



"Those who teach the most about humanity, aren't always humans."  
- Donald L. Hicks



## Your Donations At Work



### **Ace**

Pets of the Homeless received a telephone call from a disabled homeless man who lives in his truck in the Santa Cruz, CA area with



his 5-month old female Pit Bull Terrier, Ace. The man had been homeless for approximately 5 years. Ace had swollen eyes. After an interview, our Case Manager approved an examination.

The veterinarian recommended and we assisted with a procedure of corneal stain probe, blood work, and antibiotics for conjunctivitis. Yes, dogs can get pink eye, too. Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the moist tissue that covers the front part of the eyeball.

Two weeks later, we received a call from Ace's Dad because Ace had swallowed a fish hook and fishing line. He took Ace to an emergency veterinary hospital the previous night and paid for x-rays with all the money he had. Pets of the Homeless' Case Manager called the hospital where the x-rays were taken and asked for an estimate. The estimate for an endoscopy was \$2,358, and if that didn't work, surgery would be necessary and would be an additional \$3,000 - \$3,500.

We approved an examination at a participating network veterinarian in Santa Cruz. The veterinarian who examined Ace called and said that Ace was fine at the moment. The vet viewed the x-rays which were given to Ace's owner on a memory stick. Sure enough, the x-rays showed a 1 1/2" fish hook and over 2' of line attached to it. The veterinarian said she has seen these pass before. But just in case, she explained to Ace's Dad what to watch out for. We told the veterinarian we could help with our remaining funds towards surgery should it become necessary. The veterinarian advised Ace's Dad and Pets of the Homeless it was okay to wait for now.

Two days later, we received a call from Ace's Dad. He had been proactive and reached out to other organizations for additional financial assistance. He received a pledge from one of the organizations to perform the necessary surgery. He was at the hospital to have the surgery done, and was letting Ace do her business out front before entering the office, and guess what happened next? Ace defecated and passed the fish hook and line! What a wonderful ending to what could have been a tragic story!

Ace's Dad also let us know he was approved and received a housing voucher. He thanked us for helping out with Ace.

[Help More Pets like Ace](#)



# Pets of the Homeless Holds Successful Free Wellness Clinic



Pets of the Homeless provided basic examinations and vaccinations for a record 92 pets at our annual FISH Wellness Clinic on May 19, 2018 in Carson City, NV. Genevieve Frederick, Founder, said, "These pets are now safe from infectious diseases. Five of the pets were referred to our Emergency Veterinary Care program due to an illness and were seen at a local network hospital the following week."

The event serves the first 100 pets on a first-come first-service basis and all services are free.

This year, we were honored and grateful to have Carson Animal Services Initiative (CASI) and the Nevada Humane Society join us. "CASI Critter Fixer gave out 42 free spay/neuter vouchers. The Nevada Humane Society of Carson City issued 48 free dog licenses. FISH supplied their facility as well as pet food and supplies. Dr. Gary Ailes, Dr. Michael Pulver, and Dr. David Kowalek and veterinary technicians donated their time. We sincerely thank everyone for their participation," said Frederick.

Thank you also to volunteers and staff for helping make the event run smoothly. We couldn't do this without all of you.

Donations and support from the public make the clinics possible.



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## *Insights from Pets of the Homeless' Volunteer Coordinator*



During the month of May, I have had the privilege of working with several wonderful Volunteers and Donation Sites in their mission to spread awareness and help build up our network nationwide. The passion we all share to improve our communities and to help people experiencing homelessness is so heartwarming.

Two volunteers, a mother and son team in North Carolina, recruited

a new veterinary hospital to become part of our network. The veterinary hospital now provides emergency veterinary care on a case-by-case basis. Another passionate volunteer is working on establishing Pets of the Homeless in Napa, California. Since the devastating earthquake in 2014 and fires in 2017, the citizens of Napa have found themselves in a homeless crisis. She is dedicated to helping the pets affected by those tragedies. Other volunteers hosted fundraisers from New York to Los Angeles that raised money and pet food donations for the pets in their community whose owners are homeless.

Introducing POTH Nation! We have created a Pets of the Homeless Facebook Nationwide Network Group called POTH Nation. This group was created for networking with Pets of the Homeless' participating Volunteers, Donation Sites, Pet Food Providers, and Donors. You can now communicate with other like-minded individuals and announce fundraisers and events, ask questions, and more! This allows our network to team together, set up times and places to meet, and promote Pets of the Homeless. We will post and share guidelines of the group, tips to help you, answer questions, and help in any way we can. Should you wish to join, send us a request or email [info@petsofthehomeless.org](mailto:info@petsofthehomeless.org).



Stay tuned for more information on what our Volunteers, Donation Sites, and Pet Food Providers are up to. If you are interested in joining our network, please follow us on social media or contact us directly using the link below.

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## *New Donation Sites*



Ramona Cannabis Co. - Ramona, CA  
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Branford, CT  
[Happy Homes Dog Daycare](#) - Woodbridge, CT  
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