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set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis*



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Your Donations At Work



Moogie's Owner Donates Towards Surgery

Pets of the Homeless received a call from a local homeless

man who stays in his small camper over his 4-cylinder truck in a church parking lot with his 12-year-old Labrador Retriever mix, Moogie. The man had learned about us when he attended our local Wellness Clinic in Carson City three years ago where we all met Moogie. Moogie is a rescue dog from another country, and had a severe injury a long time ago and required a hind leg amputation.

He was concerned because Moogie had a growth on the inside of his lip opposite his canine that looked like a blackberry, and his lip was rolling up underneath it. We approved an examination.

After a thorough examination at a participating veterinarian, the Dr. recommended to remove the oral mass. We approved surgery. Moogie and his owner dropped off a cash donation towards Moogie's surgery that was scheduled for the following day. He was extremely grateful for the help. He shared his excitement and news that he is on a waiting list and should be getting into housing soon.

Moogie's surgery went well. We provided financial assistance to have the mass removed which included a comprehensive blood work health profile, urinalysis, sedation, complimentary ear cleaning and anal gland extraction, mass removal surgery, pain management, an anti-inflammatory and lots of tender loving care.

Gracie



Pets of the Homeless received a call from a homeless couple living in their car in Oceanside, CA regarding their dog, Gracie, a 2-year-old spayed female Chihuahua. The couple was actively participating in a substance abuse treatment program. They were extremely worried about Gracie because she had not eaten in 4 - 5 days, was vomiting and had a string

hanging out of her rectum. When her owners tried to pull it out Gracie would cry and nip at them. We approved an after-hours emergency examination at VCA Mission Animal and Bird Hospital.

Our case manager took several after-hours calls from the veterinarian who recommended x-rays to see if they could see a blockage. We approved four x-rays and a consultation reading. Nothing was found and we then approved a pneumocolonogram (a barium study inserting air into the colon) to differentiate the small and large intestine to possibly observe any obstructions. The Dr. suspected that Gracie had eaten a shoestring.

The next morning our case manager received a phone call from the veterinarian requesting approval for funds for euthanasia. Gracie needed an extremely expensive exploratory surgery and the owners were not able to obtain funds. Our case manager asked if any organizations in San Diego were contacted requesting financial assistance and she said yes, but had not heard back from them. The case manager refused to approve the euthanasia and immediately called the FACE Foundation. The receptionist at the veterinarian asked if we really thought we could obtain help because Gracie was being prepped for euthanasia as they spoke and she did not want to get the owner's hopes up if funds could not be obtained. FACE Foundation's representative contacted the owners immediately and began the process to obtain financial assistance. We didn't hear anything for the rest of the day.

The morning of March 21, our case manager called to follow up on Gracie. FACE Foundation had pledged over \$4,000 to perform emergency surgery!

The next day, we spoke with the veterinarian who explained that Gracie had eaten a foot and a half of a blanket hem. The nylon string perforated Gracie's intestine. During surgery, the Dr. tried to pull the string from the intestine but it still wouldn't come out. The Dr. had to go through the stomach and was able to pull it out. During this crucial time 24 - 36 hours after surgery, Gracie was doing phenomenal, wasn't vomiting anymore and was standing up.



Pets of the Homeless covered x-rays, interpretation, pneumocolonogram, hospitalization set up, fluids, anti-nausea injections, blood work diagnostic profile and CBC, and pain medications. Thank you so much to the FACE Foundation who covered the gastrotomy/enterotomy surgery, anesthesia, monitoring and care, hospitalization, additional blood work and after care. A huge thank you to the veterinarians and technicians of VCA Mission Animal and Bird Hospital for their fantastic care, customer service and for discounting the bill by over \$1,400.

Gracie made a full recovery. The successful results of Gracie's emergency veterinary care made our Case Manager feel outstanding. She not only helped to save Gracie who was so very close to being put down, but she relieved the couple from losing their pet, who otherwise might not have continued in their treatment program had they lost their companion Gracie.

We followed up with Gracie's owners to see how she is doing. Her owners said that Gracie is doing fantastic, and that we are

all her angels and heroes. They thanked us for saving Gracie.

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2nd Graders Hold Pet Food Drive in Los Angeles, CA



Ms. Bartelt's 2nd grade class, along with three others at the Mar Vista Elementary School in Los Angeles, CA held a pet food drive for Pets of the Homeless. The 2nd grade students learned about Pets of the Homeless and collected over 340 pounds of dog and cat food and treats! Way to go 2nd graders! Thank you for supporting us in our mission!



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High School Seniors at CHS Support Pets of the Homeless



Seniors at CHS are required to do a class project their senior year to pass the second semester of English. Two students, Nicole and Andrea chose to support Pets of the Homeless.

The senior project provides an opportunity for students to choose a topic of his/her personal interest and then make a presentation to a board of judges. Students demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have accumulated during their four years of high school and apply these to their chosen area of interest. Areas chosen for study typically fall into three

categories: career exploration, personal development, and altruistic endeavors. A minimum of 10 hours is required.



Nicole proudly shows Mom's car filled with pet food donations.

Nicole held a pet food drive. She made flyers and posted them in neighborhoods, as well as visited pet feed and supply stores. Nicole also volunteered at the Project Homeless Connect in January and checked in homeless customers with their pets for

their wellness check, as well as informed them about other services we offer.

Nicole was successful in her project and learned that the homeless are people just like us, that they have just fallen on hard times. She collected over 824 lbs. of pet food and supplies! Nicole spent 22 hours on her project and also generated over \$100 in monetary donations. Nicole's collected donations have an in-kind value of over \$2,960! Job well done, Nicole!



Nicole received a 100 on her oral presentation and 103 on her written presentation.

Andrea chose to learn about the functions and duties in the operations of a non-profit office. She came into our headquarters office every available afternoon she had and assisted with office tasks from scanning, press releases, social media research, and prospect letters. Andrea learned valuable lessons about office operations. Thank you for all of your volunteer help, Andrea!

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Congratulations to our second quarter drawing winners, Donation Site, Carson Properties LLC, who won a \$50 Starbucks gift card, and our Volunteer, Francie Henderson who won a \$15 Starbucks gift card!

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Pets of the Homeless is excited to announce we have had 52 new volunteers join us in the past month!

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