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Domain names make your web address easy to remember. For RescueGroups.org Website Service, you are not required to register a domain name as your organization can choose a free *hostname*, which acts as a domain name. We do strongly recommend it though, and suggest you read our article about the many reasons why your rescue needs a domain name!

You will get a website URL like this: adoptablepets.rescuegroups.org. The hostname is the first part of your website address (adoptablepets), and the second part is our name (rescuegroups.org) because we host your site.

You can also register your own domain name, such as adoptablepets.org, at any time and configure it to use with either our Website or Hosting services.

