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VoSD Pet Owner Surrender SOP

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About 'The Voice of Stray Dogs' Rescue

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This document describes your relationship with VoSD while seeking to surrender your pet dog.

Context, limitations and responsibilities

Before making up your mind and taking the decision to give up your dog, please consider all of your options available to you, other than surrendering to VoSD.

Consider your options before you surrender your dog

When you surrender a dog the transition is a traumatic experience for the dog. Living in a new environment is very very stressful for even the most well-adjusted dog.

Surrendering your pet dog **MUST** be your last option. VoSD provides this facility, only so that you do **NOT** abandon the dog. We are interested in the welfare and well-being of the

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dog. If you have exhausted all other avenues, you can surrender your dog to the VoSD Rescue, SUBJECT TO our calling upon you to do so.

- If we are persuaded that the circumstance warrants our intervention, and that you're the owner of the dog and have shared accurate and verifiable information, we will accept any dog, without passing judgment on you.
- This policy is entirely on VoSD's discretion and can be discontinued, withdrawn or modified at any time without notice.
- The decision of accepting or not accepting a dog rests solely with VoSD.

If because of any circumstance you have decided not to keep your pet dog with you can surrender your dog to VoSD. HOWEVER, you cannot simply bring the dog to us. Please follow the Process of Surrendering your Dog to VoSD below

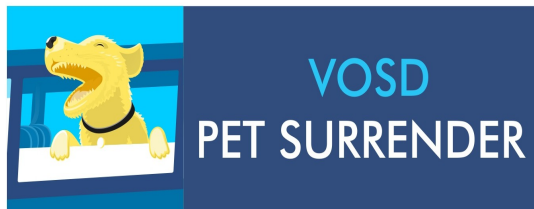
What types of dogs CAN'T you surrender

Please remember, you need to prove you're the owner of the dog, and provide its medical history in order to be able to surrender the dog to us.

- You can't 'surrender' a stray dog that lives in your street. Displacing a street dog is an illegal act in Indian law ; and in any event, the vacuum that you create by displacing a street dog will be filled up by other street dog/s.
- Picking a pup off the street, especially a pup that has a mother and is not an orphaned, all alone pup, is in fact tantamount to displacing the little dog, which is contrary to law. If you wish to pick such a pup off the street with a view to getting it adopted, this facility is NOT available to you.
- You can't surrender a pet dog that belongs to that may have been entrusted to you temporarily and belongs to your spouse or children or parents. That is a breach of trust.

If you're considering surrendering your dog first consider THESE options

- **If you're considering not keeping the dog with you because of his behavior:** Please take the advice of your vet or consult a trainer for help with common behavioral problems. If you feel, however, that his behavior is unusual, and that you need additional or other support, you may ask for opinion on the VoSD Facebook page, or write to us at info@strays.in



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- **If you're considering not keeping the dog because of your neighbors or RWA restrictions:** Remember, it is not lawful for housing complexes to demand that you give up your pet, or impose other restrictions upon you, such as disallowing the use of elevators by your pet, etc. Likewise, your neighbors can't be unreasonable about your pet dog (if you're a responsible pet owner), and object to natural behavior such as barking, etc., or object to your having him with you. If that is what is happening, ask for support on the VoSD Facebook page, or look through the VoSD web-site, www.strays.in for solutions, or write to us at info@strays.in for support and advice. Do not bow down to unlawful demands.
- **Try to find the dog a home yourself:** Re-home your dog to a new home yourself. This transition will be much easier for your dog and will allow you to know that he is going to a good new home. Look for an alternate place that the dog can live in. The VoSD Rescue should not be your first option. Check with friends and family, and network online and with the community of 'adoption agencies' in Bangalore where the dog can find a home.

If you're considering surrendering your dog DO NOT DO THESE:

- DON'T abandon your dog at a place far from home, or a strange area, in the hope that he will come back. Your dog lacks the skills to survive on his own and WILL die of starvation or injury. Other dogs will attack, and injure, or may even kill him, since dogs are territorial and tend to fight off other newer dogs that stray into their territory. AND, abandoning a dog like that is an offence in law.
- DON'T abandon your dog in a house or apartment you are moving out of, thinking that someone will eventually find him. Your dog lacks the skills to survive on his own. AND, abandoning a dog like that is an offence in law.
- DON'T give away your dog to a stranger. You don't know if that person can be a responsible and kind pet owner. Dogs that end up in the wrong hands may be abused or abandoned or sold to breeders, etc.

Process of Surrendering your Dog to VoSD

ALL these steps need to be followed in full in order to surrender a dog to VoSD

Step 1: To initiate the process of surrendering your dog you need to first [fillout this surrender form](#) and explain honestly, and in substantial detail, the circumstance that has led to your decision. Not providing this information, and explaining the circumstance, will

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nullify your request. Whether the VoSD Rescue does or does not accept the dog, shall be at our discretion.

Step 2: Once you hear from us please fill out a [donation here](#). Considerable expenses are made to keep dogs in our possession in good health and we expect you to contribute a little.

Step 3: You will receive instructions to leave the dog with us or the dog will be picked up. Please wait for instructions.

Step 4: VoSD Rescue requires that the dog's actual owner must relinquish custody of the dog to us, after we have written back to you and accepted your request for surrendering your dog to us. The dog must not be sent to us through anybody other than the owner. The owner must bring in the dog himself or herself, and sign the dog over to VoSD Rescue.

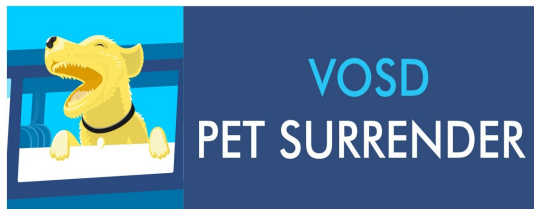
Step 5: At the time of surrender you need to hand over ALL these to VoSD

- You will need a valid form of photo ID
- Proof of ownership of the dog – microchip records, or his vet records that shows his name and yours
- Your dog's vet records.
- You will need to complete and hand over the **VoSD Pet Owner Surrender Form** which is a legally binding agreement at the time of surrender.
- You will have to hand over the dogs belongings to us. This should include all of your dog's belongings, including toys, treats, bowls, leash, etc.

Your surrender details stay private with us, but you WILL have to furnish ALL the details asked for by us and mentioned here. We will NOT accept your dog if you do not furnish the required details and the documentation asked for by us.

You should also bring something you have worn, such as an old shirt, that can be left with the dog. These familiar items will help comfort your dog in this difficult time—and it will be difficult. Like people, change is stressful for companion dogs, and they are not going to understand what is happening. Having familiar items will help them adjust.

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Dogs determined to be suitable for adoption are placed in our adoption program. There is no set time limit for how long a dog can remain in our adoption program. The dogs that don't get adopted stay at the VoSD Dog Sanctuary all their lives. As of Feb 2014, 250+ dogs live there.

- VoSD Rescue will not abandon or put down a dog. All dogs receive necessary veterinary care, nutritious food, exercise and plenty of love and attention from our experienced staff.
- Only in the case of extremely critical health conditions or complications will a dog be put to sleep. In any event you clearly know the health issues and temperament of the dog before you bring him to us.
- You will have no visitation rights on the dog. However, you can follow the progress of the dog on the VoSD CRM or the VoSD Facebook page. Please see the [VoSD Rescue Standard Operating Procedure](#) for VoSD Rescue Standard Operating ProcedureVoSD Rescue Standard Operating ProcedureVoSD Rescue Standard Operating ProcedureVoSD Rescue Standard Operating Procedurerelevant details.

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