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## REHOMING YOUR ANIMAL

### Adoptapet.com

Visit rehome.adoptapet.com to create a profile of your pet, and it will be seen by millions of pet adopters. You then will have the ability to review applications on your pet, as well as meet possible new adopters. Rehome will provide you with everything you need to protect the transfer of your pet ownership. It is simple, safe, and FREE.

**To List Your Pet**

1. Go to https://rehome.adoptapet.com/
2. Create a pet profile
3. Be sure to include a positive description and quality pictures

Your pet will then be featured. It's that easy!
Rehome also allows for you to ask for an adoption fee. If you choose.
Additionally, Rehome encourages you to meet potential adopters in Petco stores.

**Describing Your Pet**

When writing a profile for your pet who needs a new home, you might be tempted to share all the reasons why you are rehoming your pet or share all the "negative" information up front. Don't! Always be honest but always remain positive.

It's important to remember that what might be negative to you may not matter to others. For example, a dog who does not like cats might make a perfect pet for someone with a cat allergy! Also, remember that the word "children" has a different meaning to everyone. Someone might consider an 18-year-old a "child" and see "no children" as a reason they cannot adopt, but your pet might only need a home without toddlers. Use the profile to showcase your pet.

**Remember That Your Pet's Personality is Always a Positive**

| Instead of... | Try... |
|---|---|
| Needs a lot of exercise | Will make a great running buddy |
| Is aggressive towards children | Needs a home without children |
| Needs a lot of attention | Loves people |
| Doesn't get along with cats/dogs | Prefers to be your only pet |

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**Don't Rule Out Adopters Before They Can Contact You**
You may think your dog would do best in a house with a yard, but what if someone lives in a condo with a dog park? Or someone who runs on the beach every day? Your cat might prefer someone who works from home – but what about someone who works part-time, or a house with lots of family members with someone usually at home? Be open-minded and encourage potential families to contact you.

**Make Sure You Use an Email Address that You Check Regularly**
The Rehome sites allows adopters to ask you questions using the platform and you should get an email to alert you. Don't let questions go unanswered!

Here is an example of a positive description for a dog named Luna. Luna needs a new home because she is not getting along with the three young children in the home. Her mom writes:
*Luna is a sweet and friendly dog who has lived with another dog and even a cat! She is very smart and would love an owner who can take her for walks and teach her tricks. She is housebroken and kennel-trained. Luna is a very loyal dog. She is not pushy and will seek your affection on her own terms. Luna would prefer not to live in a home with small children. She is spayed, microchipped and up to date on her vaccines.*

**Most Importantly – Use Quality Pictures**
The best profiles have a variety of pictures where you can clearly see the pet. We suggest at least four – one of the pet's face, one of the pet with a family member or other pets, one that shows the pet's size and, if possible, a video. Pictures should be in focus, colorful and without a filter.

## PetFinder

Petfinder is a for-profit internet company that operates the largest online pet adoption website serving all of North America. The company reports that it currently lists more than 315,000 adoptable pets from nearly 14,000 animal shelters and rescue groups. While you are not able to list your pet to rehome on PetFinder, they do offer resources and tools on their site.

www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/dog-adoption/dog-rehoming/

## Rescue Me

Need help today? Fill out a short survey to post an animal in minutes. Within 2 hours, Rescue Me will send information about your animal to hundreds of adopters in your area interested in your breed. Many people receive adoption inquiries the same day.

www.rescueme.org

## SOS Pets, Hampton Roads, VA Facebook Group

This page is for people, shelters and rescues to post animals that are in need of homes.

www.facebook.com/groups/1619023698364694/

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# MORE TIPS FOR REHOMING YOUR ANIMAL

It's not an easy decision to find a new home for your pet. Finding a home for your pet on your own and keeping them out of the shelter is beneficial to both your pet and others in need. The shelter can be a very stressful environment for any pet.

A healthy pet is easier to re-home. Make certain your pet is up to date on all vaccinations. Provide copies of the vet paperwork. If your pet is not spayed or neutered, we highly recommend getting this done. Please refer to the Spay/ Neuter Section of this guide for low-cost services.

Ask family, friends and co-workers if they know anyone who is looking for a new pet. It is better for your pet if you are able to re-home him or her yourself. Ask people in person, but also leave a flyer so they can contact you if they know of someone or decide to adopt your pet themselves.

Create flyers, post to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Next Door, and on church, work or veterinary/pet store, restaurant and coffee shop bulletin boards. Make colorful and creative flyers highlighting special information about your pet.

- Be as descriptive as possible (name, weight, breed, gender, pet's health, play habits, likes & dislikes)
- Tell a story – many write the story from the animal's perspective.
- Include recent photo(s)
- Include your name and contact information (phone number / email address).
- Include the date you posted & date you need a home by
- Consider asking for a rehoming fee. This will help cover the cost of getting your pet spayed/neutered, and up to date on vaccinations prior to rehoming. You can always choose to donate the fee to your local animal shelter!

# LOST & FOUND PETS

**Lost & Found Pets- Hampton Roads VA**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/lostandfoundpetshamptonroads

**VA LOST PET Facebook Pages**
www.facebook.com/notes/lost-found-dogs-virginia/va-lost-found-pet-fb-pages-groups/755773484499296/?fref=mentions

**Pawboost**
www.pawboost.com

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## SPAY & NEUTER

**No More Chasin' Tails**
www.nomorechasintails.com/index.html
757-255-8804

**Norfolk SPCA**
norfolkspca.com/spay-neuter
757-622-3319 or 757-383-6620

**VA Beach SPCA**
vbspca.com/spay-neuter-services
vbspca.com/neuter-scooter (Mobile clinic for different Hampton Roads and Eastern Shore locations)
757-739-9306

**Chesapeake Humane Society**
chesapeakehumane.org
757-546-5355

**Suffolk Humane Society**
www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/low-cost-spayneuter
757-538-3030 and press 1

**Spay Hampton Roads**
Pets in Cradock, Brighton, Prentis Park, Shea Terrace & Port Norfolk neighborhoods in Portsmouth qualify for free vaccines and free spay/neuter
artanimals.org/spayhr
757-456-1354; 757-456-1215

**Peninsula SPCA**
peninsulaspca.org/services
(757) 595-1399, ext. 112

**PETA Mobile Spay Neuter Clinics**
Low-cost and sliding scale/ free spay/neuter (pit bulls sterilized for free)
https://peta.org/spayneuter
757-622-7382 Option 3
Link to fee sheet:
https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/PETAClinicFeeSheet.pdf

**Williamsburg**
Gwendolyn's Wish
Offers financial assistance to pet owners for spay/neuter and basic vet care in the City of Williamsburg, James City County, upper York County, Eastern New Kent County.
gwendolynswish.org/

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**RICHMOND**

**Richmond Animal League**
www.ral.org/index.php/our_clinic
804-379-9725 option 4

**Helping Hands Vet Care**
Affordable dental and outpatient surgeries
www.helpinghandsvetva.com/procedures-pricing
804-355-3500

**Prevent A Litter**
Providing high quality, affordable, and accessible spay/neuter services to the public without regard to income or geography.
preventalitter.org

**A.L. Shilling Spay and Neuter Clinic**
shillingspayneuter.org

**Richmond SPCA Susan M. Markel Veterinary Hospital**
Heavily subsidized care for low-income pet owners as well as for those who adopt animals from the SPCA.
richmondspca.org/what-we-do/programs-services/hospital

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## FOOD & SUPPLIES

**Friends of Norfolk Animal Care Center Pet Pantry**
Norfolk Residents only. Long term formal support, informal one-off assistance.
www.friendsofnacc.com/pet-pantry

**Norfolk SPCA**
norfolkspca.com/emergency-pet-pantry
757-622-3319

**Chesapeake Humane Society**
https://chesapeakehumane.org/pet-food-pantry/
757-546-5355

**Peninsula Pet Pantry**
Peninsula Residents only.
www.peninsulapetpantry.org
757-243-1170

**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**
https://www.peta.org
757-622-7382 then # key.
Doghouses, straw bedding, food and other supplies.

**Heritage Humane Society Kibble Kitchen**
Williamsburg residents.
heritagehumane.org/kibble-kitchen
757-221-0150 ext. 0

## MEDICAL SUPPORT & FUNDING

**Animal Resources of Tidewater**
www.artanimals.org
info@artanimals.org
757-456-1215
757-456-1354

**Paws in Need**
Offers assistance for emergency and lifesaving procedures for pets in Hampton Roads
pawsinneedva.com

**The Pet Fund (National Organization)**
Assists owners with medical costs beyond the normal expenses of vaccination, spay & neuter surgeries, food and routine veterinary care.
www.thepetfund.org/for-pet-owners

**Diabetic Cats in Need**
info@dcin.info
dcin.dreamhosters.com

**Waggle**
www.waggle.org
"Go Fund Me" for Pets, www.waggle.org is an option for families to raise funds for medical procedures for their pets. Bonus: Rescue groups and shelters are able to use Waggle too!

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## LOW-COST VACCINES & VET SERVICES

**Norfolk SPCA**
norfolkspca.com/vet-services
757-622-3319
757-383-6620

**Chesapeake Humane Society**
chesapeakehumane.org/clinic/
757-546-5355

**Affordable Veterinary Services of VA**
www.affordableveterinaryservices.com/
757-965-4482
Two locations

**VA Beach SPCA**
vbspca.com
757-739-9306

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https://peta.org/spayneuter
757-622-7382 Option 3
https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/PETAClinicFeeSheet.pdf

**Peninsula SPCA**
www.peninsulaspca.org
757-595-1399

**Deer Park Animal Hospital PADS Program**
www.newportnewsvet.com
757-595-9720

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**Heritage Humane Society**
heritagehumane.org
757-221-0150

**P.A.W.S Clinic**
www.pawsclinic.com
757-496-9858

**PETCO (Vetco)**
Newport News/Hampton stores on selective dates
stores.petco.com
Newport News: 757-833-0925
Hampton: 757-262-0444
Virginia Beach: 757-474-1018

**Richmond SPCA Susan M. Markel Veterinary Hospital**
Heavily subsidized care for low-income pet owners as well as for those who adopt animals from the SPCA.
richmondspca.org/what-we-do/programs-services/hospital
richmondspca.org
804-521-1330

**Helping Hands Vet Care**
Affordable dental and outpatient surgeries
www.helpinghandsvetva.com/procedures-pricing/
804-355-3500

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## EMERGENCY VETERINARY CLINICS

After-hours veterinary emergencies.

**Bay Beach Veterinary Hospital**
https://baybeachvets.com/
Virginia Beach: 757-427-3214

**BluePearl Veterinary Hospital**
https://bluepearlvet.com/
Chesapeake: 757-366-9000
Virginia Beach: 757-499-5463

**The Cove**
https://thecovevets.com/
Suffolk: 757-935-9111

**Acredale Animal Hospital**
https://acredaleanimalhospital.com/
Virginia Beach: 757-523-6100

**Peninsula Animal Referral Center**
https://www.parcvets.com/emergency-care-
Yorktown: 757-874-8115

**Pet Poison Helpline**
https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/pet-owners/emergency/ 1-855-764-7661
info@petpoisonhelpline.com

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## BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

**The Freckled Paw**
thefreckledpaw.com
757-620-2538

**Endless Pawsibilities**
endlesspawsibilitiesk9.com
Todd Valentine: 757-342-0782

**The Keene Pack**
www.thekeenepack.com
757-818-5499

**Heritage Humane Society Dog Training Classes**
heritagehumane.org/dog-classes

**Richmond SPCA**
richmondspca.org/what-we-do/resources/pet-behavior-helpline-library

**Best Friends Animal Society**
www.bestfriends.org or
resources.bestfriends.org/pet-training

**Behavior help lines**
resources.bestfriends.org/article/pet-behavior-helplines

**ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)**
www.ASPCA.org or https://www.aspca.org/pet-care

## HOSPICE ASSISTANCE & IN-HOME, END OF LIFE CARE

**Hampton Roads Vet Hospice**
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
http://hrvethospice.com
hrvethospice@gmail.com 757-474-5968

**Lap of Love**
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
https://www.lapoflove.com
HamptonRoads@LapofLove.com
757-401-6195

**Tom Wood, DVM**
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
https://euthhome.com/
DrTomWood@euthhome.com
757-373-1863

**Angel Pets Veterinary Hospice**
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
https://angelpetvet.com/
757-774-7040

**Pet Peace of Mind**
National support network helps human hospice/palliative care patients care for their pets.
petpeaceofmind.org
503-363-0499

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE

**Red Rover's Domestic Violence Safe Escape Grant Program**
Offers financial assistance for domestic violence victims and their pets. Funding mainly provides to help with cost of temporary pet boarding although other costs such as urgent vet care can be considered.
redrover.org/domestic-violence-safe-escape-grants

**Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims (SAAV)**
All volunteer organization arranges safe harbor for pets of domestic violence victims when an abuse victim seeks refuge from an abuser.
saavprogram.org

**State-by-State Safe Havens List**
List of programs throughout the country offering help to domestic violence victims and their pets.
ahimsahouse.org/safehavendirectory

**Sheltering Animals and Families Together**
Global initiative offering guidance to domestic violence shelters on how to house families together with their pets.
alliephillips.com/saf-tprogram/saf-t-shelters

## COMMUNITY CATS

*Please consult your local ordinance for more information*

**Feral Affairs Network**
www.Feralaffairs.org
feralaffairs@yahoo.com

**Billy The Kidden Rescue**
www.billythekiddenrescue.org/contact-us
1-800-608-4511
billythekiddenrescue@gmail.com

**Cat Team 7**
catteam7.com
Contact on Facebook or through website

**Operation Cat Snip (TNR assistance)**
artanimals.org/operation-cat-snip-inc
info@operationcatsnip.org

**Alley Cats Allies Feral Friends Network**
Caregivers, experts, and veterinary professional resources
www.alleycat.org/our-work/feral-friends-network

**PETA Mobile Spay Neuter Clinics**
Low-cost and sliding scale/ free spay/neuter
https://peta.org/spayneuter
757-622-7382 Option 3
https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/PETAClinicFeeSheet.pdf

**Meow Haven**
meowhaven.org/contact-us
757-813-1996
Meow_haven2018@yahoo.com

**Richmond SPCA (spay/neuter)**
richmondspca.org/
804-521-1330

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## PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING

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**My Pit Bull is Family**
My Pit Bull is Family manages the nation's largest database of dog inclusive rentals along with a robust Community Partner database.
www.mypitbullisfamily.org/

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**Arlay Point Apartments**
www.arlaypoint.com
757-210-9582

**Ingleside Square Apartments**
757-466-8111

**Regent University Village Apartments**
757-352-4890 ext. 3

**Watermark at Talbot Park**
757-353-3596
www.livewatermark.com

**Park Crescent Apartments**
parkcrescentapartments.com
1-833-200-9228

**VIRGINIA BEACH**

**Arbor Trace Apartments**
ww.arbortrace-apts.com
757-425-5588

**Banyan Grove**
www.banyangrove-apts.com
57-431-8600

**Colonial Village at Harbor Club**
www.maac.com
757-422-2787

**SouthmBeach Apartments**
www.southbeachvb.com
757-437-0001

**226 Oceana**
www.pegasusresidential.com/226-oceana-virginia-beach-va/
757-300-1798

**Sparrows Point**
sparrowspointapts.com
1-833-200-9715

**Providence Green Apartments**
www.providencegreenapts.com
757-317-4364

**Bakers Crossing**
757-426-4370

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**PORTSMOUTH**

**Crawford House**
www.crawfordhouseapts.com
757-956-6435

**The Quarters Park View**
www.thequartersatparkview.com
757-673-7500

**Pepperwood Townhomes**
www.rentpepperwoodtownhomes.com
855-440-9659

**Sterling King Apartments**
www.sterlingkingapartments.com
757-399-0058

**Towne Point Landing**
www.townepointlanding.com
757-484-0195

## MILITARY DEPLOYMENT ALTERNATIVES

**Dogs On Deployment**
Dogs On Deployment is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit which provides an online network for service members to search for volunteers who are willing to board their pets during their owner's service commitments.
www.dogsondeployment.org
Myra Smith: va-norfolk@dogsondeployment.org; 757-503-0298
Sarah Ailes: sarahailes.baking@gmail.com

**911FosterPets**
rescuefoster.com/
911FosterPets is a peer-to-peer foster base community. Search criteria is available for both families in need of temporary housing for their pets and families able to provide the temporary housing.

**Guardian Angels for Soldiers' Pets**
gaurdianangelsforsoldierspets.org
254-248-1818

**PACT (People + Animals = Companions Together)**
www.pactforanimals.org
info@pactforanimals.org
610-581-4141

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## WILDLIFE

**Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline**
1-855-571-9003

**Wildlife Crime Line**
1-800-237-5712
This is for reports of wildlife being harmed. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources will typically send someone out to investigate.

**Wildlife Response Inc**
www.wildliferesponse.org
757-498-2600

**Virginia Beach SPCA**
vbspca.com/wildlife

## REPTILES

**Virginians Interested In Protecting Every Reptile (V.I.I.P.E.R.)**
www.facebook.com/VIIPER.US
Viiper2008@yahoo.com

## BIRDS

**The Feathered Nest**
757-253-2113

**Altons Keep Bird Rescue**
www.facebook.com/tommy.whitehawk
757-469-6909
Altonskeep@yahoo.com

## RABBITS

**Friends of Rabbits**
www.friendsofrabbits.org

**House Rabbit Society**
rabbit.org

## PIGS

**Rikki's Refuge**
rikkisrefuge.org

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## SHELTERS

**Norfolk Animal Care & Adoption Center**
www.norfolk.gov/nacc
757-441-5505
nacc@norfolk.gov

**Norfolk SPCA Adoption Center**
www.norfolkspca.com
757-622-3319

**Virginia Beach Animal Care & Adoption Center**
www.vbacac.com
757-385-4444

**Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter**
www.nnva.gov/2311/Peninsula-Regional-Animal-Shelter
757-933-8900

**Chesapeake Animal Services**
www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/Police-Department/Animal-Services-Unit.htm
757-382-8080

**Chesapeake Humane Society**
chesapeakehumane.org
757-546-5355

**Virginia Beach SPCA**
vbspca.com
757-427-0070

**Portsmouth Humane Society**
portsmouthhumanesociety.org
757-397-6004

**Peninsula SPCA**
peninsulaspca.org
757-595-1399

**Suffolk Animal Control**
http://www.suffolkva.us/153/Animal-Control

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# So you found a lost animal. Now what?

## Here are some important tips to help that animal get home.

**Home is where the pet's heart is!**

**Collar and microchip**
If you can safely approach the animal, start by calling/texting the number on its collar. You can also visit a vet or a shelter and ask them to scan for a microchip.

**Go for a walk!**
While being safe and practicing social distancing, walk the dog in the neighborhood it was found. Ask neighbors for help! This is also the perfect time to post "found pet" signs.

**Animal Shelters**
Google local animal shelters and complete an online found pet report. Send a photo of the pet with the date/location and your contact information.

**Social Media**
Take a photo of the animal and post it on social media, such as the Lost & Found Pets Hampton Roads group on Facebook, as well as similar sections on NextDoor and Craigslist. Include the location where the animal was found.

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**Finding Rover and PawBoost**
Take a good, clear photo of the pet and register it on FindingRover.com for free! PawBoost.com provides a virtual flyer.

# Your pet is lost! Oh no!

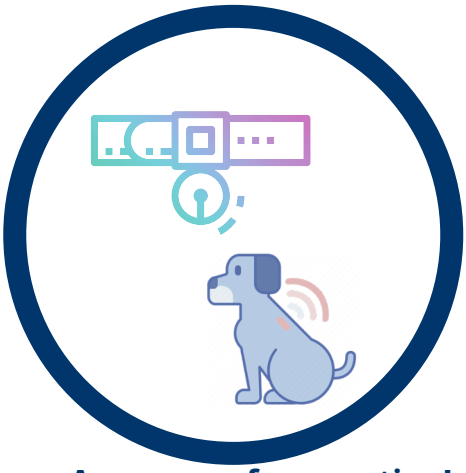
## Here are some important tips to help your animal get home.

**Take a walk!**
Scout your neighborhood for your pet, calling and holding pet's favorite treat. This is also the perfect time to hang fliers!

**Social Media**
Post a photo of your pet on social media, especially Lost&Found Pets Hampton Roads on Facebook. NextDoor and Craigslist also have lost and found pet sections. Include the location the pet is missing from.

**Animal Shelters**
If your pet is lost in Norfolk, NACC is your first stop. Contact us at 757-441-5505 or email nacc@norfolk.gov. NACC's website is updated hourly.
Send the pet's photo and your contact information. Check with other Norfolk shelters and shelters in other cities, too.

**Contact a vet**
Call your veterinarian as well as any vet offices near your home.



**An ounce of prevention!**
Protect your pet and pave the way home. Make sure your pet wears a collar with its name, along with your contact info as well as city & rabies tags. Microchip your pet, and ensure your contact information is updated.

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# What to do if you find kittens

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## Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

**YES:** Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic immediately.

**NO:** Estimate the kittens' age by what they look like.

**Eyes still closed or just beginning to open:**
**1–2 weeks old**

**Eyes open and alert, becoming mobile:**
**2–4 weeks old**

**Very mobile and often talkative, can eat food:**
**4–6 weeks old**

**Very active and playful, weighs 1–2 lbs.:**
**6–8 weeks old**

**Very active and playful, weighs 2 lbs. or more:**
**8+ weeks old**

### Can you see the nest or hiding spot?

Avoid handling the kittens and watch them from a distance to see if the mama cat returns to care for them. If she does, leave the kittens with her, since it greatly increases their chances of survival.

### What if the mama cat doesn't return after six or more hours?

Take action by doing one of the following:

### Take Action

1. **Care for the kittens.** Take the kittens to your local vet for a check-up and vaccines. Or foster the kittens through your local shelter's foster program.
2. **If you can't care for the kittens yourself, find someone who can.** Ask your family, friends and neighbors.

   When the kittens you've cared for reach eight weeks old, they're ready to be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and adopted.
3. **Can't care for the kittens or find someone who can?** Ask your local shelter for assistance.

**NACC 5585 Sabre Road | (757) 441-5505 | nacc@norfolk.gov**

**Taking newborn kittens to your local shelter should be a last resort.**

Many animal shelters are unable to provide the around-the-clock care that kittens need. In fact, at many shelters (without the help of foster homes), newborn kittens are at risk of being killed within 24 hours of arriving. The best thing to do for kittens under four weeks of age is to leave them with the mama cat until they are eating on their own, and then contact your local shelter for spay/neuter resources.

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