

OWNER SURRENDER INFORMATION PACKET

OWNERS **MUST** HAVE AN APPOINTMENT
TO SURRENDER THEIR PET.

Completing this request does not guarantee placement. TCAS is an open intake shelter for stray, sick and injured animals and will take in owner surrendered pets as space allows. The shelter may also be able to assist you with non-shelter placement and resources and we utilize this form to determine the best path for each individual animal.

Please submit back to the shelter via mail, drop-off, or email:

- Owner Surrender Request
 - Photos of the animal(s)
 - Animal Behavior Profile

We know that sometimes it's just not possible to keep a pet. But before making the decision to surrender a pet, please consider all of your options.

BEFORE YOU SURRENDER...

Did you acquire your dog from a breeder?

- Have you contacted that person? If he or she is reputable, you would have signed a contract at the time you purchased, stipulating that the dog should be returned if you decide to no longer keep them. Please contact your breeder first before contacting Tulare County Animal Services.

Did you acquire your Dog from a Rescue Organization?

- If so, have you contacted that rescue organization? If they are reputable, you would have signed a contract at the time you adopted your dog, stipulating that the dog must be returned to them if you decide to no longer keep him or her for any reason.

New baby in the family?

- How lucky for you that most dogs are fantastic family pets! If you can take care of your new little human baby, you can take care of a dog. Some of our educational materials are listed below to help you ease the transition:

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/dog-care/dogs-and-babies>

<http://www.akc.org/content/dog-training/articles/how-to-introduce-babies-and-dogs/>

Moving?

- There are plenty of apartments, townhouses, condos that accept pets. Many places will even allow you to spread pet deposit payments over multiple months. Please see our list of pet friendly places, in this packet.

Are there behavioral issues?

- Is your dog having trouble getting along with other animals in the household or are there other behavioral issues that have led to the decision to give up your dog? If so, let us help you. Here is a list of trainers in the area.

Petsmart 4240 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia (559) 625-0299	Petco 3444 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia (559) 733-5646
K9 Solutions, LLC Kingsburg http://www.K9ProTraining.com/ (559) 360-3360 info@k9protraining.com	Ultimutt K9 Services Fresno https://ultimuttK9services.com/ (559) 580-2157 info@ultimuttK9services.com
6th Day Dog Training Lemoore 6thdaydogtraining@gmail.com	K9 Confidence (559) 707-5150 godsgifhorseranch@yahoo.com
Canine Mindset, LLC Visalia inquiries@caninemindset.com www.caninemindset.com (559) 429-5818	Kind K-9 Dog Training Bakersfield Kindk9dogtraining@gmail.com (661) 586-3873

Many problems can be improved by having your pet spayed or neutered. We can help! Contact our shelter to learn about our spay and neuter program. If you didn't socialize your dog as a puppy, it's never too late to enroll him in obedience school.

Trying to rehome your pet? Have you tried all of the following?

POST YOUR PET ON Rehome by Adopt-a-Pet.com and Petco Love, they are easy and free websites that focus on rehoming pets to keep pets out of shelters.

USE YOUR NETWORK - Reach out to friends, family members, co-workers and neighbors to see if anyone might be interested in your pet and ask them to pass it on to their friends, relatives and co-workers. Using your network can often result in finding the right home for your pet, keeping your pet out of the shelter, and going directly to another home, which is the best thing for your pet.

USE SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER VENUES TO SPREAD THE WORD - Post a picture with a description of your pet on Facebook, local bulletin boards, etc. Ask veterinarians or pet-related businesses if you can post flyers at their facilities.

HAVE YOU TRIED A RESCUE? - Rescues are no-kill facilities that take in pets and adopt them out. Please see the list of rescues below. We ask that you try calling rescues before surrendering your pet to TCAS.

List of Rescues

We encourage you to call some of the following groups to see if they may have room for your pet. This is a list of just a few of the rescues in the area. If you would like to look up more, please type "dog rescues" into google. **Don't forget to check rescues that are not in the area and google rescues who are not on this list!** There are many rescues in the state of California. <https://www.petfinder.com/> is an excellent resource for rescues.

LOCAL RESCUES:

Central Valley Rescue Railroad	PO Box 44, Lindsay (559) 799-1775	cvrr@cvrr.us www.centralvalleyrescuerrailroad.org
Gabby's Animal Rescue	Visalia (559) 737-8888	gabbysanimalrescue@hotmail.com
Love of Animals	PO Box 6344, Visalia (559) 799-3937	info@loveofanimals.org www.loveofanimals.org
Valley Oak SPCA	9800 Camp Drive, Visalia (559) 651-1111	info@vospca.org www.vospca.org

OTHER RESCUES IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY:

Animal Compassion Team	2789 S Orange Fresno, CA 93725 (559) 299-6364	Animalcompassionteam.com info@animalcompassionteam.com
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Fresno Bully Rescue	11740 E Belmont Sanger, CA 93757 (559) 276-7611	Fresnobullyrescue.com info@fresnobullyrescue.com
Animal Rescue of Fresno	4545 E Dakota Fresno, CA 93726 (559) 225-5715	Arf-fresno.com canine@arf-fresno.com
Valley Animal Center	3934 N Hayston Fresno, CA 93726 (559) 233-8690	Valleyanimal.org
Pawsitive Connections	12099 E Stroud Kingsburg, CA 93631 (559) 977-5125	Pawsitiveconnections.org info@pawsitiveconnections.org

OWNER REQUESTED EUTHANASIA

At this time, TCAS is unable to provide owner-requested euthanasia for public animals. However, there are many wonderful and compassionate veterinarians throughout the County that offer in-office and in-home euthanasia for pet owners who believe that their animal is suffering or too aggressive to re-home.

TULARE COUNTY VETERINARIANS

EXETER

Exeter Veterinary Hospital	302 S. "F" St. (559) 592-5210	http://www.exetervet.com/
Pacific Crest Veterinary	2500 E. Myer (559) 592-4753	https://pacificcrestequine.com/

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Lindsay Westwood Veterinary Clinic	139 E. Hermosa (559) 562-6018	
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PORTERVILLE

All Creatures Pet Care Center	842 N. Westwood St. (559) 784-1955	https://www.allcreaturespetcare.com/
Henderson Veterinary Hospital	238 W. Henderson Ave. (559) 781-2106	
Sierra Veterinary Center	661 S. Plano St. (559) 784-8387	
Simi Valley Non-Profit Spay & Neuter Clinic	1315 W. Olive Ave. (559) 615-1116	https://simivalleynonprofitspayandneuter.com/porterville-clinic

TULARE

Cross Street Veterinary Clinic	400 E. Cross Ave. (559) 688-0631	https://www.crossstvet.com/
Tulare Veterinary Hospital	861 N. Blackstone St. (559) 686-8544	https://tularevet.com/

VISALIA

Caldwell Pet Hospital	3837 W. Caldwell Ave. (559) 741-7000	http://www.veterinarianvisalia.com/
Care at the Courtyard	120 N. Akers St. (559) 732-8651	https://www.carevetclinic.com/
Care Veterinary Clinic	1946 W. Dorothea Ave. (559) 625-8549	https://www.carevetclinic.com/
Companion Animal Medical Center	5229 W. Walnut Ave. (559) 625-9920	https://www.dpetdoc.com/
House of Paws Veterinary Clinic, Carol Adams, DVM (Mobile Veterinarian)	PO Box 7660 (559) 608-1584	https://houseofpawsvet.com/
Lone Oak Large Animal Veterinary Clinic	35505 Road 132 (559) 732-4810	https://www.loneoaklargeanimal.com/
Lone Oak Veterinary Clinic	34775 Road 132 (559) 732-4818	https://loneoakvet.com/
Redwood Veterinary Hospital	1727 E. Mineral King Ave. (559) 733-2703	https://redwoodveterinaryhospital.com/
Valley Oak SPCA Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic	9405 W. Goshen Ave. (559) 741-1121	https://www.vospca.org/
Woodlake Veterinary Housecall Service (Mobile Veterinarian)	5211 W. Goshen Ave., PMB #310 (559) 769-3666	https://www.woodlakevethousecall.com/

EMERGENCY VETERINARIANS:

Tulare-Kings Veterinary Emergency Services	4240 W. Mineral King Ave., Visalia, 93291 (559) 739-7054
Fresno Pet Emergency	7375 N Palm Bluffs Ave, Fresno, 93711 559-214-1186 http://www.fresnopeter.com/
Veterinary Emergency Services	1639 N Fresno St, Fresno, 93703 559-486-0520 https://247petvets.com/

VACCINE CLINICS

VALLEY OAK SPCA SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC - <https://www.vospca.org/>

Valley Oak SPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic	9800 Camp Drive, Visalia (559) 651-1111	info@vospca.org www.vospca.org
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VIP PET CARE- <https://www.vippetcare.com/>

Heiskell's Feed Depot	2703 E. Noble Ave. Visalia	Saturdays, 9:30-11 am
Petsense	1777 Retherford St. Tulare	Saturdays, 4-5:30 pm
Tractor Supply	1949 E. Prosperity Ave. Tulare	Sundays, 1-2:30 pm
Tractor Supply	1755 W. Henderson Ave. Porterville	Sundays, 4-5:30 pm
Tractor Supply	1120 W. El Monte Way Dinuba	Saturdays, 1-2:30 pm
Tractor Supply	1625 W. Hayden Ave. Hanford	Sundays, 10-11:30 am

VETCO - <https://www.vetcoclinics.com/>

Petco	3444 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia	Every other Sunday, 3-6 pm
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IF YOU ARE STILL IN NEED OF SURRENDERING...

When all other options have been unsuccessful, and you are still in need of surrendering your pet to us. The next step is to schedule an appointment to surrender your pet.

What you can expect:

In order for us to find the best home possible for your pet. Surrender appointments are available and scheduled Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. You must first fill out an Owner Surrender Application. Once your application is processed, you will receive an email and an appointment will be scheduled. Please understand that Tulare County Animal Services is an open intake shelter. This means we must take in all stray dogs. We only have so many kennels so we can only take owner surrenders when we have space. This is why we will only take owner surrenders by appointment.

Surrendering ownership of your pet:

When you surrender your pet, you are giving up all legal ownership rights to the pet and legal ownership and responsibilities are transferred to TCAS. Tulare County Animal Services takes the responsibility of your pet's well-being very seriously. We have a team of compassionate and dedicated staff and volunteers who will provide loving care to your surrendered pet. Your pet will be

compassionately cared for during his/her stay with us, during which time your pet will be evaluated medically (if needed) and behaviorally to identify the pet's adaptability and concerns that could restrict or preclude the pet from finding a new home. Keep in mind that the shelter environment is stressful, and your pet may react quite differently than they have in a home environment.

Our goal is to get our dogs adopted or sent out to rescues where they will be adopted. We keep dogs here, as long as they are happy and healthy. If your pet isn't adopted from the shelter they could be sent to a no kill facility, called a rescue. ***We need owners to know, however, that we cannot guarantee a positive outcome for your pet and there is a chance that they will be euthanized.***

Tulare County Animal Services - Owner Surrender Notice

Tulare County Animal Services is an open intake shelter. That means we must take in all stray and injured animals that come into our care. We have very limited space; therefore, we only take in owner surrenders by appointment. Tulare County Animal Services is NOT a no kill shelter, although we have a very low euthanasia rate. You will receive a packet with resources for other options. We recommend you exhaust your options before coming to Tulare County Animal Services to surrender your pet.

Please provide a copy of Driver's License/ID.