

Delaware Animal Welfare Directory of Low Cost and Free Services

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Cat and Dog Services

How to Cope with the High Cost of Veterinary Care

For most pet owners, keeping your pets healthy and happy is a priority. The cost of routine vet care-- annual examinations, vaccinations, and treatment for minor illnesses--is something most pet owners can budget for. When the price of veterinary office visits and services become too high, many pet owners will go to veterinary and vaccine clinics, which offer comparable services at a lower cost.

Paying for unexpected, non-routine or emergency pet care is another story. This care, which can mean life or death for a beloved pet, can cost thousands. Most pet owners will face the difficulty of paying for this kind of expensive veterinary care at one time or another. Sadly, those that cannot afford it watch their pets suffer, surrender their pet to a shelter, or opt for euthanasia. The high cost of veterinary care is a major reason why many pet owners surrender their pet to a shelter. Listed below are suggestions and strategies that will help you get the care for your pet at a price you can afford:

Speak with your veterinarian

Discuss the circumstances with your veterinarian. If the estimated cost of services is more than you can afford as a lump sum, ask if he or she will discount the price or allow you to make monthly payments. Your veterinarian may also have low-cost treatment alternatives to offer. For example, in some instances, your veterinarian may recommend generic, over-the-counter medication in place of higher cost prescription medication. You should also shop around, as fees may vary among veterinary providers.

Look for low-cost alternatives

Many local animal shelters and animal welfare organizations offer lower cost services through vaccine clinics, spay/neuter clinics, and veterinary clinics. Clinics provide routine care, such as vaccines, spaying and neutering, as well as diagnosis and treatment of minor illness or injury. Some offer sliding scale fees based on income. In general, they are not equipped to handle emergency care or chronic illness. See listings for spay/neuter clinics, vaccine clinics, and veterinary clinics later in this document.

Check out veterinary schools

Veterinary schools may offer discounted veterinary services through their teaching hospital. The University of Pennsylvania's Ryan Veterinary Hospital in Philadelphia is a local option.

Care Credit

CareCredit is a healthcare credit card designed for health and wellness needs. It's a way to pay for the costs of many [treatments and procedures](#) for your pets; and it allows you to make [convenient monthly payments](#). For complete details of veterinary care financing terms and conditions, please review the [CareCredit account agreement](#) within the application.

Basic Sick and Wellness Veterinary Clinics

Veterinary clinics are a cost-saving alternative to traditional veterinary care. Services provided include wellness exams and preventative care; non-urgent sick exams and treatment, including selected surgeries; and end-of-life care.

A licensed, local veterinarian performs services and an appointment is required. Typically, the appointment fee is \$35; follow-up visits are \$15. Prescription medicines are offered at a substantial discount.

Vet clinics cannot provide emergency care. If your pet is exhibiting symptoms such as seizures, excessive bleeding, excessive vomiting/diarrhea, trauma, or poisoning, please contact one of the local emergency vet care providers listed in Table 2.

Table 1: Basic Sick and Wellness Veterinary Clinics in Delaware

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Brandywine Valley SPCA	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	http://bvspca.org/hospital/vet-services/	302-516-1004
	22918 DuPont Boulevard Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
Delaware SPCA	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	http://www.delspca.org/veterinary-care/	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ¹	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	http://www.faithfulfriends.us/veterinary-care-program	302 427-8514

Notes

1. To schedule an appointment, apply online at www.faithfulfriends.us/veterinary-care-program or call 302 427-8514 Extension 115.

Table 2: Emergency Vet Care Providers

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Delmarva Animal Emergency Center	1482 E. Lebanon Rd Dover 19901	www.delmarvaer.com	302 697-0850
Middletown Veterinary Hospital	366 Warwick Road Middletown, DE 19709	www.bestvetyet.com	302 378-2342
Penn Vet	3900 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	www.vet.upenn.edu/veterinary-hospitals/ryan-veterinary-hospital	215 746-8911
Savannah Animal Hospital	33818 Westcoats Rd, Lewes, DE 19958	www.savannahanimalhosp.com/	302 645-8757
VCA Newark	1360 Marrows Road Newark, DE 19711	www.vcahospitals.com/newark	302 737-8100
Veterinary Referral Center	340 Lancaster Avenue Malvern, PA	vrcmalvern.com/	610 647-2950
Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware ¹	290 Churchman's Road New Castle, DE	www.vscdel.com/	302 322-6933
Windcrest Animal Hospital	3705 Lancaster Pike Wilmington, DE	www.windcrestanimal.com/	302 998-2995

Notes

1. Be sure to inquire about the Special Friends Care Foundation, a charity which pays for life-saving veterinary care for strays and pets whose owners cannot afford it.

End of Life Services

Providers listed in Table 3 offer euthanasia and cremation services at prices below those of traditional veterinary practices. Private cremation is more expensive than communal cremation. In communal cremation, your pet is cremated with others and the ashes are not returned. In private cremation, your pet is cremated by itself and the ashes are returned to you.

Table 3: End of Life Service Providers

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone
Brandywine Valley SPCA ¹	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	bvspca.org/resources/	302 516-1000
	22918 DuPont Boulevard Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
Delaware Pet Cremation ²	304 Robinson Lane Wilmington, DE 19805	www.theanimalsoul.com/	302 656-5737
Delaware SPCA ³	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	www.delspca.org/wellness-clinic/	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ⁴	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/veterinary-clinic/	302 427-8514
In Home Veterinary Care ⁵		www.euthanasiadelaware.com/	302 893-7872

Notes

1. Low-cost euthanasia, private or communal cremation.
2. Private or communal cremation.
3. Euthanasia, private or communal cremation. Prices posted on web site.
4. Low-cost euthanasia.
5. Emergency vet care and euthanasia service in your home.

Spay/Neuter Clinics and Programs

Having your pet spayed or neutered is the right thing to do. It saves lives by preventing unwanted litters of puppies and kittens; keeps your pet healthier; and eliminates many nuisance or unwanted pet behaviors, such as spraying or roaming.

Don't put it off. Do it as soon as they are old enough, if possible, but have it done before they are 6 months old. Many clinics fix healthy kittens and puppies as young as 8 weeks of age. Contrary to popular belief, waiting for your female cat or dog to go through her first heat or give birth to her first litter before getting her fixed is not better for your pet. Cats and dogs should be spayed before their first heat; doing so reduces the chances of cancer and makes the surgery itself less complicated.

Spay/neuter surgery is done by appointment and performed by a licensed veterinarian. At many clinics, the procedure is completed in one day; at others, the pet is released the next day.

Delaware Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

The Delaware low-cost spay/neuter program allows Delaware residents receiving public assistance to have their pet spayed or neutered and vaccinated for \$20. A qualified applicant may have up to two pets per year fixed through the program. Apply easily online at www.fixedandfab.com. Those without Internet access may also contact the Office of Animal Welfare Spay and Neuter hotline at 302-255-4632 to request a paper application. Once approved, applicants may schedule an appointment with a participating provider in their community. A list of providers in each county can be found on the web site.

Table 4: Spay/Neuter Clinics in Delaware

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Brandywine Valley SPCA	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	https://bvspca.org/hospital/spay-neuter/	302-516-1000
	22918 DuPont Boulevard Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
Delaware Humane Association ¹	701 A Street Wilmington, DE 19801	https://delawarehumane.org/services/low-cost-spay-neuter/	302 571-0111
Delaware low-cost spay/neuter program for residents receiving public assistance ²	Carvel Building 1901 N. Du Pont Highway New Castle, DE 19720	www.fixedandfab.com	302 255-4632
Delaware SPCA ³	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	www.delspca.org/spay-neuter	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ⁴	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/spay-%26-neuter-	302 427-8514
Forgotten Cats ⁵	Suite 422 4023 Kennett Pike Greenville, DE 19807	www.forgottencats.org/clinic.php	302 429-0124
Kitty Fix Co-Op Homeless Cat Helpers	Seaford, DE	http://members.petfinder.com/~DE29/index.php	d-c_brown@juno.com
Spay Neuter Clinic ⁷	84 Salt Creek Drive Dover, DE 19901	www.spayaz.com/dover-de/	302 735-7729

Notes

1. For more information, to schedule an appointment, or if you have questions about DHA's spay/neuter programs, please contact our client services staff at (302) 571-0111.
2. Delaware's low-cost spay/neuter program, now administered by the Office of Animal Welfare, entitles eligible Delawareans to have up to 3 pets spayed per year for \$20 per pet. To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Be a Delaware resident 18 years of age or older
 - b. Own an animal from Delaware
 - c. Participate in at least one of the following assistance programs:
 - i. General Assistance
 - ii. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 - iii. Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP)

- iv. Delaware Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
 - v. Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)
 - vi. Social Security – Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - vii. Social Security – Disability
 - viii. Veteran’s Administration Disability Compensation with a disability rating of 50% or higher
- d. Call 302 255-4620 for more information and apply online at <http://www.fixedandfab.com/>.
3. Call 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment.
 4. To schedule an appointment, call 1 844 772-9738 (SPAYNET)
 5. Forgotten Cats operates low cost spay/neuter clinics in Trainer and Willow Grove, PA. Call or complete the form on the web site to schedule an appointment.
 6. Call to make an appointment.

Vaccine Clinics

Vaccine clinics, also known as shot clinics or healthy pet clinics, offer vaccinations and other vet services and products at a reduced cost. They are hosted by animal shelters, rescues, day care and boarding facilities, and pet stores, and typically take place on weekends. Clinics held at pet stores are often referred to as wellness clinics, because they often include a physical examination of the pet in addition to the usual services and products for sale. Call or check the web site of the animal shelter, rescue, or pet store to get their clinic schedule.

Services are administered by a licensed veterinarian and include vaccinations for cats and dogs such as rabies, distemper, bordetella, canine influenza, and Lyme disease; microchipping; and deworming. Flea and tick and topical deworming products are offered for sale.

There are no appointments; service is first come, first-served. It is recommended that you arrive at or before the start time to be sure your pet will be treated. Owners should bring current previous vaccine records and certificates with them. Rabies tags cannot be accepted as proof that your pet is already vaccinated.

Be sure to have your pet properly restrained and under your control at all times. Dogs must be leashed; cats should be transported in a pet carrier. Pets that have never been vaccinated, such as puppies and kittens, should be kept off the ground and away from the other pets to avoid possible exposure.

To find a clinic near you, see the table below or visit <https://www.vippetcare.com/find-a-clinic> and use the Clinic Location Finder to search by zip code.

See the Vaccination and Treatment Schedule charts on pages 11 and 12 for recommended best practices for cats and dogs.

Table 5: Vaccine Clinics in Delaware and Surrounding Counties

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Concord Pet, Chestnut Run ¹	1720 Faulkland Road Wilmington, DE 19805	https://concordpetfoods.com/	302 995-2255
Concord Pet, Dover ¹	15 South Dupont Highway Dover, DE 19901 US		302 672-9494
Concord Pet, Fox Run ¹	326 Fox Hunt Drive Bear, DE 19701		302 838-4300

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Concord Pet, Graylyn Crest ¹	1722 Marsh Road Wilmington, DE 19810		302 477-1995
Concord Pet, Hockessin ¹	697 Yorklyn Road Hockessin, DE 19707		302 234-9112
Concord Pet, Middletown Crossing ¹	340 Main Street Middletown, DE 19709		302 376-1616
Concord Pet, Milford Crossing ¹	135 Aerenson Drive Milford, DE 19963		302 424-8373
Concord Pet, Millsboro ¹	26209 John J Williams Hwy Millsboro, DE 19966		302 945-2113
Concord Pet, New Castle ¹	287 Christiana Road #2 New Castle, DE 19720		302 324-0502
Concord Pet, Newark ¹	2818 Pulaski Highway Newark, DE 19702		302 836-5787
Concord Pet, Rehoboth Beach ¹	19287 Miller Road Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971		302 226-2300
Concord Pet, Seaford ¹	22836 Sussex Highway Seaford, DE 19973		302-628-1001
Concord Pet, Shoppes of Red Mill ¹	1450 Kirkwood Highway Newark, DE 19711		302 737-8982
Concord Pet, Smyrna ¹	599 Jimmy Drive Smyrna, DE 19977		302 653-1515
Concord Pet, Suburban Plaza ¹	312 Suburban Drive Newark, DE 19711		302 368-2959
Concord Pet, West Chester ¹	804 East Market Street West Chester, PA 19382		610-701-9111
Concord Pet, Wilmington ¹	3703 Concord Pike Wilmington, DE 19803	302 478-8966	
Delaware Humane Association ²	701 A Street Wilmington, DE 19801	https://delawarehumane.org/services/vaccination-clinics/	302 571-0111
Delaware SPCA, ³	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	www.delsPCA.org/vaccine-clinics/	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ⁴	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/vaccine-clinics	302 427-8514
Pet Supplies Plus, Wilmington ⁵	2223 Concord Pike Wilmington, DE 19803		302 654-8901
Pet Supplies Plus, Avondale ⁵	771 Gap Newport Pike Avondale, PA 19311-9545		610-268-2424
Pet Valu, Camden ⁶	374 Walmart Drive Suite 6/7 Camden, DE 19934	http://us.petvalu.com/	302 538-7455

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Pet Valu, Delmar ⁶	38661 Sussex Highway Delmar Commons Shopping Center Delmar, DE 19940		302 907-0770
Pet Valu, Dover ⁶	55 Greentree Drive Greentree Village Shopping Center Dover, DE 19904		302 674-4932
Pet Valu, Georgetown ⁶	6 College Park Lane College Park Shopping Center Georgetown, DE 19947		302 858-4496
Pet Valu, Glen Mills ⁶	477 Wilmington West Chester Pike, Glen Mills, PA 19342		484 840-8150
Pet Valu, Greenville ⁶	3801 Kennett Pike Greenville Center Greenville, DE 19807		302 502-2595
Pet Valu, Kennett Square ⁶	817 E Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348		610 925-0721
Pet Valu, Newark ⁶	604 Plaza Dr Four Seasons Plaza Newark, DE 19702		302 525-6322
Pet Valu, Smyrna ⁶	116 East Glenwood Avenue Smyrna Shopping Center Smyrna, DE 19977		302 508-2707
Petco, Christiana ⁷	200 Center Blvd Christiana, DE 19702	https://stores.petco.com/	302 894-0290
Petco, Wilmington ⁸	4491 Kirkwood Hwy Wilmington, DE 19808		302 636-0860
Tractor Supply, Dover ⁹	4089 S. Dupont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901	https://www.tractorsupply.com	302 698-5690
Tractor Supply, Elkton ⁹	1111 East Pulaski Hwy Elkton,MD21921		410-392-2227
Tractor Supply, Middletown ⁹	912 Middletown Warwick Road Middletown,DE19709		302-376-5900
Tractor Supply, Milford ⁹	609 N Dupont Blvd, Milford, DE 19963		302422-8157
Tractor Supply, Salisbury ⁹	112 E. North Pointe Dr, Salisbury, MD 21801		410 219-2601
Tractor Supply, Seaford ⁹	20952 Sussex Hwy., Seaford, DE 19973		302 629-3627
Tractor Supply, Smyrna ⁹	1300 South DuPont Blvd Smyrna,DE19977		302-659-3333

Notes

1. For clinic locations, dates, and times, see the events page of the Concord Pet web site at www.concordpetfoods.com/events or call the store.
2. Clinics are held throughout the year at DHA's animal care and adoption centers in Wilmington and Rehoboth Beach. Please contact our Client Services staff at 302 571-0111.
3. For clinic locations, dates, and times see the Events page at www.delspca.org or call 302-897-6511.
4. For clinic locations, dates, and times, see the spay/neuter page of the web site at www.faithfulfriends.us/spay-%26-neuter or call Customer Service at 302 427-8514 Extension 0.
5. Call the store for clinic dates and times.
6. Call the store for clinic dates and times.
7. Clinics are held Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the store.
8. Clinics are held Saturdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the store.
9. Call the store for clinic dates and times.

Table 6: Vaccination and Treatment Schedule for Cats

Vaccination or Treatment	Other Name	What It Treats	Minimum Age	Initial Treatment		Booster
				Kitten	Adult	
Rabies		Rabies virus	12 weeks	Rabies vaccination is mandated by Delaware law for cats six months or older. First vaccination is considered a one year vaccine.		Every three years with proof of unexpired prior vaccination; otherwise, every year.
Distemper	FVRCP	Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis	6 weeks	Series of 3 shots given every third or fourth week; last shot considered to be one year vaccine.	First vaccination is considered to be a one year vaccine.	Annually
		Calici Virus				
		Chlamydia				
		Panleukopenia				
Bordetella	Kennel Cough					
Dewormer		All worms except tapeworm.	2 weeks	Dosage based on animal weight. Given orally by mixing in food or syringing into mouth. Second dosage is given 2 weeks after first dose.		
Profender		All worms, including tapeworm.	8 weeks (2.2 lbs)	Dosage based on animal weight. Applied topically by parting hair on cats neck and applying to skin.		
Flea Treatment		Fleas and ticks	8 weeks	Dosage based on animal weight. Applied topically by parting hair on cats neck and applying to skin. Each dose provides protection for one month.		

Table 7: Vaccination and Treatment Schedule for Dogs

Vaccination or Treatment	Other Name	What It Treats	Minimum Age	Initial Treatment		Booster
				Puppy	Adult	
Rabies		Rabies virus	12 weeks	Rabies vaccination is mandated by Delaware law for dogs six months or older. First vaccination is considered to be a one year vaccine.		Every three years with proof of unexpired prior vaccination; otherwise, every year.
Distemper	DA2PP	Distemper	6 weeks	Series of 3 shots given every third or fourth week; last shot considered to be one year vaccine.	Series of two shots: must be boosted in 3-4 weeks then considered to be a one year vaccine.	Annually
		Adenovirus 1 & 2				
		Parvovirus				
		Parainfluenza				
Bordetella	Kennel Cough	Bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria	6 weeks	First vaccination is considered to be a one year vaccine.		Annually
Dewormer		Roundworm	2 weeks	Dosage based on animal weight. Given orally by mixing in food or syringing into mouth. Second dosage is given 2 weeks after first dose. Doesn't control tapeworm.		
		Whipworms				
		Hookworm				
Canine Influenza		Influenza Type A (H3N8)	6 weeks	Series of two shots given two to four weeks apart.		Annually
Flea Treatment		Fleas and ticks	8 weeks	Dosage based on animal weight. Applied topically by parting hair on dogs neck and applying to skin. Each dose provides protection for one month.		

Free Pet Food and Supply Banks

Pet food banks give pet food and other supplies to pet owners in need. Eligible recipients fall into two general categories: Pet owners who are facing financial hardship and are struggling to make ends meet; and Good Samaritans who are caring for outdoor cats living in cat colonies.

By helping to keep pets in their homes or in the community with the people who love them, pet food bank programs reduce the number of animals surrendered to shelters. Food banks are supported by donations from individuals and local businesses. The food bank stock, which may vary from day to day, typically includes canned and dry dog and cat food, cat litter, leashes, bowls, and collars.

To get help, call to find out if the pet food or supply item you need is available and make an appointment, if necessary, to come by and pick it up. Be sure to ask about restrictions they may have, so you will be sure that you qualify. You may be asked to fill out and sign a form and/or present a valid identification.

These services are provided at no cost, but donations are encouraged.

Table 8: Delaware Pet Food Banks

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Brandywine Valley SPCA ¹	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	http://bvspca.org/resources/	302 516-1008
	22918 DuPont Blvd Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
Delaware Humane Association ²	701 A Street Wilmington, DE 19801	delawarehumane.org/services/pet-food-pantry/	302 571-0111
Delaware SPCA, ³	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	www.delspca.org/delaware-spca-pet-food-pantry/	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ⁴	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	http://www.faithfulfriends.us/pet-food-%26-supply-bank	302 427-8514
First State Animal Center and SPCA ⁵	32 Shelter Circle Camden, DE 19934	https://www.fsac-spca.org/pet-pantry/	302 943-6032

Notes

- Henry's Cupboard is only open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 12:00.
- Please contact the Client Services staff at info@dehumane.org or 302 571-0111.
- For more information, call 302 998-2281.
- The food bank is open for walk-ins four days a week--Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 7 pm and Saturday from 12 to 5 pm. Call 302 427-8514 Extension 0. Breeders cannot use the food bank. In addition to wet and dry cat and dog food, we offer collars, leashes, and straw for cat housing when available.
- Please contact 302 943-6032, Extension 120 to request food. You will be asked for some information on yourself and your pets. Pick up time is by appointment only. Please do not drop by and ask for food.

Services for Feral and Stray Cats

Stray Cats

Outdoor cats that are friendly may be lost but they also may be someone’s pet that is allowed to roam free. If you find a stray cat that looks healthy and well kempt, there is a good chance that he belongs to someone. Residents looking for services for stray cats can take advantage of the community cat program at the Brandywine Valley SPCA (BVSPCA). To learn more about services for stray cats, residents should contact the BVSPCA at 302-516-1007 or 302 856-6361.

Housing

The agencies listed in the table below can provide housing to colony caretakers. The housing, which is portable and insulated, provides shelter from the elements and helps the cats stay warm in winter.

Table 9: Agencies Providing Cat Housing

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Faithful Friends Animal Society	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/	302 427-8514
Forgotten Cats	Suite 422 4023 Kennett Pike Greenville, DE 19807	www.forgottencats.org/	302 429-0124

Pet Food Banks

Pet food banks will provide free food to caretakers of cat colonies. See Table 8.

Spay/Neuter

All the shelter clinics listed in Table 4 will spay and neuter feral and stray cats. Some include a rabies vaccination and eartipping; many offer an additional discount for colony caretakers. For the safety of shelter personnel, feral cats must be received in humane traps. If help with trapping or a rental trap is needed, see Table 10, on the next page.

Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR)

Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return programs offer a humane and effective way to decrease the number of unwanted kittens in a community, while also preventing the spread of rabies and nuisance issues. The providers below will offer services to residents wishing to trap stray or feral/semi-feral outdoor cats to have them fixed and vaccinated. Providers may be full service, meaning they assist with trapping and transportation as well, or may provide assistance to cat caretakers such as loaning traps or offering special rates for feral/semi-feral or stray cats which are lower than the usual rate to fix a pet cat. Contact the individual organization to better understand what level of support they offer.

Table 10: TNVR Providers

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Brandywine Valley SPCA ¹	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	http://bvspca.org/hospital/community-cats/	302 516-1008
	22918 DuPont Boulevard Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
Delaware SPCA	455 Stanton Christiana Road, Newark, DE 19713	http://www.delspca.org/	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ²	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/	302 427-8514
First State Animal Center and SPCA ⁴	32 Shelter Circle Camden, DE 19934	http://www.fsac-spca.org/trap-neuter-return/	302 943-6032
Forgotten Cats ⁵	Suite 422 4023 Kennett Pike Greenville, DE 19807	www.forgottencats.org/	302 429-0124

Notes

1. Provides TVNR services and trap rentals at locations in New Castle and Georgetown, DE; and West Chester, PA.
2. FFAS provides trapping services, loans humane traps to the public, provides cat housing and caretaker support.
3. For clinic locations, dates, and times see the Events page at www.delspca.org or call 302-897-6511.
4. They do not offer trapping services, but will rent humane traps to the public for a refundable deposit.
5. Forgotten Cats is a full service, large-scale TNR organization. They provide equipment, training, transportation, and moral support as needed.

Temporary Shelter for Owned Pets

A few animal shelters have programs providing temporary shelter for pets of domestic violence victims and people in transitional housing situations. Pet vaccinations must be up to date and include bordetella. Acceptance is based on space availability. Space is very limited.

Table 11: Temporary Shelter for Owned Pets

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone
Brandywine Valley SPCA ¹	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	https://bvspca.org/	302 516-1000
	22918 DuPont Boulevard Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
Delaware SPCA ²	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	www.delspca.org/	302 998-2281
Faithful Friends Animal Society ³	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/	302 427-8514
First State Animal Center and SPCA ⁴	32 Shelter Circle Camden, DE 19934	www.fsac-spca.org/	302 943-6032
PACT for Animals ⁵	P.O. Box 590, Gladwyne, PA 19035	https://pactforanimals.org/	610 581-4141
Seer Farms Sanctuary ⁶	P.O. Box 91, Jackson NJ 08527	http://seerfarms.org/	

Notes

1. For pets of domestic violence victims. Call for details and availability.
2. For pets of domestic violence victims. Call for details and availability.
3. For pets of domestic violence victims and transitional housing situations. Call for details and availability.
4. Call for details and availability.
5. Temporary foster care for pets whose owners require hospitalization or are military personnel.
6. Low-cost foster care for pets whose owners are in crisis.

Shelters and Rescues for Dogs and Cats

Shelters and rescues that accept the surrender of stray and/or owned dogs and cats are listed below in Table 12. Acceptance policies and restrictions for each agency are given in the Notes below the table.

Before you make the decision to surrender your pet, here are some things to think about:

1. Except for the direst circumstances, your pet is always better off with you. While you may feel that you are not able to provide the best of everything, life with you is preferable to life in the shelter.
2. For many pets, shelter life is difficult. Shelters and rescues are for the most part overcrowded, as the demand for surrender is never-ending. Because there are so many cats and dogs to care for, most get little or no personal attention. Many are affected by the chaos of shelter life; it can cause them to shut down, act out, or become depressed. As a result, they don't show well and are not likely to get adopted.
3. The age of your pet is inversely proportional to his or her adoptability. It's a fact: older pets are less likely to be adopted from a shelter or rescue. Surrendering an older pet may doom it to a life in the shelter.
4. If you are thinking of surrendering your pet because you can't afford pet food, ask a local pet food and supply bank for help.
5. Before being accepted for surrender, your pet will be evaluated. When asked about your pet's behavior and health, be forthright and honest; explain any health problems or behavioral issues the pet has experienced. Surrendering a problem pet without full disclosure is bad for the pet and the shelter.
6. Be prepared to pay a surrender fee. Most shelters and rescues require a small fee to cover the cost of veterinary care, medicine, and food for your pet.

If you have to give up your pet, don't count on surrendering to a shelter or rescue; take it upon yourself to find a new home:

1. Ask friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and folks you socialize with.
2. Advertise your pet on your social media (i. e. Facebook) page.
3. If your pet came from a breeder, ask if you can return it. Most reputable breeders take back animals that they have sold.
4. If your pet is a purebred, contact a breed-specific rescue. Do an internet search or see the American Kennel Club Rescue Network Contact List at <http://www.akc.org/akc-rescue-network/> to find a rescue near you.
5. If your pet is fixed, advertise it for adoption on the Faithful Friends' Facebook page. The service is free and reaches an online audience of animal lovers and animal welfare advocates. Call 302 427-8514 Extension 0 for more information.

Table 12: Shelters and Rescues Accepting Surrender of Dogs and Cats

Agency / Organization	Locations	Web Site	Phone
Brandywine Valley SPCA ¹	600 South Street New Castle, DE 19720	https://bvspca.org	302 516-1000
	22918 DuPont Boulevard Georgetown, DE 19947		302 856-6361
	1212 Phoenixville Pike West Chester, PA 19380		484 302-0865
Delaware Humane Association ²	701 A Street Wilmington, DE 19801	https://delawarehumane.org/	302 571-0111
Delaware SPCA ³	455 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, DE 19713	www.delspca.org/	302 998-2281

Agency / Organization	Locations	Web Site	Phone
Faithful Friends Animal Society ⁴	12 Germay Drive Wilmington, DE 19804	www.faithfulfriends.us/	302 427-8514
Forgotten Cats ⁵	4023 Kennett Pike, Suite 422 Greenville, DE 19807	http://forgottencats.org/index.php	302 429-0124
Grass Roots Rescue ⁶	Lewes, DE	http://www.grrde.org	

Notes

1. Brandywine Valley SPCA is contracted to take in all stray dogs and investigate animal cruelty cases in the state of Delaware and Chester County, PA. Takes in cats when shelter space is available.
2. Delaware Humane Association takes in stray dogs on a walk-in basis when shelter space is available. They take in owner-surrendered dogs and cats when shelter space is available.
3. Delaware SPCA takes in owner-surrendered dogs and cats when shelter space is available.
4. Faithful Friends takes stray dogs and cats on a walk-in basis when shelter space is available. They take in owner-surrendered dogs and cats when shelter space is available.
5. Forgotten Cats takes in adoptable cats from trapping cases.
6. Surrender requests for Grass Roots Rescue can be submitted here: <http://www.grrde.org/surrender-request/>.

Farm Animal Rescues in MD, NJ and PA

Table 13: Farm Animal Sanctuaries and Rescues

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Chenoa Manor ¹	733 Glen Willow Rd Avondale, PA 19311	www.chenoamanor.org/	hello@chenoamanor.org
Down to Earth Farm Sanctuary	PO Box 179 Carversville, PA 18913	www.facebook.com/Down2EarthFarm	215 370-5585
Farm Animal Rescue of Mifflinburg ²	P. O. Box 30 Mifflinburg, PA 17844	www.faranimalrescueofmifflinburg.org	570 966-3175
Funny Farm Rescue ³	6908 Railroad Blvd. Mays Landing, NJ 08330	www.funnyfarmrescue.org/index.htm	laurie@funnyfarmrescue.org
Godot Animal Sanctuary ⁴	Godot Animal Sanctuary 391 Laughbaum Drive Punxsutawney, PA 15767	godotanimalsanctuary.org	814 938-1052
Hope Haven Animal Sanctuary ⁵	North Hills of Pittsburgh PA	hopehavenfarm.org/index.html	412 366-1187
Indraloka Animal Sanctuary ⁶	PO Box 155 Mehoopany, PA 18625	www.indraloka.org	570 763-2908
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary ⁷	P.O. Box 507 Poolesville, MD 20837	www.animalsanctuary.org	301-428-8128
Star Gazing Farm ⁸	PO Box 162 Boyd's, MD 20841	www.stargazingfarm.org	301 349-0802
Tamelaine Farm Animal Sanctuary ⁹	147 River Road Montague, NJ 07827	tamelainefarm.org	917 414 2408
The Barnyard Sanctuary ¹⁰	PO Box 167, Blairstown, NJ 07825	barnyardsanctuary.org/ - %21	973 670-4477
The Chicken Refuge	PO Box 1201, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889	www.thechickenrefuge.org	info@thechickenrefuge.org

Notes

1. Offers lifetime sanctuary for farm animals, animals used for experimentation, and exotic animals.
2. Provides or locates permanent homes for unwanted farm animals and promote humane treatment of them.
3. Provides care, compassion, and love to unwanted, abused, and abandoned animals.
4. Dedicated to the care and welfare of abused, injured, displaced, and disabled domestic animals and wildlife.
5. Sanctuary for pigs, sheep, goats, poultry, llama and alpaca.
6. Sanctuary for abandoned and unwanted farm animals.
7. Provides care, rehabilitation, and permanent sanctuary for neglected, abused or abandoned farm animals as well as protected habitat for wildlife.
8. Provides safe haven to abused, stray, and neglected farm animals and offers educational programs and community service opportunities to young people.

9. Rescues, rehabilitates, and provides lifelong care for farm animals, and educate the public about them to create a more compassionate world.
10. Rescues, rehabilitates, and rehomes farm animals that are displaced, abused, or whose caregivers are experiencing hardships, by providing them with a safe, loving and nurturing home.

Horse Rescues in Delaware and Surrounding Counties

Table 14: Area Horse Rescues

Agency / Organization	Address	Web Site	Phone / Email
Changing Fates Equine Rescue of Delaware	31283 Old Cabin Road Laurel, DE 19956	www.changingfatesequine.org/	302 339-5065
Days End Farm Horse Rescue	1372 Woodbine Rd, Woodbine, MD 21797	www.defhr.org/	301 854-5037
Greystone Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation	1755 Principio Rd Rising Sun, MD 21911	www.greystoneequine.com/	239 322-9937
Lamancha Animal Rescue	P. O. Box 656 Unionville, PA 19375	www.lamanchaanimalrescue.org/	LaManchaRescue@comcast.net
Noble Hill Rescue	2002 Noble Rd Kirkwood, PA 17536	www.noblehillrescue.org/	717 529-2358
Second Chance Ranch	2436 Sandtown Rd. Felton DE 19942	www.secondchanceranchdeinc.com/	302 284-7463
Tri-State Equine Adoption and Rescue	869 Hartly Rd. Hartly, DE 19953	www.tristateequine.org/	302 492-0492

Wildlife Rehabilitators and Rescues

Table 15: Wildlife Services in DE, MD, NJ, and PA

Agency	Locations	Phone	Web Site
Delaware Wildlife Rehabilitators ¹	New Castle County, DE	302 834-4604	
	Kent County, DE	302 270-9256 302 632-0304	
	Sussex County, DE	302 228-8733	
Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research ²	Newark, DE	302 737-9543	https://tristatebird.org/
Maryland ³	Statewide		http://mwrwildlife.org/wildlife-resources/referral-directory/
New Jersey ⁴	Statewide		https://njawr.com/nj-wildlife-rehabilitators/
Pennsylvania ⁵	Statewide		http://pawr.com/

Notes

1. Certified wildlife rehabilitators in Delaware accept small, medium, and large mammals; songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl; reptiles; and amphibians.
2. Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research accepts injured birds and any species of wildlife contaminated by oil.
3. Certified and licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Maryland are listed by county. Each listing includes the species accepted.
4. Certified and licensed wildlife rehabilitators in New Jersey are listed by county. Each listing includes the species accepted.
5. Certified and licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Pennsylvania are listed by county. Each listing includes the species accepted.