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## Crate Project

*Pets of the Homeless*, a nonprofit national volunteer-based organization that provides pet food and veterinarian care to the homeless and less fortunate in local communities across the United States and Canada.

I'm sure you know there are between 10%-25% of homeless have at least one pet. Many homeless with pets do not have access to the necessary resources to move out of a state of homelessness. The homeless with pets have a strong commitment to their animal companions and many rarely seek services that might help. Their pets are nonjudgmental, offer them comfort, they provide an emotional bond of loyalty and a sense of reality. When there are no accommodations for their pets, which they refuse to abandon, they further isolate themselves from any assistance.

*Pets of the Homeless* recognizes the need for services to fill the gap left when pets are not allowed into homeless shelters with their companions.

We would like to offer your organization a way to help this group of homeless. You may apply for free collapsible sleeping compartments for pets of the homeless. These crates allow the pets to sleep comfortably in a confined space next to their owner. Feeding bowls and cleaning supplies are included and all items are shipped to your shelter at no cost.

Before you apply, you will need to check with your state, county and/or city for regulations regarding pets in your shelter.

Next, determine how many homeless have pets. This is an easy task; simply ask your homeless clientele if they know anyone who might benefit.

Lastly, contact us in writing with your contact information. Include a narrative on how this program would work and how it will help. And include your Letter of Determination of nonprofit status.

*Pets of the Homeless* wants to help you move people with pets, from the state of homelessness to hope.

There is great appreciation for all you do to help the homeless in your community.