Rehoming is stressful for BOTH you and your family pet; consequently, the more details you share about your pet the better & easier it can be for your pet to adjust to his/her new home and family.

To assist you with your RE-Homing efforts, please review the following information:

#### Have you created a resume (profile sheet) for your pet?

This info allows the new owner to know about your pet's state of health, disposition/temperament, socialization, preferences and routine. There is a Re-homing form you can use as a guideline (located on the rehoming page at Dream4pets.org or take a look at the profile sheets on our "AdoptMe" page.)

### Have you posted your pet's info at the following:

Your veterinarian's office, pet stores, other retail businesses (like Tractor Supply or local library), at your place of employment (break room, company bulletin board), shared this with family, friends, neighbors? Ask them to post/share as well. And, social media channels (facebook) as well.

#### Have you contacted rescue groups?

Rescue groups can be found by going using the following websites: Petfinder.com or Adoptapet.com

# Have you contacted your local community newspaper?

In Miami county, you can use the Stillwater Valley Advertiser or Piqua Daily Call or the TippCity Gazette or the Early Bird in Darke County. These are a just a few.. use google to find more in a particular county.

If you are re-homing due to busy and long work schedules (that leave your pet confined for many hours), please consider doggie daycare. There are many affordable daycare facilities available in your local area. Visit the Greater Dayton Pet Pages directory:

http://www.greatercincinnatipetpages.com/ Sometimes a neighbor is willing to help (walk the dog, or give the dog some playtime or exercise ) throughout the week.

## If you would like DREAM to help, we will "courtesy post"

your pet, when you send us the following: Owner Surrender form and a Re-homing your pet form - both are available on the RE-Homing page of <a href="https://www.bream4pets.org">www.bream4pets.org</a> We also request vet records to confirm your pet is up-to-date with vaccinations. And pictures.. lots of pictures showing your pet is a "happy and healthy" pet. Two pictures at a minimum are needed (face and a full body photo). A "courtesy post" would then be added to our website and FB page listing you as the contact person for any interested family. We always recommend a home visit and reference checks for any new family.

## "Free to a GOOD home" should never be an option used.

This phrase indicates there is little to no value for your pet, and those looking for bait dogs or a pet to re-sell will quickly come forth. Always ask for a "reasonable" adoption fee as this may prompt more honest inquiries and a true willingness to consider investing in adopting. If you don't value your pet, why would anyone else?

**Never hesitate to ask a potential adopter** to complete an adoption application. Check the formats used by various rescue groups or create your own.