About Animal Settings

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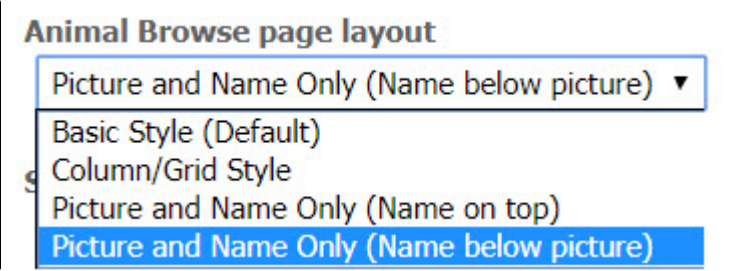   - Preferences for exports to new services and websites

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For information about these settings as they are used on your website, see the chapter **About your animal web pages (Animal Detail)**.
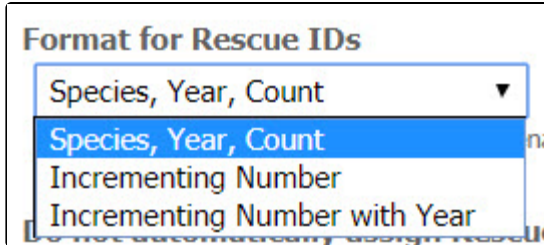
Browse Page Settings

The following options are available for the animal browse page. For more information about the Animal Browse page, see the chapter About the Animal Browse page in this guide.

Setting	Description
Animal Browse page layout	Select the layout from the drop-down menu that you would like to use on the public **Animal Browse** page. **Animal Browse page layout** Picture and Name Only (Name below picture) ▼ Basic Style (Default) Column/Grid Style Picture and Name Only (Name on top) Picture and Name Only (Name below picture)
Set the animal browse page width	Enter the width in pixels that you would like to use for the **Animal Browse** page. The default is 600 pixels.
Animal Browse page columns	Select from the drop-down list the number of columns (1 to 5) to use for the **Animal Browse** page. **NOTE**: This setting applies only if you have used the Column/Grid Style layout (above).
Animal Browse page number of animals	Select from the drop-down list the number of animals (12, 24, or 48) that you want to appear on each page of the **Animal Browse** page. **NOTE**: This setting applies only if you have used the Basic Style layout (above).
Animal limit	Select from the drop-down list the number of animals (from 5 to 25) that you want to appear on each page of the **Animal Browse** page. **NOTE**: This setting applies only if you have used the Basic Style layout (above).

Hide courtesy listings on browse/list page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animals you are listed as a courtesy to display on the same browse and list pages as your organization's own adoptable animals. To use this selection effectively, ensure that you have selected the Courtesy Listing field for each animal listed as a courtesy to others. Also, note that you need to enable the Courtesy Listing Special list (**Animals > Options > Special Lists**). For more information about special lists, see the chapter **Identifying special needs animals**.
Show sponsorship link on the browse page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to display a link to the sponsorship page for each animal on the **Animal Browse** page. For more information about sponsorships, see the chapter **How to use animal sponsorships**.
How much of each animal's description displayed	Enter the number of characters from the animal descriptions that you want to display on the **Animal Browse** page. The default is 100 characters.

Rescue ID Settings

The following settings are available for using the animal Rescue ID.

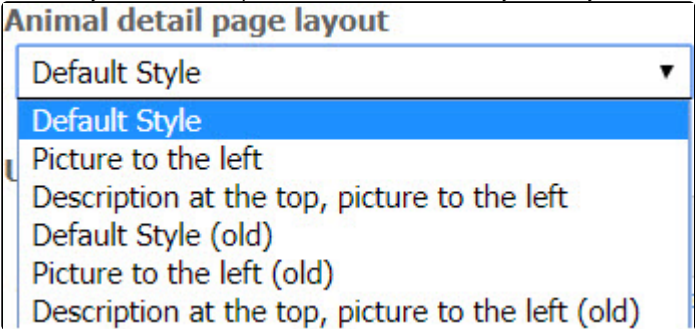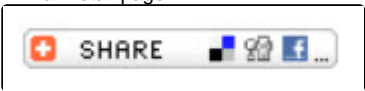| Setting	Description
Automatically set animal's Rescue ID	When adding an animal, you can automatically assign a Rescue ID that you can use to track the animal. To use this feature, enable this option, and then select a format in the next setting.
Use the following format for Rescue IDs	Select a numbering format for the automatically assigned Rescue IDs. **Format for Rescue IDs** Species, Year, Count ▼ Species, Year, Count Incrementing Number Incrementing Number with Year
Do not automatically assign a Rescue ID for courtesy listings	Select **Yes** or **No** to determine if you want to automatically assign a Rescue ID to courtesy animals as well as your own animals.

Privacy Settings

The following settings have to do with the information you may want to keep private to your organization. All of these setting options are selected using **Yes** or **No** radio buttons.

Setting	Description
Enable the Portal website	We recommend disabling this option.
Show if the animal is microchipped	Although the actual microchip number does not display to the public, you can enable this in order to indicate the animal is microchipped.
Show if the animal is altered	Select this option if you want the animal's web page to show if they have been spayed or neutered.
Show if the animal will be altered before adoption	If the animal is not spayed/neutered, and you have chosen to show the public the animal's spay/neuter status, a message will be added that the animal will be spay/neutered before adoption.
Show the animal's Rescue ID	Enable this option if you want the public to be able to see the animal's Rescue ID field.
Show the animal's adoption fee	Select this option if you want the public to see the information pulled from the **Adoption Fee** field.

Show the animal's euthanasia information	Enable this option if you want the public to see the animal's euthanasia information.
Disable the animal's header/footer to courtesy animals	Prevent the description header and footer from being added to animals that are marked as courtesy listings.
Show journal entries on the kennel card	Add all the animal's journal entries to the kennel card. For more information about journal entries see the chapter **About the animal journal**. For information about kennel cards, see the chapter **Printing animal kennel cards**.
Show cost on the kennel card	Display the cost of each journal entry on the animal's kennel card when printing kennel cards.

Website Service Related

Setting	Description
List Animals available for adoption	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to display your adoptable animals on a public animal detail page. (See the chapter **About your animal web pages (Animal Detail)** for information about this page.)
Animal detail page layout	Select a layout from the drop-down list to determine how you want your animal detail pages to look. Animal detail page layout Default Style ▼ Default Style Picture to the left Description at the top, picture to the left Default Style (old) Picture to the left (old) Description at the top, picture to the left (old)
Use a popover to display animal details	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal's detail page to pop up rather than open in a browser window. Note that the popup has its own layout.
Show the Animal detail page share button	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want your visitors to be able to share the detail page of their favorite animals. This option enables your visitor to select a social media outlet such as their Facebook account, by which to share an adoptable animal to their friends, or to help you promote an animal in need of a home. Selecting **Yes** puts a sharing box on the Animal Detail page. SHARE
Disable the Animal detail page Adoption Information link	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal detail page to display a link to the pre-made Adoption Information page. You can elect to remove the **Adoption** link from the **Animal Detail** page by clicking **Yes**. This is helpful if you do not want to use the built-in **Adoption Info** page for your courtesy listing animals. Often the animal is not part of the organization and visitors may be asked to contact the person listed in the courtesy post directly rather than filling out an adoption application on the organization's website. The adoption link lists the status and if available, a link to the adoption information page. Won't you think about adopting me?
Show DogTime.com content on the Animal detail page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal detail page to display the link for breed information (provided by DogTime.com) to appear on the animal's detail page (dogs only). Here's an example. Learn more about the Border Collie.

Show a link on the Animal detail page to Save-a-Dog or Save-a-Cat on DogTime.com.	**Note:** This feature is depreciated as Save-a-Dog and Save-a-Cat no longer exist.
How many events to show on the Animal detail page	Using the drop-down list, select from 1 to 5 events to show on the animal's detail page. The default number is two. To use this feature, be certain to enable the **Events** feature. For more information about **Events**, see the chapter **About Events**.
Enable the Meet Request feature	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want visitors to be able to request to meet this animal at one of your events. Learn about **Meet Requests** in the chapter **About animal meet requests**.
Show the Adopt Me sayings on the Animal detail page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to display a short phrase about adoption, which includes a link to Won't you think about adopting me? the **Adoption Information** page on your website. Here's an example:
Disable the My Rescue box on the Animal detail page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want visitors to be able to see the My Rescue box on the animal's detail page. **Yes** disables the box display. **My Rescue** This animal is a favorite of 18 people. Add Scamp as a Favorite Animal Add Domestic Long Hair as a Favorite Breed Add Maine Coon as a Favorite Breed Email favorite alerts are turned on! Turn them off in My Options.
Disable the link to thePetbondAnimal adoption flyer	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to display a link to a flyer about that animal, provided by Petbond.com. **Yes** disables the link display. To do this, you must have enabled the uploads to Petbond by going to **Animals > Exports**. Print an adoption flyer for Scamp!
Disable the animal favorite count	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to display the number of people who have listed this animal as a favorite, such as "This animal is a favorite of 18 people." **Yes** disables the display. To use this feature, your visitor must use the **My Rescue** feature, and you must have enabled both the My Rescue and the Animal favorites. For more information about **My Rescue** and about animal favorites, see the chapters, **My Rescue** and **My Favorite Animals**.
Disable public access to the Animal successes	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to allow your visitors to see the animal successes, or adopted animals, of your organization. **Yes** disables the display. For more information about adoptions, animal successes, and tracking adoptions, refer to the following chapters: • **Tracking animal successes** • **About adoptions settings** • **About animal adoption settings**
Disable Animal success stories	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to allow your visitors to see the animal success stories (different from the list of adopted animals) of your organization. **Yes** disables the display. For more information about **Animal Success Stories**, read the chapter, **Using the Animals Success Story feature**.
Show transferred Animals with successes	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to allow your visitors to see animals which have been transferred to other organizations as successes. **Yes** enables this option. This is a helpful feature if your organization pulls from shelters and transports animals to other states or organizations for adoption.
Show animal Links on Animal List and Layout #7	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to allow your visitors to see links to your basic animal lists on the Animals Homepage and on Layout #7. **Yes** enables this option. See the chapter **Identifying special needs animals** for more information about animal lists.
Show highlighted Animals on the Animal Home Page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to allow your visitors to see your highlighted animals on the Animals home page. This page is one of the built-in web pages provided by RescueGroups.com **Website Service. Yes** enables this option.
Set the Animal image border	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want a border around the picture of your animal on the animal's detail page. **Yes** enables this option.

Set the Animal image border style	Select one or the other style of borders for the animal images (enable the border to use this option). Set the Animal image border style ○ Simple, 1 pixel border ● Border with a colored matte
Set the Animal image border color	Select the color of the border around your animal images (enable the border to use this option). If you want a black border, select blank. For both this selection and the matte color, use the ColorPicker (the square with the colored boxes to the right of the field) to select a color.
Select the Animal image matte color	Choose the color of the matte to surround the image and border by using the ColorPicker. The blank selection gives a transparent matte.
Disable videos in Animal descriptions	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the videos of your animal to display on the animal's detail page. **Yes** disables the display. Enabling embeds the YouTube video of the animal as part of the animal's description.
Use a link instead of embedding the video in Animal descriptions	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the videos of your animal to display as a link on the animal's detail page. **Yes** enables this option. Disable the previous setting, which embeds the video.
Disable the message that animal ages are best estimates	This is a straightforward selection. When you've entered a birthdate for an animal (which we recommend you do), you can automatically include a message that the age that is calculated from that birth date is the best estimate. • **Current Age**: 4 Years 6 Months (best estimate)

Export Settings

The export settings for your animals are divided into sections:

- General export settings
- Privacy settings
- Preferences for exports to new services and websites

General export settings

Setting	Description
Export adopted pets to Adopt-a-Pet.com	Select **Yes** to allow pets which have already been marked as adopted to be exported to Adopt-a-Pet.com. **Note:** Only the most recent 500 adopted pets will be exported.
Prevent adopted animals from being uploaded to Petfinder	Select **No** to allow pets which have already been marked as adopted to be exported to Petfinder. **Note:** if you are using the Sync app, this setting does not apply.
Prevent courtesy animals from being uploaded to other sites	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animals on your site that you've marked as courtesy listings to be exported along with your organization's own animals. **Yes** disables the export.
Disable the link to the animal's web page	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want to display the link to your RescueGroups.org website on the animal's description as it is exported. **Yes** disables the export.
Disable the link to your organization's website	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the link to your organization's RescueGroups.org website to display on the animal's description as it is exported. **Yes** disables the export.

Include the Animal Description Header in the animal description	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the text from the **Animal Header** to be added automatically to each animal's description as it is exported. **Yes** enables the export. You can update the text from **Website > Web Page List > Animal Description Header.**
Include the Animal Description Footer in the animal description	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the text from the **Animal Footer** to be added automatically to each animal's description as it is exported. **Yes** enables the export. You can update the text from **Website > Web Page List > Animal Description Footer.**
Disable the animal header/footer to courtesy animals	If you have selected to add either or both the **Animal Description Header and Footer** in your animal exports, you can also select to disable that inclusion for those animals which you post as a courtesy to others. Select **Yes** to disable the export of the **Animal Description Header and Footer** for courtesy animals.
Disable videos in Animal descriptions	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the YouTube video of your animal included as part of the exported animal description. **Yes** disables the export.
Use a link instead of embedding the video in Animal descriptions	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want a link to the animal's video included as part of the exported animal description rather than embedding a video. **Yes** enables the export.
Use the RescueGroups.org Animal ID as a Unique ID	Select **Yes** to disable the use of the Rescue ID as a unique ID on the adoption listing sites. Only the RescueGroups.org animal ID will be used.
Show the following contact fields for foster/caretakers	Select the fields that are allowed to be public on the animal descriptions that are exported to other sites. **Note:** The contact will also need to be set to Public for the information to be seen. Show the following contact fields for foster/caretakers ☑ Firstname ☐ Lastname ☑ Email address ☐ Home phone number ☐ Cellphone number Also applies to your toolkit or website if applicable.
Account to use for YouTube video upload	Select from the drop-down list the YouTube account you want to use for YouTube uploads for exports. Account to use for YouTube video upload RescueGroups.org ▾ Choose one... Disabled RescueGroups.org Organization
YouTube authorization code	Include the authorization code to use when including YouTube videos. Account to use for YouTube video upload RescueGroups.org ▾ YouTube authorization code Click here to get your authorization code. The authorization code is only necessary if you want to upload YouTube videos to your organization's YouTube account instead of RescueGroups.org's.

Privacy settings

Setting	Description

Show the animal's Rescue ID	When adding an animal, you can have your RescueGroups.org website automatically assign a Rescue ID that you can use to track the animal. When exporting animals to adoption sites, you can select **Yes** to show this ID in the animal's description.
Show if the animal is microchipped	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal's microchip status included as part of the exported animal description. Select **Yes** to show this status.
Show if the animal is altered	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal's altered status to be included as part of the exported animal description. Select **Yes** to show this status.
Show the animal's adoption fee	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal's adoption fee to be included as part of the exported animal description. Select **Yes** to show this fee.
Show the animal's euthanasia information	Select the **Yes** or **No** radio button to determine if you want the animal's euthanasia information to be included as part of the exported animal description. Select **Yes** to show this information.

Preferences for exports to new services and websites

These export preferences help you to determine the automatic addition of your animals only to those services and websites that meet your standards. Select **Yes** to automatically add your adoptable animals to the particular type of site listed. Use the radio buttons to select **Yes** or **No**. Any website that matches a type of service that you have disabled (set to **No**) will not be enabled for export when it is added.

> ⚠ The export preferences in this section do not affect any existing exports. Therefore, you will not be surprised by your information appearing on a type of website you do not want to be associated with (eg, classifieds websites).

Setting
By default export to services that list animals for adoption
By default, export to services that list animals for adoption (from non-rescue/shelters)
By default, export to services that list animals for sale by breeder
By default, export to services that list animals for sale by owner
By default, export to services that provide animal related classifieds
By default, export to services that provide animal related community discussion/forums
By default, export to services that provide animal related educational information
By default, export to services that provide animal related news
By default, export to services that provide event calendars
By default, export to services that sell/promote animal related products (food, toys, treats, etc)
By default, export to services that sell/promote animal related services (training, grooming)
By default, export to services that sell/promote non-animal related products
By default, export to services that sell/promote non-animal related services

Remember to click the **Save** button at the bottom to save your changes.

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