

HOME PAGE (Include image of Boy and Dog)

Title: Our Pets Are Looking for Someone like You

Because of tough economic times, fewer people can afford to keep their pets. So the number of homeless animals in and around Springfield is increasing dramatically.

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Take Me Home strives to provide a safe and healthy transition home to the animals we rescue and place. We hope our mission inspires others in the Springfield community to learn more about animal needs and how to care for and live with a healthy and happy pet.

For more information, click any topic.

ABOUT US PAGE

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Where do these animals come from? About 40% are owner surrenders, and the other 60% are animals we rescue from shelters that euthanize.

We have a dedicated staff of 6 (half are part-time). And our 50-plus volunteers are our backbone (thank you volunteers and donors!). Many of the rescued animals who come to *Take Me Home* get more love and attention in our shelter than they've ever known before.

DOGS AND CATS FOR ADOPTION PAGE

Read about each animal that is looking for a good home!

{NOTE: your blog will connect to this page when we finish}

ADOPTION INFO PAGE

Our shelter continues to grow and improve. Drop by and get to know us better!

If you see a cat on this Web site who interests you, please call the number shown to make arrangements to meet the dog or cat. If you get an answering machine, please leave a message including the name of the pet. (If you email us, please include your phone number.)

The adoption procedure is very thorough. You will be required to fill out an application and agree to an adoption contract. ***(Sorry, these are not available on-line at this time.)*** You will also be given information about caring for your new companion, including the many facets of caring for a new pet and introducing the pet to a new environment. We want your adoption to be a success!

Please do not try to pick a pet based on color, breed, or the memory of a pet you once loved. It is very important to let the pet pick you, rather than the other way around, because pets go by scent and are naturally attracted to certain people while indifferent to others. Unfortunately, we are not currently equipped to do long-distance adoptions.

Continued Care

We can become the legal guardian of your pet in the event of your possible illness or death. Many times, pet owners can bequeath their animals to us in a will, and we'll make sure they find a wonderful new home.

FEES PAGE

Thank you so much for looking into adoption for your next pet! With as many as 50 dogs and cats available at any given time and over 1,300 animals adopted annually, we seek to promote no-kill alternatives through our innovative programs. All of the animals receive full medical and behavioral evaluations, and our staff works with you to help your new pet feel comfortable in its new home. To cover these expenses, there is a small fee associated with the pet adoption.

Adoption fees are donations to help support the care of our animals. If you were to pay a similar fee for an animal through a breeder or pet store, not only would you not be helping a pet in need, you'd be paying for intentional breeding that has led to an overpopulation of pets.

Adoption fees help cover the medical care of the animal while he or she waits for a new home, as well as food and transportation costs. These fees help to provide care for the other animals in the rescue group who may have medical bills that are much higher than any possible adoption fee. The money also acts as a donation to help support our organization as a whole, allowing the group to continue its efforts to rescue and rehome pets.

The \$100 Adoption fee includes:

- Veterinary wellness visit and exam (worth \$50-100)
- Spaying or neutering (worth \$150-300)
- Distemper vaccination (worth \$20-30×2)
- Rabies vaccination (worth \$15-25)
- Heartworm test (for dogs) (worth \$15-35)
- Feline Leukemia/FIV test (for cats) (worth \$30-50)
- Flea/tick treatment (worth \$50-200)

APPLICATION FORM PAGE

Sorry, these are not available on-line at this time {this will remain a partial-placeholder page}. For now, add the opening text as follows:

Thank you for being interested in adopting a pet from us! The following information is required so that we can assist you in the selection of your new dog or cat. This form and consultation with a representative is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest, and to assist you in finding the dog or cat most compatible with your household and lifestyle.

{NOTE: make the text below a clickable link to the Dogs and Cats for Adoption page. You will need to know the Permalink for that page!}

CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE THAN 100 DOGS AND CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION IN THE SPRINGFIELD AREA.

{The form will eventually appear here}

SERVICES PAGE

VOLUNTEERS: We can always use a hand! You can help by caring for our homeless cats and dogs, keeping the shelter clean, helping us raise funds, or fostering pets. Find out about becoming a Take Me Home volunteer.

SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC: Spaying or neutering your pet is the best way to stop the flood of homeless animals in Springfield. Our modern spay and neuter clinic has a top-notch professional team.

ANIMAL RESCUE: Our animals come to us in many ways. We ensure the pets general health is good and either keep it in our shelter, or place it into a foster home.

REHABILITATION: Take Me Home retrains animals with behavioral problems to be better companions in their new homes. And after the adoption, we're here to help with behavior consultations, training classes, and more.

VOLUNTEERS PAGE

Without our dedicated group of volunteers, Take Me Home couldn't provide such outstanding care for animals. Take Me Home volunteers are involved in almost all aspects of the shelter—providing hands-on care to the shelter animals, keeping the shelter clean, bottle-feeding motherless kittens and puppies, answering phones, participating in events and fund-raisers, and even fostering animals in their own homes.

Our volunteer program lets individuals or groups get involved according to their own interests and talents. The Junior Volunteer program is for teens aged 13 to 15, and the Adult Volunteer program is for ages 16 and older. Both offer an opportunity to work on behalf of the shelter's animals and to make a positive impact on Springfield. Through our Kids' Programs, children 9 to 12 can also help our animals.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, just complete these four simple steps:

1. Submit a Volunteer Application. Click here to download it. {NOTE: This link will be a Future feature}
2. Read the Volunteer Handbook (available at the shelter).
3. Register for and attend a Volunteer Orientation. To register, call (555) 555-1212.
4. Complete your first hour of service training with an approved Volunteer Mentor.

ANIMAL RESCUE PAGE

Animal Rescue and Transfers

Our animals come from a number of places—overcrowded area shelters, surrenders from local families that can no longer care for their dog or cat, and feral rescues. We focus on giving homeless, abandoned, and sometimes abused animals a second chance at a healthy, happy life with a caring guardian.

REHAB AND TRAINING PAGE

Rehabilitation & Training

While at *Take Me Home*, animals that have behavioral issues are retrained and rehabilitated to become better companions in their new homes. After the adoption, *Take Me Home* is always there to help with behavior consultations, "positive reinforcement" dog and cat training classes, and any other advice an adopter may need.

SPAY AND NEUTER PAGE

Medical and Spay/Neuter Clinic

Take Me Home's on-site veterinary team assesses the health of each animal and provides appropriate treatment and vaccinations. In addition, we spay or neuter all the animals, so that more animals don't end up in shelters.

SUPPORT US PAGE

We need your help! Help us in our mission to find loving homes for deserving dogs and cats.

When you register with Ralphs and select Take Me Home Rescue as your cause, a portion of every purchase you make through Ralphs goes to our organization. It only takes a minute to register... and from then on each Ralphs shopping you will have the satisfaction in knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of many sweet pets.

Click here to register with Ralphs. Select Take Me Home Rescue as your cause (code 34567) {NOTE: Just include RALPHS logo}

You may also donate using Paypal. {NOTE: Just include PAYPAL logo}

CONTACT US PAGE

To contact *Take Me Home*, email takeMeHome@xyz.com.

We do our best to answer your calls, but as we all have regular jobs, you may need to leave us a message by email. If you email us, please tell us your name and how to contact you. If you are interested in adoption a particular dog or cat, please include the name of the pet in your email. You are welcome to leave more information about yourself in your email. We check our messages several times a day.

You can also visit us on Facebook and become our Facebook friend. Our Facebook is Take Me Home Rescue. We welcome your friendship on our page.