

# RESCUECONNECT

OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ABUSED, ABANDONED, AND HOMELESS ANIMALS BY AIDING IN THEIR JOURNEY TO A BETTER LIFE

## RESOURCES FOR SURRENDERS AND FOUND STRAY ANIMALS

**RescueConnect is an all-volunteer organization. We do NOT have a shelter space and our capacity to take in animals is wholly dependent on space within our foster system. Your ability to help keep an animal that you wish to surrender or have found as a stray for a short period of time will greatly impact our ability to help.** If you are seeking support please read the below before contacting us so that we can best, and most quickly, assess our ability to help you.

### FOUND STRAY ANIMALS

If you have found a stray animal, we require that you take the pet to a vet to be scanned for a microchip before we can consider taking into our program. Most clinics will do this free of charge. We would also suggest that you notify your local shelter so that you can determine if someone is looking for a lost animal with that description. Please complete these steps BEFORE contacting us.

Local Vets:

- The Country Vet 6841 Market St. Wilmington, NC 910 399 2934
- Fix A Friend Spay and Neuter Clinic 6033 Ocean Hwy Winnabow, NC 910 253 8161
- Leland Veterinary Hospital 508 Village Rd NE, Leland, NC (910) 371-3440

**If the found animal is in an emergency medical situation, please call 910 302 7290 and your local emergency vet clinic.**

**Email information about the found animal to [rescueconnectnc@gmail.com](mailto:rescueconnectnc@gmail.com). Please include ALL of the following:**

- Your name/phone number/location
- Photos of the animal- - please make sure they show the entire body and face
- Description of the animal: type, sex, if sterilized (if you can tell), approximate weight and age (baby/adult/senior), temperament (social, friendly with people, can you touch and move around, etc.), temperament with other animals if known
- When / where found
- Approximately how long you have had in your care and your ability to hold for a short period of time while we assess intake space. **Our ability to help will largely depend on your ability to support short term foster care while we try to find capacity within our group. We are a small foster based organization.**

**We can help with food, crates, and other needs in the short term to support your ability to temporarily hold onto an animal. In some cases, we may refer you to surrender to your local animal control.**

## **OWNER SURRENDERS**

RescueConnect is committed to helping owners that are no longer able to care for their cats and dogs, but our space and ability to help limits intake. If you are willing to hold onto your animal while we explore options for rescue or a new home this will greatly increase our ability to help you.

If you are seeking assistance, please email all the below information to us AND the reason for surrender. Please note that we are unlikely able to help those seeking assistance for dogs with behavioral issues of aggression. We can make recommendations for training, but we do not have space for dogs with aggression towards humans or other animals. If your dog has become aggressive with a child, we can make recommendations for resources to help you. Please feel free to send us the request but our ability to help may be limited based on the nature of the issue.

**Email information about the found animal to [rescueconnectnc@gmail.com](mailto:rescueconnectnc@gmail.com). Please include ALL of the following:**

- Your name/phone number/location
- Reason for surrender
- How long you have had the animal
- Photos of the animal- - please make sure they show the entire body and face
- Description of the animal: type, sex, if sterilized, approximate weight, temperament (social, friendly with people, can you touch and move around, etc.), temperament with other animals if known
- Status of most recent vetting- is animal current on vaccines, kept on monthly flea and heartworm prevention.
- Cats only- has the animal been tested for FIV and Leukemia

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*Fosters are the lifeblood of rescue and the hardest resource for us to recruit. By fostering you are saving the life of the animal in your care. We cannot do this work without your support. THANK YOU*