances can change with little to no notice. If you need to surrender your pet in a time-sensitive manner, please email intake@caabr.org for further assistance.

Are you moving? Here is a list of [pet-friendly properties in Baton Rouge](#).

Are you looking for temporary placement for your pet? Several vet clinics in the Baton Rouge area offer boarding services. You can also look into local doggie daycare centers that may offer overnight stays.

[Petz Plaza](#) | [Pet Suites](#) | [911FosterPets: Temporary Rehome Sign Up](#) | [Safe Havens for Pets](#)

Do you feel like you're not giving your pet enough attention? There are numerous doggie daycares, pet sitters, and dog walkers in Baton Rouge and the surrounding area who are very knowledgeable, professional, and great assets for pet parents! These facilities/companies can help pet parents who might need temporary housing for their animal or feel like their pet needs extra attention. These options in Baton Rouge include, but are not limited to:

-[Rover](#) allows you to book trusted sitters and dog walkers who'll treat your pets like family.

-[The Wag!](#) provides many different services all at the touch of your fingertips.

-[Petz Plaza](#) offers boarding, grooming and day care for your pet. Their daycare service in Baton Rouge is recommended for the active, energetic dog who craves affection and companionship when you are not able to give them the attention they deserve.

-[Camp Bow Wow](#) is a premier doggy daycare and boarding service with two locations in the Baton Rouge area.

-[Dogtopia](#) offers daycare, boarding, and even spa services for your pet.

-[Petsuites](#) on Perkins Road provides boarding, daycare, grooming, and training for your pet.

-[Lend A Paw](#) gives a helping hand to pet parents who have adopted from a shelter. Specializing in pets with anxiety and fear-based issues, they provide in-home care to minimize stress on your furry friend.

Please know that any amount of time spent in a home, regardless of the amount of time you are away, is better for your pet than surrendering them to the shelter where they will stay in a kennel for up to 23.5 hours every day.

Does your pet have behavioral concerns that you are struggling with? Here is a list of resources we have compiled for various [dog and cat behavioral concerns and how to combat them](#). We encourage all owners the research and seek out what may be causing any behavioral issues and what can be done to address them.

[Animal Humane Society](#) | [American Animal Hospital Association](#) | [ASPCA](#)

Does your pet have medical concerns that you are struggling with? We encourage owners to seek out second opinions regarding veterinary concerns, especially if the treatment that has been recommended is unaffordable. Here is a list of [local veterinary clinics in the Baton Rouge Area](#).

Do you need help with the cost of care for your pet? CAA's [Pets for Life](#) Program removes barriers to resources for those facing socio-economic challenges within East Baton Rouge Parish.

This program offers a variety of resources for those struggling with the cost of care for their pet.

These resources include access to free/low-cost veterinary care, pet food, and supplies.

Our Pets for Life philosophy promotes the understanding that a lack of financial means does not equate to a lack of love felt for and provided to a pet.

Owners in need of resources to maintain the level of care needed for their beloved pet can call 225-954-0786 or email petsforlifebr@caabr.org.

We encourage owners to seek out alternative options before scheduling an appointment to surrender their pets to us. We have a [Step-by-Step Guide to Rehoming your Pet](#) that details everything you can do to find your pet a new home. Surrendering your pet should always be the absolute last resort. If you feel like you have exhausted all other alternatives and you are still facing the ultimate decision to surrender your pet, please read the following information.

Admission appointments are required. Please schedule your surrender appointment through our [website](#).

Companion Animal Alliance is the only open-intake facility for East Baton Rouge Parish. We care for nearly 10,000 animals annually. While we strive to find positive outcomes for all animals that come into our care, we are NOT a no-kill shelter. We are currently critically over capacity, and at this time we are not able to guarantee any outcome for any animal. We are having to make euthanasia decisions daily, so any animal that comes into our care may be at risk for euthanasia.

What to bring to your surrender appointment: You will be surrendering your pet at the time of your appointment. This means that you will be leaving the pet here, at the shelter, in our care.

-Please bring any veterinary records you may have along with any medication your pet may currently be receiving.

-You are welcome to bring any of your pet's personal items that you are willing to part with.

-Please bring photo identification so that we can ensure we have all of the necessary information in place to accept your pet.

-Please note, ONLY YOU can surrender YOUR pet. If you are unable to be present at the time of your appointment, you must email intake@caabr.org ahead of time to discuss further details and surrender requirements.

-There is a \$50 owner surrender fee due at the time of your appointment.

-If you are surrendering more than one animal there is an additional \$10 charge for each additional animal.

-We accept cash or card, however, there is an additional 4% fee to run any card payment.

-If you cannot afford the surrender fee, we ask that you donate whatever items you can that will

contribute to the cost of your pet's care while they are here (ex: food, treats, flea/tick/heartworm prevention, kennels, etc.).

What to do once you arrive: Our admissions lobby door remains locked at all times. Please knock on the door and wait for a staff member to confirm your arrival. If you are early for your appointment, you may be asked to wait until your exact appointment time. If you are late for your appointment, you will be asked to reschedule.

-You will be asked to complete a [Pet Personality Questionnaire](#).

-This form will be provided to you at the time of your appointment, but you are more than welcome to fill it out ahead of time.

-We ask that you provide as many details as possible. More information aids in expediting your pet's placement process.

-You will need to sign the release of ownership statement, thus relinquishing all rights of ownership to this pet and granting CAA legal owner/guardianship of the animal.