



I am his only friend.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless Legacy Society News



Dear Legacy Society of Pets of the Homeless Members,

This is the first quarterly issue of the Legacy Society of Pets of the Homeless newsletter. I hope you enjoy. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Your planned gift to Feeding Pets of the Homeless will be a meaningful way to carry forward your compassion and concern for animals, and a wonderful way to say thank you to every pet who has touched your life.

We are grateful for your commitment to our mission of helping pets of homeless people; this is part of **your legacy**.

You have given us a sense of security knowing that we can provide emergency veterinary care, wellness clinics, and pet food to the homeless in communities across the country well into the future.

Last year with your support and that of The Estate of Ann B. Fritz, The Patricia Sharon Trust, the Christy Long Estate and William E. Thomas, we realized a gain of \$462,761.

The funds were used in a number of ways but most importantly, \$456,124 went to pay hospitals directly for treatment of 1,589 emergency cases. These cases involved broken bones from being hit by a car, ear infections, dental extractions, wound care from dog fights, skin allergies and parvovirus plus a host of other maladies.

Shocking is the fact that 669 or 64% of these cases were homeless women reaching out to us for help. The average amount of time these people and their pets have been homeless is 2 years 6 months. Many are elderly like me! Last year, the staff took over 3,200 calls, 40% did not meet our definition of homeless but were given other resources.

In early October, Pets of the Homeless received a telephone call from a homeless man who stays in his tent behind a church and near a library in South Boulder, CO

with his dog Kitty. Kitty is a 6-year-old female Pit Bull Terrier. (Photo above.)

The man was concerned because Kitty had a decaying tooth and her gums were turning green. He said when she chews dry food or bones Kitty will whine. The man doesn't have a car and hitchhikes to get around. We approved an examination at a local hospital within walking distance.

After the exam, the veterinarian advised our Case Manager that Kitty had a fractured pre-molar needed to be extracted. We approved the treatment, which included anesthesia, antibiotics, blood pressure monitoring, oxygen SAT and heart monitoring, IV fluids, pre-anesthetic injection, extraction and prophylaxis. The bill was \$515.75 after the hospital discount of \$180.34.

In the next couple of months, you will be receiving an annual report.

Know that I am always available to take your calls should you have a question. If you are ever in the area please stop by our office for a cup of coffee and to meet our staff.

With sincere gratitude,

Genevieve Frederick,
Founder/President

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