



The Giving Tree

Service Spotlight

Homeless Animals



What is a homeless animal?

Domestic animals (especially dogs and cats) that do not have an owner or someone to permanently care for them. Animals wandering on the street may also be referred to as 'strays'.

Who helps these animals?

There are many non - profits and charitable organizations that assist these animals. They rescue, shelter and foster the animals until they are matched with a family and find a forever home.

Some shelters include: SPCA, ASPCA, Humane Society and PAWS. Some local rescues include: Home at Last, Wags, Lulu's Rescue, Sam's Hope and so many more!

Why are there so many homeless animals?

There are many reasons animals may end up without a home. It may be an inability to financially care for the animal, pet abandonment where the owner decides it is too difficult to care for them or simply the over-population. Also, pets can be lost that were not properly kept indoors or provided with identification.

Facts

- There are about 70 million stray animals living in the United States.
- According to the Humane Society of the US, there are 3,500 animal shelters in the nation. (Not including private rescues)
- Homeless animals outnumber homeless people 5 to 1.
- Approximately 44% of all households in the US have a dog, and 35% have a cat. (APPA)

How Can We Help?

- Take up a collection of supplies for your local shelter or rescue. (ie. old towels, blankets, litter, food, etc)
- Host a lemonade stand and donate the monies collected to your favorite shelter/rescue. Create flyers to raise awareness.
- Know someone thinking about a pet? Encourage them to adopt.
- Create dog toys to donate. Toys make the dogs more playful, which might increase their chances of being adopted.

Project Idea

T-Shirt Collection

Create a flyer and set up a collection of old t-shirts. (Adult or child size) Ask friends, neighbors and classmates to participate.

Braided Dog Toys

Material (cut into long strips)
Snack size zip-loc bags
Dog treats

The Giving Tree will provide note cards and labels for your project.

Be sure to reach out to us if you would like our assistance as you plan to create your dog toys. We can provide you with all materials necessary. We look forward to seeing your completed project!