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We understand that sometimes situations occur or life circumstances change and you may find you can no longer take care of your pet.

Surrendering your pet is considered a last resort. It is a very confronting, emotional and challenging set of circumstances which leads to this decision.

Before you surrender

There are many pet rescues and shelters across the Perth community who can help. They can provide assistance for a wide range of problems families have with their pets. You can find the following list and any new updated links on our website at www.emergencyvethospital.com.au/pet-surrender

<https://www.rspcawa.org.au/pages/faqs/category/pet-sur>

<https://www.cathaven.com.au/pages/surrendering-your-cat-to-cat-haven>

<https://www.dogshome.org.au/surrendering-a-dog/>

<https://www.dfldogrescue.com.au/>

<https://www.wishanimalrescue.org.au/>

<https://safe.org.au/>

Things to consider



At EVH we aim to provide a no-judgemental environment based on the choices you need to make for your personal circumstances. Our objective is to support the best outcomes for the animals when circumstances have led to the decision to consider surrender.

As an Emergency Vet Hospital, the sudden and unexpected costs can lead to considering surrendering a loved pet.

In this instance we encourage you to consider:

- Seeking a loan from family or friends if you are comfortable to ask.
- Check eligibility for third-party financial providers who specialise in this support. We can assist with applications for Vet Pay (www.vetpay.com.au) or Zip Pay (www.zip.co/au)
- Crowd Funding, although we appreciate that time/urgency may not allow for this.
- Seek a second veterinary opinion, who would provide their own treatment cost estimates. Other emergency vets in Perth are www.murdoch.edu.au/theanimalhospital, www.vet24.com.au and www.pve.net.au

How to surrender your pet:

SIGN SURRENDER DOCUMENT	Complete and sign the surrender documentation
↓ TRANSFER MICROCHIP	Then, if the pet is microchipped, the chip will be transferred to the organisation accepting the pet (in our case the hospital) via an Individual Change of Ownership Form)
↓ SURRENDER COMPLETE	Once these two forms have been signed you legally no longer own the pet and have relinquished all rights and responsibilities. Surrender is complete

Important information



We acknowledge the struggle

Surrendering a pet is a confronting multifaceted decision and one not to be taken lightly. Many struggle on the day and into the future with their decision. **Please seek support of friends and family or through the wide range of services available.**

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

<https://www.griefcentrewa.org.au/>

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

FAQ

What happens if I change my mind about surrendering my animal?

Surrendering a pet is an irreversible and final decision.

How long do I have to change my mind?

There is no cooling off period during which you can change your mind.

Will I be able to know who the new owner is?

No, this is kept confidential as legally privacy information cannot be shared

If I find the money, can I reverse my decision?

The decision to surrender is final and not reversible even if the financial means become available.

Will I be able to get updates regarding their health or medical care?

There is no opportunity for any updates regarding your pet's health

Will I be able to get photo updates?

Unfortunately, not as this can be distressing for all parties involved.

Can I sue the hospital, its employees or anyone involved to get my pet back?

By signing the documents you are instructing us to take responsibility for your pet. As these are your instructions to us, and you are no longer legally responsible or the owner of the pet there is no recourse to the hospital, our vets or employees for the consequences of your instructions or if you feel loss at a later time.



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