FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

KEEPING VULNERABLE HUMAN POPULATION WITH THEIR ANIMAL COMPANIONS
BENEFITS OF ANIMAL COMPANIONS

• Companionship
• Emotional Support
• Mental Support
• Protection
• Incentive to Improve Current Situation
PETS AS BARRIERS

• Animal Restrictions in Shelters
• Animal Restrictions in Temporary Housing Facilities
• Animal Restrictions in Long-Term Housing Facilities
• Risk of Leaving Pet Alone
• No One to Care for Pet
A SOLUTION THAT WORKS

• Meet and Greet
• Define the Needs and Goals
• Take Pet into Foster
• Check in with Owner
• Adjust Plan as Needed
• Reunite Pet with Owner
• Check in with Owner
PEOPLE WE WORK WITH

- Chronically Homeless
- Temporarily Homeless
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Veterans
- Financially Unstable
- Experiencing Mental Illness
- Experiencing Medical Crisis
OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS

• Prevent Pet Entry into Animal Shelter
• Decrease Number of Animals At-Large
• Pets Get to Stay with Their Person
• People with Pets Have Less Recidivism
LIMITATIONS

• Not Always Happy Endings
• Need for Flexibility
• Communication Skills
• Understanding
• Foster Volunteers
STORIES

- Sampson and Daryl
- Gary and Buddy
- Fawn and Trucker
- Pretty Girl and Gary
- Sasha, Dakota and Michelle
NEXT STEPS

• Replication in Other Cities

• More Accommodations for People with Pets

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