

Placing a Dog or Cat

The only permanent solution to unwanted kittens and puppies is to spay/neuter all pets.

The Courier-Tribune has a free ad for a free pet. 625-8314. Four lines for five days and renewable. Start with the word cat, kitten, dog or puppy and use abbreviations to give you more space. Screen phone calls carefully; answer phone calls immediately. The animal's life is in your hands. Free can bring out those who may not be good pet owners. When the animal meets the family, see if they are compatible.

Most vets have bulletin boards in their office to advertise animals needing homes. Remember to call and have the ad removed when you place the pet.

The Humane Society has a non-HS page on its website for pets needing homes. You need a good close-up digital photo of the pet, and a description. Describe the pet's physical appearance and his behaviors. Contact Craig at craigsmith@triad.rr.com

The Humane Society has a resource page, but understand that realistically most rescue groups are overburdened and probably cannot take the pet. (www.hsrespets.org – Choose HSRC from the navigation bar, and then Resources from the pull-down menu).

Be sure the new owner plans to spay/neuter if needed, and will do vet care on an ongoing basis. Send copies of vet records with the pet.

Let the prospective owner know the pet may be returned if the situation does not work. A failed home is not a good home, and you do not want the pet to be placed at Animal Control.

Be sure to spay the pet so no more litters result.

Courtesy of Cheryl Smith, Cheryl's Foster Felines