



Before You Give a Pet Away for Free...

Free Pets Can Come With Hidden Risks

We know you love your pet and want the very best for them. Taking a few extra steps can help keep them safe.



Why “Free” Isn’t Always Safe

-  May be used to **breed litters for profit**
-  Purchased by **hoarders who collect animals**
-  Can be used as **bait animals**, sold to **abusers**, or for illegal activities
-  Listings attract **unprepared owners** looking for a quick, easy pet **without commitment**

Ways to Protect Your Pet

-  **Ask about experience with animals**
-  **Consider a home visit** before adopting
-  **Confirm a veterinary reference** with their vet
-  **Spay or neuter** before rehoming.
-  **Consider a local rescue** for help
-  **Trust your instincts**—it’s okay to say **no**

People with good intentions won’t mind being asked to prove it