

*My sunshine doesn't come from the skies.
It comes from the love that's in my dog's eyes. - Anonymous*



2019 A Beginning of a New Decade for Pets of the Homeless



As we enter 2019, Pets of the Homeless begins its eleventh year as the only national organization focused completely on feeding and providing veterinary care to pets whose owner is experiencing homelessness.

As a team, we have seen our number of emergency cases in 2018 double from 767 in 2017 to approximately* 1,424 in 2018. Our Case Managers are averaging 28.5 cases per week. October was our busiest month of

the year with 205 emergency veterinary care cases.

To date in 2018, we have provided over \$430,000 (after discounts) in emergency veterinary care assistance which was paid directly to our network veterinarians. All treatment is reviewed with our Case Managers and pre-approved.

Our network of Donation Sites have grown to 403 and Pet Food Providers to 465 nationwide, with a volunteer base of 996.

We have 4,722 individual donors and because of your support, we are able to

continue providing services to the pets of the homeless. Should you require an annual receipt please email us at info@petsofthehomeless.org with your request.

If you have any questions about our programs, please reach out to us. We value your feedback.

From all of us here at headquarters, we wish you a Happy New Year and hope 2019 brings you love, good health and many tail wags!

*as of 12/27/2018

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606.22

Tons of Pet food
Collected

403

Donation Sites
Nationwide

19,529

Pets medically treated

\$1,059,074

Given in veterinary
care, food, and crates

"I keep him safe and warm at night."

Pets of the Homeless received a call from Police Officer Griggs in Detroit, Michigan. He was concerned about a dog who belonged to a



homeless man on the streets. The dog had multiple wounds including a torn ear. We told the Officer that we would need to speak with the man and interview him. He had worked all night long, then been to a seminar, and would work again that night. However, out of concern and compassion for the dog, Officer Griggs would go find the homeless man and call us back.

The Officer found the man about an hour later and called again. We interviewed the man, Doug, who lives on the streets for the past 3 years and stays on the porch of an abandoned house. He has no phone. He also told our Case Manager he could not read or write. His dog Chino, an 8-year-old intact male Pit Bull Australian Shepherd mix had wandered off while he was sleeping and been involved in a dog fight. Pets of the Homeless began calling around to veterinarians in the Detroit area and received a welcome response from Dr. Francis at Francis Animal Hospital.

We got in touch with the Officer and he took Chino and the man to the vet. After the examination, Dr. Francis called and said he was going to need to do surgery and amputate Chino's ear because it was in very bad shape. Chino had wounds all around his neck, some underneath that would require a drain as well as seemed to be losing weight. We

approved a discounted surgery estimate of \$950. We paid a deposit of \$475.00 as the hospital had not worked with us before. Surgery was performed and included injections, iv catheter and fluids, hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, blood work, drainage, medications, a fecal test and heartworm test. We received the above photo from the police officer.

We called to follow up on Chino a few days later. Dr. Francis was able to save Chino's ear! He said he spent extra time at no charge and surgically fixed up the ear. He counted between 30 – 40 holes in Chino's neck, ear and head. He cleaned up all the wounds. He said that Chino has hookworm and we assisted with dewormer. Dr. Francis also recommended and we approved updating all of Chino's vaccinations for only an additional \$20. Chino was ready to be discharged. Our Case Manager called Officer Griggs who went and found Doug and took him to go pick up Chino. The Officer and Dr. Francis spoke to the man about making sure he ties Chino up when he is going to sleep to make sure this will never happen again.

We assisted with a total of \$1,000.00 for Chino. The Officer thanked Pets of the Homeless for what we do and for helping Chino and Doug. He said Chino was so excited to see Doug as you can see from Chino's wagging tail. We reciprocated and thanked the Officer for his service and for being so kind to help.

DONATE NOW TO HELP MORE PETS OF THE HOMELESS





Thank you to our new Donation Sites

Adopt-a-Pal - Rainbow City, AL
Furry Friends Pet Relief - Antioch, CA
Pet Health Center of La Jolla - La Jolla, CA
ACCKWA - Kitchener, ON, Canada
Wold Group, Weichert Realtors - Schererville, IN
Atlantic County SPCA - Somers Point, NJ

Donation Sites - please remember to send in your
Donation Site Reporting Forms by January 5, 2019
to be included in our quarterly drawing for a
\$50 Starbucks gift card!

Donation Site Reporting Form



Pets of the Homeless Supports "Karma Boxes" in Nevada

Pets of the Homeless participates in a monthly meeting where all of the non-profit organizations who provide services to the homeless, low income and other challenged people in our community share information about their services so that we may collaborate and refer our clients to other services available to them when needed.



What is a "Karma Box?" Recently, we met Mr. Grant Denton, Director of peer recovery specialists at The Life Change Center in Reno, NV. Mr. Denton has made a full circle recovery from a homeless heroin addict to helping and giving back to others through a new program he developed, the Karma Box. The Karma Box is a simple outreach tool which is meant to promote healing and reconnection between recovering addicts and their communities.

Recovery patients build the boxes themselves and install them at a business or an agency that wants one on its premises. These boxes are about 3' tall and 2' wide, with a plexiglass window/door in front. A local Home Depot is donating the materials. A chosen artist paints the box. He has decals on order with the name, "Karma Box" which will add a story line on the box. The Life Change Center is building culture and bringing the community together. A business agrees to have the Karma Box and the community fills the boxes. If you see a box, put something in it, and those in need will take something out. Feminine products and food are popular. It's all about giving back.

Pets of the Homeless' volunteers are making regular stops at the approximate 10 locations around Reno, Carson City and Dayton and putting dog and cat food and our emergency veterinary care contact information in the Karma Boxes.

During Grant's presentation, he said addicts relapse because of lack of purpose. He added it's always best to provide just a little bit of love and listening to help improve a homeless person or addict's situation. Be consistent and give love. Give people a purpose. Ask reality questions.

"When you're a drug addict, you commit crimes against the community and against your family." Denton said. "You get clean, and you try to integrate back into a community that you don't feel welcome in."

He said the Karma Box fulfills dual roles. One is for the benefit of the recovering addict, who learns the value of taking ownership of something in his or her community. The second purpose is to help reduce the cultural stigma of drug addiction by encouraging community members to participate in filling Karma Boxes with needed items. "It gives people a chance to give back to someone who might need it, or they might need it themselves."

Source: carsonNOW.org

Next month, look for stories about all of the amazing pet food drives held by supporters of Pets of the Homeless during the holidays.





Feeding Pets of the Homeless is the only national animal organization focused completely on feeding and providing emergency veterinary care to the pets of the homeless.



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