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***Seeking foster care for homeless pets***

**WALNUT CREEK, CA**—May 7, 2018—Pets bring joy and comfort, as well as better health, to their owners' lives, but financial or medical problems can leave pet owners scrambling to hold onto pets while they seek help. If arrangements can't be made to take care of their pets, many owners turn down vital help for themselves. Homeless individuals who own pets can find themselves faced with the painful decision of leaving a beloved pet behind in order to get a meal and spend a night in a shelter, or sleeping on the street.

We are seeking individuals to provide **short-term foster care** for homeless pets who need a compassionate place to live while their homeless owners receive medical attention or shelter care for themselves. Foster care needs range from one to two days and/or nights up to a few weeks. Pets are screened for health, hygiene, and behavior.

We also need **veterinary care assistance** in the form of exams and vaccinations, and **pet food assistance**. Homeless pets often eat human food that is not healthy for them, so pet food for hungry pets is in great need.

If you can help, please contact the Walnut Creek Homeless Community Task Force at [wchomelessctf@gmail.com](mailto:wchomelessctf@gmail.com).

**Walnut Creek Homeless Community Task Force**

The mission of the Walnut Creek Homeless Community Task Force is to research and identify best, promising, and emerging practices for short term and long-term solutions to the causes of homelessness; to present information and recommendations for program implementation to Walnut Creek City staff and City Council; and to work collaboratively with Walnut Creek City staff and City Council, as well as community organizations and businesses, to break down obstacles of implementation and be involved in putting into place respectful and compassionate solutions.

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