

*My dog does this amazing thing where he just exists and makes my whole life better because of it.*



*I am his only friend.*

***"I keep him safe and warm at night."***

## **Success Stories**

### **Honeydew**



A disabled homeless woman in the Morro Bay, CA area called Pets of the Homeless. After interviewing the woman, we learned that she lives out of her car and that she has been homeless for the past 12 months. Her only source of income is social security and food stamps. She stays in a few

different parking lots that she feels safe in. She called seeking assistance for her nine-year-old grey domestic short hair cat, Honeydew. She said Honeydew had been losing weight rapidly. Honeydew was also throwing up her food and drinking a lot of water. She said she started feeding Honeydew baby food and that was the only food she could keep down as of right now. We approved an exam at a network veterinarian.

After the exam, the doctor called and recommended we start with blood work and a pancreatic test. After the results came back we found out that Honeydew had kidney disease and pancreatitis. The estimate came out to a high dollar amount so before proceeding we asked what condition the cat was in and if she would survive. The doctor seemed hopeful and told us that she could live for a while if we were to get her on fluids and other treatment right away. The doctor said the problem might not be reoccurring and could be cured so we proceeded with treatment. We approved: fluids, medications, antibiotics, injections, new food, and hospitalization. We provided financial assistance of

\$799.23 for Honeydew.

Honeydew's guardian called us on February 26, 2019 to thank us and tell us that we saved Honeydew's life. She was very grateful for our services.

## Lobo

A disabled homeless man in the San Diego, CA area called Pets of the Homeless. We learned the man sleeps in a tent on the beach. He has been homeless for about three years and his only source of income is food stamps. He called Pets of the Homeless seeking assistance for his four-year-old German Shepherd mix, Lobo. Lobo was running in the park and ran over a sharp object which caused a large laceration on his stomach the evening before. They took him immediately to an emergency clinic but due to the man not having funds they bandaged Lobo up and sent him on his way. The man called us the next day and said Lobo is losing a lot of blood. We approved an exam at a participating network veterinarian.



After the exam, the doctor called and said Lobo would need a laceration repair. The doctor recommended and we approved: surgery, mini panel, IV-catheter, anesthesia, anesthesia monitoring, laceration repair, medications, and a bandage. We provided financial assistance to the veterinarian for a total of \$493.63.

The man called and told us thank you and that he doesn't think Lobo would have survived if we didn't step in and help. He said Lobo is his world and he can't thank us enough.

## DONATE NOW TO HELP MORE PETS LIKE HONEYDEW AND LOBO

**626.38**

Tons of Pet food  
Collected

**408**

Donation Sites  
Nationwide

**19,958**

Pets medically treated

**\$1,158,629**

Given in veterinary  
care, food, and crates

## Meet Eden



Edyn Sussman chose to work with Pets of the Homeless for her Bat Mitzvah project. Edyn and her mother recruited their local Pet Smart locations as donation sites and worked with pet food provider, The Patrician Society, to deliver direct services to pet owners in need. Read their story below.

"Thank you Pets of the Homeless for opening the door for our family to participate in such a meaningful project for Edyn's upcoming Bat Mitzvah. Our community was extremely generous from financial donations on Facebook to donating used pet supplies for collection. In addition, Pet Smart has been and continues to be an incredible source of support for collection pet food and supplies in two of their stores. Although Edyn's project technically was completed, they are still putting out donation bins and we, just yesterday filled up our car again, and plan to continue our relationship with the Patrician Society by continuing to donate pet supplies to their food bank as an ongoing project."

"Our family couldn't have enjoyed the experience more. Leanne and the staff at the Patrician Society were incredible. They welcomed our entire family for the day and they got all of us involved right away, giving us jobs such as carrying food out to customer's cars, bagging groceries, setting up monthly grocery bags for families of specific numbers, or any other tasks needed in their facility. At the end of the three-hour experience, we hands-on worked with over 55 families, helping them in person in various capacities. It was incredible to meet the community residents in need, to talk to them, ask them what type of pet they had and to look through all of our donated dog and cat supplies to pick out the best fit to help them. They were so grateful to receive such needed items for their pets. The Patrician Society had not had any pet supplies in stock, so our supplies were extremely helpful to all of their regular customers."



"Overall, my family had such an incredible experience. Edyn wants to continue to volunteer to help the homeless population and we plan to continue to bring the needed pet supplies as long as Pet Smart allows us to collect donations. It was extremely fulfilling and eye opening to see

how many people really need these donations in order to survive. Not all of the people were homeless, but they clearly were in need of daily items, such as socks, produce, pasta, canned goods, in order to keep their families fed."

"We are so appreciative that Pets of the Homeless provided us with this contact; we plan to stay in touch with the Patrician Society and help them in any way possible."

"Thank you so much for all of your guidance on this process, it has really been meaningful for our entire family." - The Sussmans

Pets of the Homeless Donation Sites accept all new or gently used pet supplies and all types of pet food and treats. We accept open containers of pet food (please close bags with packing tape). Please check to make sure your donations are not expired as we cannot accept expired pet food.



Thank you to our new Donation Sites

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**LIST YOUR BUSINESS HERE!**

We need **NEW** Donation Sites! Do you know of a business who might want to support the pets of the homeless in your community?

Have them visit our website here:

**Become A Donation Site for Pets of the Homeless**

**EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!**

*We have made reporting easier!*

Donation Sites and Volunteers can now report donations and volunteer hours **directly on our website**. Click below and save the link for ease of use in the future. Set yourself a calendar reminder to click and report monthly. Try it now!

**Donation Site Reporting**

### **March is Poison Prevention Month**

A reminder to please watch out and keep your pets away from these top 10 dog and cat poisons:

#### **Dogs**

1. Medications for people, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, ibuprofen, antidepressants, and isoniazid, a tuberculosis drug

2. Flea & tick products - prevent ingestion or administering too much for your pet's size
3. People food, such as chocolate, alcohol, avocado, macadamia nuts, grapes, raisins, and xylitol
4. Rat and mouse poison
5. Pet medications, such as painkillers and de-wormers
6. Household plants, i.e., azaleas, rhododendrons, tulips, daffodils, and sago palms
7. Chemical hazards, such as anti-freeze and de-icers
8. Household cleaners, such as bleach and detergents
9. Heavy metals, such as lead and zinc
10. Fertilizer

**Cats**, same as above as well as:

1. People food such as: caffeine, chives, garlic, onion, yeast dough
2. Plants, including aloe, chrysanthemum, marijuana, hyacinth, mistletoe, poinsettia
3. Chicken bones, yarn, dental floss, string, holiday decorations, toys with small movable parts

If you think your pet may have been poisoned, stay calm. Time is of the essence and every moment matters. Gather any evidence to convey the information to a veterinarian. The SPCA Poison Hotline #888-426-4435.

The best way to reduce the chances of pet poisoning is by education and prevention.

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## Continuous Improvement - Please Provide Your Feedback

Pets of the Homeless takes pride in its programs, mission and methods of communication with our supporters. Thank you to those of you who have completed the survey. Be on the lookout for a special newsletter which will outline answers to frequently asked questions.

If you haven't already taken the survey, we would appreciate your feedback to help us improve. The survey will take **less than 5 minutes of your time**.

## Start the Survey

*Thank you so much for your time. Your feedback is very important to us!*

*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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OFF LOCATION



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