## Homeless People and the Care of their pets

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# Animals provide emotional support for homeless people

- 48% of homeless pet owners, are not able to go to overnight shelters, due to policies.
- 22% of homeless pet owners that participated in this survey, said that they avoided help from shelters, because their pets are not allowed with them.
- Pets are seen as a constant source of stability, and companionship. In 2017 it was reported that 12% of homeless adults owned pets.
- The root cause for homeless people, to not be able to take care of themselves and their pets, is due to the lack of homeless shelters that allow pets.
- Our goal is to start a food and pet food supply drive, to help assist those how are struggling with homelessness and their pets.
- You can help with this issues by donating to these drives, and donate to your local animal shelter.



#### Take action

In order to take action on this issue we will start a food and pet supply drive

- You can help by looking into how you can volunteer. A shelter local to Tarrant County is Presbyterian Night shelter this shelter offers resources to those who are struggling with poverty and homelessness.
- You can also volunteer at you local animal shelter, saving hope is a local nonprofit that has a great volunteer program.
- You can also support this cause on state and national status by starting a go fund me to support causes around the country.



## About us

The Council of Independent Advancement (CIA)

We chose the topic of Homeless people and their pets because we all wanted to do different topics, homelessness, stray animals, and mental health, and this topic was the best way we could simple it down and get everyone's idea in.

Micah - Plays basketball

Julie - Play Violin, Viola, and Guitar

Christopher - Plays Football

Parker - Does Soccer

Zoe - Made it to Junior Olympics

Klarc - Does Roller Derby

Counselor Claudia - Does Dance and Cross Country

#### What We Have Learned

Micah - "I have learned how to work with everyone even if we have different ideas and opinions"

Julie - "I've learned on collaborating all of our ideas and making sure everyone is heard."

Christopher - "I have learned different ways to communicate with my group and different organizations."

Parker - "This week I've learned about teamwork and how to work with others"

Zoe - "During this week of camp I have learned about how to communicate and compromise with people."

Klarc - "I've learned how to better understand and value thier people's opinions and points of view"



## Resources

#### <u>People with Pets Experiencing Homelessness |</u> <u>Housing and Pets | ASPCA</u>

Dogs provide critical support for homeless people, study finds (phys.org)

https://safehaven.org/

https://www.journeyhome.org/

https://savinghoperescue.org/