



A Note From Our Founder

My Journey from Helping Pets to Advocating for People

When I founded Feeding Pets of the Homeless in 2008, my passion was simple: I wanted to help pets belonging to people experiencing homelessness.

I quickly learned, however, that helping the pet also meant understanding and caring about the person.

Over the years, I have spoken with thousands of people who are unhoused and looking for help for their beloved dogs and cats. I have heard their stories, their struggles, and their fears.

I have also witnessed the extraordinary bond between people and their pets, a bond that provides comfort, companionship, protection, and hope during some of the most difficult times in a person's life.

That journey has made me an advocate not only for pets, but also for people experiencing homelessness, particularly those who have pets by their side.

One of the greatest barriers I continue to see is the lack of pet-friendly housing and shelter. Imagine being offered a place to sleep, but being told you cannot bring your dog. Or finally finding an apartment you can afford, only to learn that pets are not allowed. For someone experiencing homelessness, the choice can be heartbreaking: accept housing and give up a beloved companion or remain with the pet and continue living without stable housing.

For many people, there is no choice at all. Their pet is **family**.

This issue has become even more important as communities across the country struggle with increasing homelessness and debate how best to respond.

A recent newsletter from Destination Home, a nonprofit organization based in Santa Clara, California, highlighted the impact of policies that criminalize people experiencing homelessness. Following the Supreme Court's [*Grants Pass v. Johnson*](#) decision, communities have seen increased policies and practices that can result in citations, fines, displacement, and even arrests for people simply trying to survive without access to housing.

What concerns me most is what happens next.

A citation or fine does not give someone a home. An arrest does not solve homelessness. Moving someone from one location to another does not address the underlying problem. And for someone with a pet, the situation can be even more complicated.

When shelters are not pet-friendly, when housing does not allow animals, and when people are forced to choose between their pets and a place to live, the path out of homelessness becomes even harder.

We need to look at homelessness through a more compassionate and practical lens.

Pets should not be viewed as an obstacle to housing. They can be part of the solution.

For many people experiencing homelessness, their pet is their closest companion and sometimes their only source of unconditional love. Their pet gives them a reason to get up each morning, provides emotional support, and can help them maintain a sense of responsibility and dignity.

At Feeding Pets of the Homeless, we have always believed that people should not have to choose between their basic needs and the animals they love.

That belief began with our work providing pet food and emergency veterinary care. But after years of listening to the people we serve, I have come to understand that our work is also about something larger: [keeping people and their pets together](#) while helping create a pathway toward stability.

I hope more communities will embrace pet-inclusive shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing. I hope landlords, policymakers, service providers, and nonprofit organizations will recognize that allowing pets can remove a significant barrier to housing. And I hope we will remember that behind every statistic about homelessness is a person with a story, with hopes for a better future, and often with a dog or cat who is counting on them.

My passion may have started with helping pets.

But the journey has made me an advocate for the people who love them.
And I believe we can, and must, find more compassionate ways to help both.



With gratitude,

Genevieve Frederick

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Success Stories That Matter

Highlighting Those Who Deserve It



Hello, my name is Willow, and I am a 3-year-old pit bull. My dad and I live in a motel through a VA voucher because we are currently experiencing homelessness. My dad served three tours with the Marines, and I am his emotional support dog when he experiences PTSD. Loud noises and large crowds are often overwhelming for him.

While getting ready for bed one night, my dad noticed a large tumor on my neck that was growing in size. He began to panic thinking that it could be a form of cancer. My dad knew he did not have money for surgery, so he started searching the internet for resources. That is when he came across the Feeding Pets of the Homeless page. He filled out an emergency application and sent his VA case worker a paper to fill out.

Once the application was approved, I was assigned a case manager who found a local veterinary that was willing to help us. I went in for an examination, and the doctor said the mass needed to be removed. The vet scheduled a date for me to come back.

On the day of surgery, I was sedated while the doctor performed a lumpectomy. I remained at the hospital for the day and received fluids. The veterinary technician contacted my dad and let him know that surgery went well and I could be picked up. I was sent home with an e-collar and pain medications. Now I am back with my dad recovering. Thank you, Feeding Pets of the Homeless for helping me feel better.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless contributed \$1,598 towards Willow's care.

Text from owner:

Thanks so much to you and the whole team. Your organization truly is amazing! I am so grateful for your much need help with Willow. God Bless!

YOUR SUPPORT = SUCCESS STORIES

Your Impact

Since 2008

Number of Pets Helped

Amount Of Pet Food
Collected

Amount Given In
Veterinary Care, Pet
Food & Crates

Veterinarians in our
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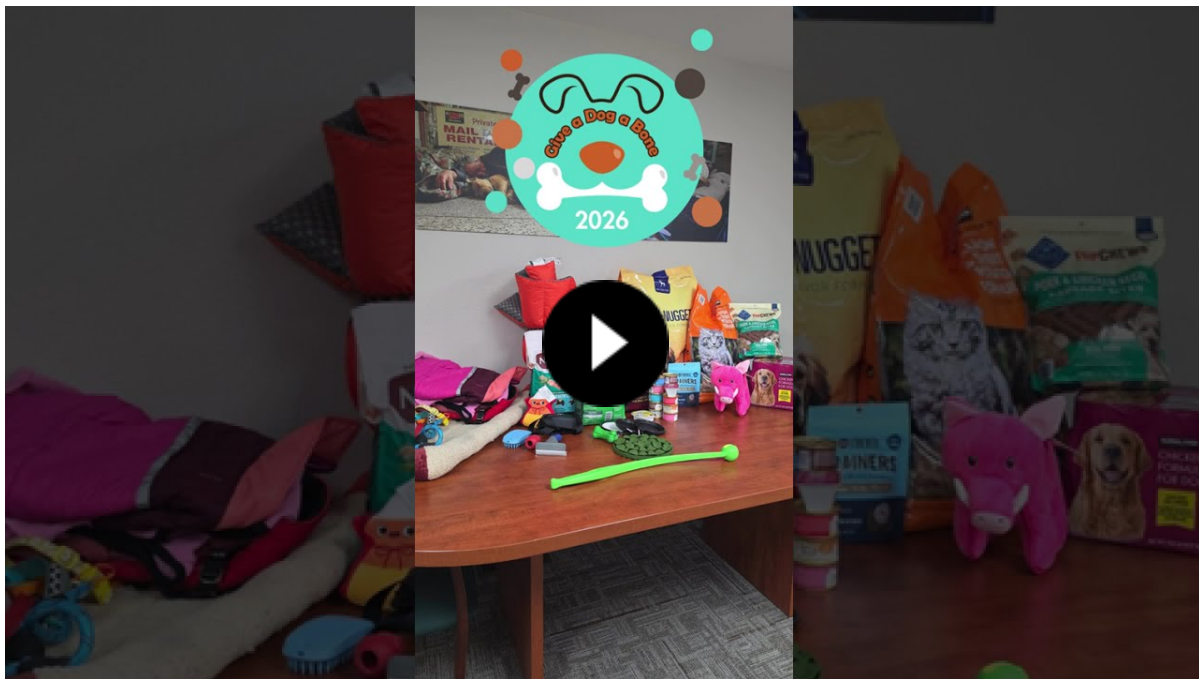
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GIVE A DOG A BONE WEEK

Thank you to everyone who participated in Give a Dog a Bone Week!



From Donation Sites hosting pet food drives to community organizations and clubs collecting food and supplies, supporters making donations online, and individuals spreading the word, you showed up in so many ways to help pets belonging to people experiencing homelessness.

Every bag of pet food collected, every dollar donated and every post shared helps us provide vital resources to pets and the people who love them.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us this year. Thank you for helping fill bowls, care for pets and keep people and their beloved companions together.

Did Someone Say Rollover? 🐶



Your retirement dollars can do more than support your future. They can help a pet in need, too.

If you're 70½ or older with an eligible IRA, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) may be a tax-smart way to support Feeding Pets of the Homeless. And if you're required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD), a QCD may even count toward your RMD for the year.

See how your retirement savings can help put food in a pet's bowl, provide critical veterinary care, and keep pets together with the people who love them.

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Steven Feldman
President



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Warmly,
Joan

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