

"The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too." -

Samuel Butler



From a Homeless Point of View: Seven Potential Hazards of Living Homeless with your Dog

by Olivia Harper

When I became homeless, it wasn't because I was a bad person, neither was my furry friend. During a time where I had never felt more alone and lost, my dog helped me push on to keep going because I knew being homeless wasn't just my problem. Deciding to keep my dog with me instead of putting them into an animal shelter was a hard decision. I knew that there would be just as many dangers outside for him as there were for me, but with sometimes year-long waiting lists for no-kill shelters I knew that it was the best option for my best friend.

With more than half a million homeless people in the United States, I knew that I wasn't the only one trying to take care of my furry friend and I needed to be aware of what I needed to know to keep him safe.

Drinking From Puddles

Jumping in puddles is a fun activity for kids and dogs, but they are potentially filled with bacteria, parasites, and toxins like anti-freeze. Your dog doesn't know about these dangers so it's important to steer them away from puddles and make sure they have a clean source of water to drink from whenever they are thirsty. They make pop out dog bowls that you can put down so you can share water from your bottle or canteen.

Eating From Dumpsters

Dumpster diving is pretty much a right of passage when it comes to finding food while you're homeless, but dogs need to be just as careful about what they eat as humans do. They are susceptible to food poisoning and parasites just like humans. In addition, they can easily cut themselves on broken glass and sharp edges on cans. Continue reading [our Blog now to read the rest of the story](#).

Pets of the Homeless' website has a wealth of information. [Find a safe place](#) for your pet if you are involved in a domestic violence situation, find a [Donation Site](#), or [Resources](#) for your pet, to our [Blog](#), if you haven't browsed around please do. Do you have a great story to share? [Share with us now!](#)

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Meet Roper and his homeless guardian...

A disabled homeless man who is living in his van in the Springfield, Oregon area called Pets of the Homeless. He camps on his friend's property, can occasionally use his friend's restroom, but does all his cooking outside. He called us because he was concerned about his 5-year-old Collie mix, Roper, who is his service animal. He has been homeless for about six months now, and luckily, he found Pets of the Homeless through Facebook and reached out to us seeking help for Roper.

Roper had a raw spot under his belly from licking it too much. He said he

had previously put an e-collar on Roper but that did not prevent him from licking the spot. We approved an exam at a new veterinarian network partner. After the exam, the veterinarian called and said the raw spot was irritated from Roper licking so they recommended antibiotics and medication. We approved the medications and paid a total of \$133.60 to help Roper.

The man thanked us for helping Roper. He told us we are a great organization and he was very thankful he found us on Facebook. He wrote us a testimonial.

[Click below to continue reading his story.](#)



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Duke



A homeless man in San Jose, California called Pets of the Homeless about his dog, Duke, a 2-year-old male Pit Bull Terrier. The man had been sleeping in his sleeping bag on the streets for 16 months. He was concerned because he thought Duke might have a foxtail in his right paw. We approved an exam at a participating network veterinarian.

After the examination, the veterinarian told us that there wasn't a foxtail in Duke's paw. It was irritated from an ingrown hair, and the more he licked his paw, the more irritated it was getting. The doctor recommended and we approved anti-inflammatory and antibiotic medications. We assisted with \$161.50 directly to the veterinarian for Duke.

The man called Pets of the Homeless and thanked us for helping Duke. He said he is much better. Read his testimonial by clicking the link below:

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"I just want to say that I totally love your newsletter. I think it's awesome that you guys do what you do. I have an Outreach that helps the homeless as well there's nothing like going out and making somebody's day; there's nothing like seeing a smile, and I love animals as well. Sometimes the animals is all that they have - it's their life line. Praise God for you guys. Keep up the good work, it's because of people like you that gives our less fortunate another day to look forward to by taking care of their animals. God bless you." - P. Dudley

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