

# 124 Ways to help Rescue Organizations Without Adopting a Dog or Cat or Fostering a Dog or Cat,

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Can you...

1. Transport a dog or cat from a shelter to a foster home?
2. Donate a dog/cat bed or towels or other \*bedding\* type items? (Gently used dog/cat equipment is always welcome) blanket, afghan, towel or other soft fuzzy item to use inside a crate?
3. Donate MONEY (collect your change for a week or a month and donate that!)?
4. Donate a Kong? A Nylabone? A Hercules?
5. Donate a crate?
6. Donate a x-pen or baby gate?
7. Donate a food dish or a stainless bucket for a crate?
8. Donate a leash?
9. Donate a collar?
10. Donate some treats or a bag of food?
11. Donate a halti or promise collar or a gentle leader?
12. Walk a dog?
13. Groom a dog or cat?
14. Donate some grooming supplies (shampoos, combs, brushes, etc.)?
15. Donate a lawnmower?
16. Make a few phone calls?
17. Mail out applications to people who've requested them?
18. Provide local vet clinics with contact information for educational materials on responsible pet ownership?
19. Drive a dog or cat to and from vet appointments?
20. Donate long distance calling cards?
21. Donate a scanner or digital camera?
22. Donate a photocopier?
23. Attend public education days and try to educate people on responsible pet ownership?
24. Donate a gift certificate to a pet store?
25. Donate a raffle item if your club is holding a fundraiser?
26. Donate flea stuff (Advantage, etc.)?
27. Donate Heartworm pills?
28. Donate a animal first aid kit?
29. Provide a shoulder to cry on when the rescue person is overwhelmed?
30. Pay the boarding fees to board a dog for a week? Two weeks?
31. Be a Santi-paws foster to give the foster a break for a few hours or days?
32. Clip coupons for dog food or treats?
33. Bake some homemade doggie biscuits?
34. Make book purchases through Amazon via a web site that contributes commissions earned to a rescue group?
35. Host rescue photos with an information link on your website?
36. Donate time to take good photos of foster dogs for adoption flyers, etc.?
37. Conduct a home visit or accompany a rescue person on the home visit?
38. Go with rescue person to the vet to help if there is more than one dog or cat?
39. Have a yard sale and donate the money to rescue?

40. Volunteer to do rescue in your area?
41. Take advantage of a promotion on the web or store offering a free ID tag and instead of getting it for your own dog, have the tag inscribed with your rescue's name and phone # to contact?
42. Talk to all your friends about adopting and fostering rescued dogs and cats?
43. Donate vet services or can you help by donating a spay or neuter each year or some vaccinations?
44. Interview vets to encourage them to offer discounts to rescues?
45. Write a column for your local newspaper or club newsletter on dogs on dogs currently looking for homes or ways to help rescue?
46. Take photos of dogs available for adoption for use by the rescue groups?
47. Maintain web sites listing/showing dogs and cats available?
48. Help organize and run fundraising events?
49. Help maintain the paperwork files associated with each dog or enter the information into a database?
50. Tattoo a rescued dog?
51. Microchip a rescued dog?
52. Loan your carpet steamcleaner to someone who has fostered a dog that was sick or marked in the house?
53. Donate a bottle of bleach or other cleaning products?
54. Donate or loan a portable dog run to someone who doesn't have a quarantine area for quarantining a dog that has an unknown vaccination history and has been in a shelter?
55. Drive the fosters' children to an activity so that the foster can take the dog to obedience class?
56. Use your video camera to film a rescue dog in action?
57. Pay the cost of taking a dog to obedience class?
58. Be the one to take the dog to its obedience class?
59. Go to the foster home once a week with your children and dogs to help socialize the dog?
60. Help the foster and rescue organizations clean up the yard (yes, we also have to scoop what those foster/rescued dogs/cat poop)
61. Offer to test the foster dog with cats?
62. Pay for the dog or cat to be groomed or take the dog or cat to a \*Do It Yourself\* Grooming Place?
63. Bring the foster or rescue person take out so the foster or rescue person doesn't have to cook dinner?
64. Pay a house-cleaning service to do the spring cleaning for someone who fosters/rescues dogs and cats all the time?
65. Lend your artistic talents to your club's newsletter, fundraising ideas, t-shirt designs?
66. Donate printer paper, envelopes and stamps to your club?
67. Go with a rescue person to the vet if a foster dog or cat needs to be euthanized?
68. Go to local shelters and meet with shelter staff about how to identify your breed or provide photos and breed information showing the different types of that breed may come in and the different color combinations?
69. Go to local businesses and solicit donations for a club's fundraising event?
70. Offer to try and help owners be better pet owners by holding a grooming seminar?
71. Help pet owners be better pet owners by being available to answer training questions?
72. Loan or donate a crate if a dog needs to travel by air?
73. Put together an \*Owner's Manual\* for those who adopt rescued dogs/cats of your breed?

74. Provide post-adoption follow up or support?
75. Donate a coupon for a free car wash or gas or inside cleaning of a vehicle?
76. Pay for an ad in your local/metropolitan paper to help place rescue dogs?
77. Volunteer to screen calls for that ad?
78. Get some friends together to build/repair pens for a foster home?
79. Microchip your own pups if you are a breeder, and register the chips, so if your dogs ever come into rescue, you can be contacted to take responsibility for your pup?
80. Donate a small percentage of the sale of each pup to rescue if you are a breeder?
81. Buy two of those really neat dog-items you "have to have" and donate one to Rescue?
82. Make financial arrangements in your will to cover the cost of caring for your dogs after you are gone - so Rescue won't have to?
83. Make a bequest in your will to your local or national Rescue?
84. Donate your professional services as an accountant or lawyer?
85. Donate other services if you run your own business?
86. Donate the use of a vehicle if you own a car dealership?
87. Loan your cell phone (and cover costs for any calls) to s/one driving a rescued dog?
88. Donate your \*used\* dog dryer when you get a new one?
89. Let rescue know when you'll be flying and that you'd be willing to be a rescued dog's escort?
90. Do something not listed above to help rescue?
91. Donate a doggy seatbelt?
92. Donate a grid for a van or other vehicle?
93. Organize a rescued dog picnic or other event to reunite the rescued dogs that have been placed?
94. Donate other types of doggy toys that might be safe for rescued dogs?
95. Donate a roll-a-treat or Buster cube?
96. Donate clickers or a video on clicker training?
97. Donate materials for a quarantine area at a foster's home?
98. Donate sheets of linoleum or other flooring materials to put under crates to protect the foster's floor?
99. Donate an engraving tool to make ID tags for each of the rescued dogs?
100. Remember that rescuing a dog involves the effort and time of many people and make yourself available on an emergency basis to do \*whatever\* is needed?
101. Donate frequent flyer points so that rescue can fly a dog from another area to safety?
102. Offer to be a rescued dog's flight escort, especially if your work requires you to travel frequently or you work in the travel industry?
103. Do something not listed above to help rescue?
104. Offer to take a penny jar for the rescue and put it in your work lunchroom or on your desk?
105. Offer to talk to pet stores or pet supply stores about putting a penny jar on their counter?
106. Offer to give out flyers or pamphlets on the foster dogs or the rescue organization?
107. Offer to talk with carpenters about building a dog house for a foster home or rescue organization.
108. Talk to dog trainers in your area about animal rescue?
109. Give the rescue a fax machine?
110. Talk to dog trainers in your area about helping the rescue assess rescue dogs?
111. Help the rescue by talking to pet shops about not selling dogs in their store?
112. Offer to write a information package on the breed of dog or cat you are familiar with?
113. Sponsor the gas, ferry expense or both for the transport of a rescue dog ?

114. Spay or neuter your own pet?
115. Donate film for taking pictures of the rescue dogs?
116. Give the rescue a doggie restraint advise for one of their cars?
117. Talk to strata councils about letting the rescue organization
118. hold adoption events in their parking lots?
119. Donate a bottle of Rescue Remedy for calming frightened or fearful dogs?
120. Donate herbal remedies for dogs with health issues?
121. Give your time to research medical conditions that may pertain to the breeds of dogs currently in the rescue?
122. Offer to assist with special needs rescue dogs (give shots, medications, special training for deaf dogs)?
123. Talk to health food and naturopathic stores about donating items to canine rescue organizations?
124. Talk to alternative vets about dogs with special needs?

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