

**If Second Chance Dogs cannot currently place your dog into a foster or forever home, please follow the below guidelines**



## **STEPS TO REHOME YOUR DOG**

1. First and foremost, keep your pets and family safe
  - a. Decrease chaos which may be in the home
  - b. Use a child gate to separate dog from children &/or other pets
  - c. Increase the dog's opportunities for physical exercise
  - d. Talk to your veterinarian
  - e. Explore training tools (be cautious about use of shock collars)
  - f. Be patient; control any frustrations you have with the dog's behaviors
2. If you cannot pay vet bills:
  - a. Set up a payment plan with the veterinarian's office
  - b. Compare treatment plans and costs from 3-5 other veterinarians
  - c. Check out veterinary schools: <https://vetmed.oregonstate.edu/hospital/>
3. Invest time in dog training, you may see results quicker than you thought
  - a. Seek referrals, ask trainers to describe their approach
  - b. Plan for an in-home professional to evaluate your dog
4. Reach out to multiple dog rescue groups
  - a. Check out their reputation and practices
5. Become familiar with each of these important sites
  - a. <https://bestfriends.org/resources/rehome-my-dog-cat-or-other-pet>
  - b. <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>
  - c. <https://www.petrescue.com.au/library/articles/help-i-need-to-rehome-my-pet>
  - d. <https://pet-net.net/rehome-a-dog/>
  - e. <https://www.paws.org/cats-and-dogs/cant-keep-your-pet/>
  - f. <http://www.rescueme.org/>
6. If you independently rehome your dog, require a completed application
  - a. Try not to use Craig's List (some people want dogs for the WRONG reason)
  - b. Ask for an adoption fee; require all two and four-legged family members to attend the meet and greet; indicate the dog can come back to you if the adoption does not work (keep track of your furry family member's progress)
  - c. Adopt to people who want a FAMILY dog, not chained or kept outside 24/7
  - d. Do a home visit (check fencing)
7. Utilize social media, include videos & dynamic pictures of your dog
  - a. Be honest about your dog's issues; include all the positives

**RESPONSIBLE REHOMING TAKES TIME.  
THEY ARE WORTH IT!**