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# 12 Ways to Help Homeless Pets in Your Community

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Pet ownership is a big commitment, but you don't have to adopt to make a difference in the lives of animals. If you want to do more to help stray and homeless pets, let these ideas from Griffin Pond Animal Shelter inspire you to take action!

## 4 things anyone can do to help animals

Whether you're an animal advocate or an everyday citizen, these are simple ways you can make the world a more humane place for pets.

- Adopt, don't shop when looking for a companion animal. You can [find your perfect fit](#) at a lower cost and save a life too.

- Be a responsible pet owner. Spay and neuter your pets, keep your pet's microchip updated, and budget for your pet's [health and wellness](#).
- Train pets to be good citizens. These resources from [Griffin Pond Animal Shelter](#) answer the most common training questions.
- Learn what to do if you find a stray animal. With the [right steps](#), you can help reunite a lost animal with its owner.

## Do more to support homeless pets

Do you want to get involved in animal welfare in your community? Here are three places to start.

- Support your local animal shelter. You can support organizations like Griffin Pond Animal Shelter through a general donation, sponsorship, membership, [and more](#).
- Volunteer at an animal shelter. Animal shelter volunteers [help with things like](#) shelter upkeep, adoptions, administration, and special events.
- Become a pet foster parent. Fostering saves space in shelters and gets pets [ready for adoption](#).
- Get involved in TNR (trap-neuter-release) to humanely manage [feral cat](#) populations.

## How to make a bigger impact for animals

If helping animals is your passion, use these ideas to create lasting change in your community.

- Advocate for homeless pets. Best Friends has a [toolkit](#) to teach you how to advocate for animals on the local, state, and national levels.
- Organize a fundraiser or supply drive to generate [financial support](#) for local animal rescues.
- Start an organization that combats pet homelessness. Pet food banks are a [great example](#) of organizations that keep pets in homes.
- Crowdfunding works for small organizations but you'll need to form an official nonprofit to receive grants and tax-deductible donations. [Zenbusiness](#) can help.

Stray and homeless animals need our help, and who better to do it than you? When you're ready to make a difference in the lives of homeless pets, connect with Griffin Pond Animal Shelter to learn how you can support our mission through charitable giving, volunteering, fostering, and beyond.