

"Animals are reliable, full of love,
true in their affections, grateful and loyal.
Difficult standards for people to live up to."
- Alred A. Montepert



Pets of the Homeless Celebrates 10 Years and Dedicates New Office Expansion in Memory of Patricia Sharon



Mildred Patricia Sharon
March 6, 1937 - March 29, 2017

Pets of the Homeless celebrated our 10-year Anniversary at an Open House joined by local supporters, network partners, and family. The addition of staff and newly remodeled office expansion was dedicated in memory of Patricia Sharon who named Pets of the Homeless in her estate.

Born in Belfast, Ireland on March 6, 1937, as an only child, Mildred Patricia Toolan was a spirited girl from the very beginning. Her independent nature led her to leave her place of birth as a very young adult and venture to the United States of America, which

she made her forever home and eventually earned her citizenship. Patricia's sense of adventure and love of travel took her to all parts of the world, but she always returned to her beloved home in the hills overlooking the Crescenta Valley in northern Los Angeles County.

She married and never had children, but always surrounded herself with pets that were loved and treated as family. Her love of all animals, throughout her life, was obvious as told through her many stories of visiting wildlife sanctuaries at home and abroad, as well as the long list of animal rescue organizations she generously supported.



KTVN Channel 2 Reno Tahoe Sparks, NV News Reporter, Elizabeth Olveda covered the story. Thank you, Elizabeth!



Pets of the Homeless Legacy Society
Member

and Volunteer, Diana Raschen, Volunteers
Kathleen Stemler and Melissa Meyer,
and Executive Director, Renee Lowry

Almost 20,000 homeless pets across the nation have received free health services, sometimes life-saving, all because of one organization run exclusively, in northern Nevada. The Carson City nonprofit, Pets of the Homeless celebrates its 10 year anniversary.

Friday, they hosted an open house at their newly expanded offices, with more room and more staff, to serve more of the less fortunate. See the full story and Pets of the Homeless' celebration below.



Founder, Genevieve Frederick and
Executive Director, Renee Lowry
are joined by Carson City, NV
Mayor Bob Crowell and his wife, Susan
to commemorate 10 years



Founder, Genevieve Frederick,
Executive
Director, Renee Lowry, Chrisie Yabu,
and Connor Mix of KPS3

See the story by clicking here:

[Pets of the Homeless Celebrates 10 Years](#)

577.22
Tons of Pet food
Collected

435
Donation Sites
Nationwide

18,311
Pets medically
treated

\$796,746
Given in
veterinary care,
food, and crates

"I keep her safe and warm at night."

Pets of the Homeless received a call from a homeless woman, who lives in her cab-over camper truck in Riverside, CA with Petey, her 12-month old intact male Pit Bull Terrier. She has been homeless for over five years and learned about us from Taking it the Streets with Lori and Shira. She is disabled and receives food stamps. Petey had been hit by a car one week ago, had a broken leg, and he couldn't walk. We approved an examination at a local Riverside, CA network partner.



Petey's photos courtesy of Taking it to the Streets with Lori and Shira

After the examination, the veterinarian knew that Petey had a compound fracture. He recommended and we assisted with a pain injection, hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery for a fracture repair, bandage splint, 2 x-rays, antibiotics and pain medications. We contributed \$1,000 directly to the veterinarian for Petey's treatment. The invoice was discounted by \$154.



Rome (before)

Pets of the Homeless received a call from a homeless man who lives in his RV in North Hollywood, CA. He and his wife have been homeless for seven years. We previously helped his dog, Little One, back in 2014. They move around and park their RV wherever they can to hopefully not be kicked out or asked to move. Their dog, Rome, a 3-year-old neutered male Sharpei mix was having a problem with his left eye. It was closed shut, was gooey, and they tried keeping it clean, but it kept getting worse. We approved an examination at a nearby network partner veterinarian.

After the examination, it was recommended to shave Rome, as well as sedate and clean his left eye. We approved this treatment.

Once Rome was shaved, an abscess was found behind his eye. This was caused from a fox tail. A new treatment plan and estimate was reviewed and approved by our Case Manager. We provided assistance to the veterinarian in the amount of \$671.48 which included: an examination, sedation, shave, eye stain, laser around the eye, fox tail removal, prednisone medication, an antibiotic injection, antibiotic medications and eye drops. A discount of \$113.18 was given.



Rome (after)

[Help More Pets Like Petey & Rome](#)

It is so hot! How can I keep my pet cool? by Robert Summers

These are the dog days of Summer - cat days too. And for those of us who worry about the condition of the animal companions of homeless citizens during the heat, here are some no cost (and one \$10 dollar item) tips that may help them get through a heat wave. Disseminate this information as you would food, water and supplies.

IT'S HOT OUT



As of this writing, temperatures are in the high 90s/low hundreds around the country, and we wonder what to do, especially when the people we are trying to aid have little or no money. Obviously, veterinary care would be optimal. There are many vets who will treat pets at low cost, but not enough to meet the demand. So photocopy the information below, and hand this sheet to our friends on the streets.

To the homeless with pets:

Dogs - If you are out of doors,

- Find a shady spot.
- Constantly feel the ground to see if it is getting hot - dogs mostly sweat through their paws!
- Throw down a tarp so that the dog is never in direct contact with cement/pavement/concrete.
- Construct a makeshift bed that pulls a little space between the dog and the ground so that air can flow underneath the animal.
- Soak a towel or other piece of material in cool water, and drape it over your dog.
Never use gel packs!
- See if you can obtain a bag of ice. (During their slow periods, try going to a drive-up window of a fast food place, ask for some ice, and tell them it is for your dog. Show them the dog.) Once you get the ice, cover it with a towel and lay it down in a cool, dry space. He will go to it when he feels the need. When it melts, you both can drink it.
- Look for a sprinkler system/plant watering system and walk through it with your dog - get soaked.
- If you can come up with \$10 - \$12, you can buy an inflatable kiddie pool at Target for your dog if you look hard. Perhaps you could combine your money with a couple of other friends and make it work.
- Don't forget, cool, dark places also breed lots of insects, including spiders, mosquitoes and ticks. Be vigilant!
- If you are living in your car, get your companion out of the car, tether him so he doesn't run away and find a shady spot together.
- Plenty of fresh water! At all times! No matter what. Dehydration kills dogs.
- Breeds like Bulldogs and Pugs have a hard time breathing under the best of circumstances. The heat makes it much worse because they can't release it easily through their panting as well as other dogs.
- If your dog is old or overweight, the danger of heatstroke increases greatly.
- Never run with the dog. Never.
- Don't cuddle or hug.

You may be able to **detect dehydration** by gently lifting the skin on the back of your **dog's** neck or between the shoulder blades - unless your **dog** is seriously overweight or very thin, it should immediately return to a normal position. If he is lacking in fluids, the lifted skin may not quickly return to normal. - Pet MD

Cats

Frankly, you can't seem to do much for **cats** as you can for dogs. They are less flexible, they generally hate water, and will not do what you want them to do on your schedule.

Nevertheless, here are some things you can try.

- As with dogs (above), provide an ice bag covered with a towel. **Never use gel packs!**
- Don't try to force the cat to the ice. She will go there as needed.
- Elevate the bed so that there is circulation underneath.
- Pet your cat with a wet cloth - they actually won't mind if you are gentle.

- Absolutely no play time.
- Plenty of water - with ice cubes if possible.
- Shade, shade, shade.
- Don't cuddle or hug.
- Cats are smart but independent. They will do as much as they can for themselves. If they lick their coats more than usual it's okay, it's their way of cooling down. If they don't eat as much it's okay. If they don't move around as much as usual, it's okay.

If you take a pinch of skin over the **cat's** shoulders and pull up gently, the skin should snap back into place when released. As the **cat** gets more dehydrated, the skin goes back in place more and more slowly. If the pinch of skin stays up (the "tent"), it is a sign of severe dehydration. - Pet MD



Thank you to our new Donation Sites

Rosemont Pet Hospital - La Crescenta, CA

Paw Shoppe - Long Beach, CA

Broadway Pet Hospital - Oakland, CA

Quartz Hill Veterinary - Quartz Hill, CA

Paws & the Palette - Sacramento, CA

Animal Care Clinic of San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo, CA

Driftwood Veterinary Hospital - St. Augustine, FL

Salt River Veterinary Clinic - Taylorsville, KY

Flying Cloud Animal Hospital - Eden Prairie, MN

Blue Cross Animal Hospital - Amherst, NY

VCA Woodstock Animal Hospital - Portland, OR

Center City Veterinary Hospital - Philadelphia, PA

Tail Wagger'z - Jackson, TN

[Become a Donation Site and Join Pets of the Homeless Network](#)



Meet Maverick, aka "Ricky"

Insights from Pets of the Homeless' Volunteer Coordinator

by Emma Fawcett

July has been so exciting! Word spread quickly about our 10-year anniversary and since July 1st we have 13 new Donation Site partners and 15 new Volunteers. We also have 6 new organizations doing homeless outreach who have partnered with us as Pet Food Providers to distribute collected donations.



We had a wonderful time at Art Paws in Reno and want to give a special thanks to Michelle McHardy for her support in our mission. We also want to thank all the Volunteers who helped us inform the attendees about what we do and collect donations.

August 5th launches our 9th annual "Give A Dog A Bone" pet food drive. This annual vent brings awareness that pet food is needed year round, and that no pet should go hungry. Please donate pet food at a Pets of the Homeless partner Donation Site.

[Find a Pets of the Homeless Donation Site Near Me.](#) If you are local to Carson City, be sure to stop by the Carson City Public Library and check out our display case where Pets of the Homeless "Give A Dog A Bone" week will be featured for the entire month of August.

How do you like our new newsletter format?

We welcome your input!

Please let us know what you think!

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