

FINDING A HOME FOR YOUR PET

- **Taking your pet to a shelter/pound may mean euthanasia for them or falling into the hands of irresponsible owners**
- **Giving your pet away free can mean a lifetime of suffering**
- **Get your pet spayed/neutered and vaccinated.** This increases the chance of being adopted and ensuring that the adopter wants only a best friend.

For spay/neuter assistance call:

Margaret B. Mitchell Spay/Neuter Clinic 276-571-5790

Animal Defense League:

Homeless/Feral cats – Sigrid Phillips 276-608-4502

Personal Pets – Linda Fritsch 276-245-6020

Holly Help – Sue Williams 276-466-5375

- **Explore all personal resources:** Friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers. Your pet will have its best future with someone you know and trust.
- **Advertise in local papers on Sundays.** Always charge a fee for your animal even if only \$20 to make sure there is commitment. Example:
Beagle: Beautiful, 3 year old tri-color male, neutered, wonderful family dog, housebroken, OK with children, cats and other dogs. Name: Bugle. Fenced yard and references required. \$20. Contact Karen at 276-123-4567 or email to _____.
- **Put up flyers – EVERYWHERE!** Grocery stores, vets' offices, pet supply stores, grooming shops, malls, all public bulletin boards. Include a picture, description and contact information.
- **Put on Craigslist, petfinder.com and ebay classifieds**
- **What to do when you get a response:**
Screen callers: Do you rent or own? Is it OK with landlord to have pets? Children? Ages? Allergies? Past/current pets? Fenced yard? Why would they get rid of a pet? Contact you if they no longer want your pet?
Get contact information. Set up a time for them to meet your pet.
Get their vet's name and phone number. Call to make sure they use this vet, all their pets are fixed, and all receive wellness visits
If all is good then deliver the animal to them so you can observe the home and make sure your pet gets along with any pets they have.
Make a followup phone call at intervals to make sure all is OK.

***** **ABANDONING OR KILLING AN ANIMAL IS ILLEGAL** *****