



**Les Amis des Animaux des Refuges en France**

**LAARF is a group of animal lovers who network to make animals' lives in France better by volunteering in refuges and rescue organisations. Please join us:**

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## **Guide To Re-homing Your Pet in France**

Before re-homing your pet in France, please consider that France has an unusually large number of homeless animals. It is not easy to find good homes for them all so please take this advice letter for letter and make sure you carry out all of the steps in order to maximise the chances of finding your pet a good home.

### **Advertising text.**

The text you write must be honest but appealing. If your pet has issues, make sure you mention them, even briefly. You can always go into more detail later on once you receive enquiries. Remember, you want the very best home for your pet as you don't want he or she to end up on the streets or in a shelter because the adoption doesn't work out.

Remember to state the basics – what sex your pet is and whether he / she is micro-chipped, vaccinated and sterilised.

State the weight and / or size of your pet.

State how sociable your pet is with other animals, people and children. It is worth mentioning if they have any exposure to equines and farm animals.

For dogs, state how well trained they are and what commands they understand and obey.

Make sure you state why the animal is being re-homed. This is crucial as people may otherwise be either critical or suspicious.

Tell people where you are.

## **A picture paints a thousand words**

This is never truer than when trying to re-home an animal. You **MUST** include photographs in order to show your pet off to his or her best. If you don't supply photos, people will move onto the next advert.

Use or borrow a high quality camera and take both profile and facial photos, remembering that the eyes are the windows to the soul. Take the photos outside in good light if possible and include, where possible, photos of your pet with other animals and with people.

Take the full body photos from the same height level as the animal so that people can see the full shape of the body, not from directly above. A photo next to a person will give an idea of size.

## **Get Advertising!**

Place your re-homing advert as far and wide as possible. Print out paper copies and place in local shops, your vets and any other establishments you can think of.

Take copies of your advert out with you and place at local clubs and society meetings.

If you are not computer-savvy, then find a friend who is! There is a plethora of online forums and Facebook groups you can use. All you need is the Google search engine and a bit of determination and you will find them.

Here are some that are local to some of the LAARF volunteers in south west France. **This list is not by any means complete so use your initiative and find your own.**

[Doglinks](#) help to find foster and permanent homes for dogs in need in France.

[Hope Association](#) - based in Poitou Charentes, but will help by advertising your pet for re-homing.

## **Facebook Groups**

Search for those near you! Here are some examples.

- [LAARF Adoptez-moi](#) – our very own France-wide re-homing group.
- [Pets Etc](#) - Poitou-Charentes
- [English Services Dordogne](#) – regional and there are also Limousin and Charente

sites.

- [Aquitaine Animals](#)
- [Paws France](#) - nationwide
- [Hobos in France Animal Re-homing](#) nationwide
- [Survive France](#) – find your sub-group according to where you are in France.
- [French Focus Friends](#) – nationwide
- [Angloinfo](#) – regionalised
- [Classified Ads France](#) - nationwide

#### Other Online Groups:

**Please note, these are just examples! Use Google to find groups near you!**

- [Dronne Valley Network](#) (English speaking group along the Dronne River Valley, south west France) – please note, they also have a [Facebook page](#).
- **South West Charente Network** (English speaking group) Email [Lesley Mason](#) to join.
- [AngloINFO](#) Choose your region, and post an ad in Classifieds - Pets & Animals - Adoptions & Re-homing – please note, you MUST enter a chip or tattoo number to use this site.
- [French Entree](#) Go to the forum page. Join the forum and then choose your region.
- [Complete France forum](#) join the forum and then choose your region.
- [Hobos in France](#) - join the forum and go to the Pets Rehoming section.
- [RootstockAds](#) – a free classified advertising site France-wide. Place a free classified in the Pets & Animals section.
- [Group 47](#) - is a forum for people in Lot et Garonne. Join the forum and place an advert in the Animals Seeking Good Homes section.
- [Eymet Guide](#) - for people in and around Eymet. Place an advert in the Classifieds section.
- [Guide2 The World](#) – scroll down this home page to find regionalized Guide 2 sites. Place your ads in the classified sections of the regionalized groups. For example, there

are Guide 2 groups for Midi-Pyrenees, Rhone-Alpes and Paris and other groups under construction (Dordogne, Bordeaux, Biarritz, Toulouse).

- [Survive France Network](#) – join this group and then their sub groups regarding dogs and cats, and place your adverts by creating a new comment.
- [English Informer in France](#) – please contact the editor via the Contact Us button at the bottom of the page. There is also a link to their Facebook page.