

# PET PROJECT

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

### WHO HELPED US

#### Foundations:

- The Batchelor Foundation
- The Jim Moran Foundation
- Community Foundation of Broward
- Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
- BCEFA (Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids)
- Our Fund
- The Warten Foundation
- GreaterGood Charities
- June Wise Foundation
- 10% Life Line Smart Ride

#### Pet Protectors Circle:

Neil Burmeister  
 Michael Camardello  
 Daniel Hunt  
 Marc Martorana & Don D'Arminio  
 Joe Pallant  
 Wayne Schrebe  
 Robert Russotto & Ron Lennen  
 Mark A. Frankel  
 Sue Wilder  
 Jayant Goyle & Greg Dudzek  
 Chris Krzemien & Adam Jaroszewski  
 Paul Rolli & Bennett Quade  
 Mark Hunter, Patrick Volkert, Bruce Howe  
 Lee Rubin & Jim Walker  
 Dan Mahler  
 Kenny Silverman  
 Tony Keiser & Sam Ramsey  
 Gary Sambol  
 Ken Calhoun  
 Jim Cunningham  
 Ron Alose  
 James McDonald & Larry Karnoff  
 Tim Smith  
 RE / MAX Experience  
 The Pub  
 Hunter's Nightclub  
 Imperial Sun Court Of All Florida



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022

In accordance with our mission statement, we

**Maintained and provided for 2131 pets / a total of 1512 clients**

**Continued to provide Pet Food & Supplies to thousands of families who were impacted by Covid, so they would not have to surrender their pets.**

**Distributed 106 tons of pet food to clients for their pets**

**Warehoused & Distributed Supplies for Disaster Relief to Ukraine**

**Delivered food & supplies to 850 pets of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe counties Senior Citizens**

**Provided vet and wellness care to 300+ pets / some critical**

**Received/Warehoused/Transported numerous semi truckloads of pet food & supplies for Hurricane IAN disaster relief.**

**Re-homed 68 pets who were left at our door or whose human passed away.**

## Executive Director Letter

Thank you for your continued support of our work at the Pet Project for Pets. Because of you:

- We kept 2,137 pets in their homes who would otherwise have been abandoned, surrendered or euthanized due to over crowded shelters.
- We delivered pet food and pet supplies to the homes of 850 homebound seniors in Broward, Dade and Monroe counties.
- We provided wellness care to our clients pets including annual vaccines, rabies shots, heart worm tests medication and flea & tick prevention.
- We received, warehoused and distributed numerous semi tractor trailer loads of pet food and supplies for Ukraine Relief and Hurricane Ian disaster relief. We transported pallets of pet food and supplies all across Florida throughout the month of October to feed pets in disaster areas.
- We helped numerous pets with critical medical care. Pets who were hurt, ill or in pain.

Although we have accomplished these remarkable things, this year has had many challenges which will continue. Pet food and supply costs have doubled. People are losing their homes and their pets need fostering or rehoming. Pets are being found abandoned. We have never received so many cries for help as we have seen the second half of this year.

We, at The Pet Project, will do all we can, and with your help we will save more lives.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS to you, yours and your furbabies. THANK YOU for your generosity.**

Sue Martino  
Executive Director  
Pet Project For Pets

## 21 Years of Keeping Pets & People Together



Our mission at Pet Project for Pets is simple. Provide to those who are financially challenged due to an illness, a disability or the aging (seniors) what they need to KEEP THEIR PETS. This includes pet food, pet supplies, veterinarian care and medical emergencies (including rabies vaccines, annual vaccines, flea & tick prevention and annual checkups).

We provide our clients pets reduced cost vet care, short term fostering when a client needs medical care and

rehoming when a client is no longer able to care for their pet. Clients pick up a few months supply of pet food and supplies at our food banks and for those who are homebound we deliver.

Pet Project volunteers run the food banks and with the help of Broward 211 we are able to get all our monthly deliveries completed. There is nothing more important than Keeping Pets in Their Homes With Their Human who loves them...and needs them.

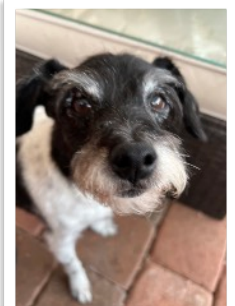
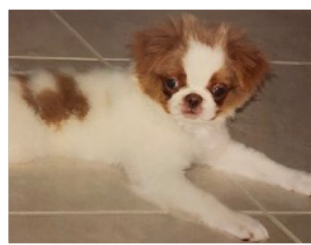
## ZEUS & REMI Memorial Fund



A young woman saw a dog in the middle of the road, she saw a person putting the dog on the curb and then drove away. The dog ran back into the road seemed like it was looking for the person or car that left it. The woman stopped the traffic so that the dog would not be hit and opened her car door and the dog came to her and jumped in. She took him home and to a vet because the dog seemed to be in discomfort.

The vet found a chip and contacted the owner who was not interested in taking the dog back. They found a kidney stone the size of a golf ball, the vet said it was from neglect. The vet bill for the removal of this stone was \$1600.

Of course the young woman needed help to cover the expense but said she would keep the dog. The Pet Project, Passion for Paws and the newly created ZEUS & REMI TO THE RESCUE MEMORIAL FUND paid the bill.





## Pet Legacy Program

As we get back to some sort of normalcy and routine to our lives, we are reminded that tomorrow is not guaranteed. That is why planning is so important, not only for your estate, but what happens to your pet(s) if something happened to you.

We rely on our pets for so much, for comfort and companionship, for love and normalcy. Now, more than ever, I would urge everyone to consider some type of plan in place, not only for yourself, but for those pets that you are taking care of and responsible for, namely your pets.



While still a relatively new program, we have been doing this type of work, i.e., finding forever homes for our clients' pets for many years. Our Pet Legacy Program is a formal plan to ensure that your pets are well taken care of in the event of your incapacity or passing, without burdening your family and friends. We have taken the stress, and sleepless nights of worrying about what would happen to your pet, and with a formal agreement in place, you can be confident that your pet will be well taken care of immediately, and without delay.

For individuals that might not think they have enough in their estate to participate in our Legacy Program, there are several insurance products that are available, and we have the professional resources to help guide them to choose the right product for their needs. We encourage people to discuss their options with an estate planner and to make the necessary provisions in their will for their pets. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or want more information about our Legacy Program.

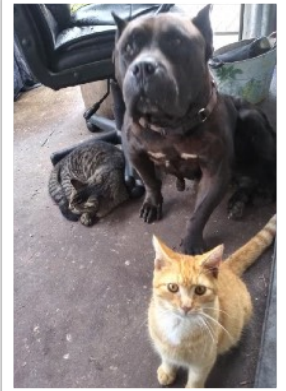
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## Senior Paws



Thanks to the Community Foundation of Broward we were able to re-home 45 senior dogs that would have otherwise lived out their lives in shelters or worse. This program is the collaboration of Pet Project and BCAC. They provide us with 8 senior dogs that are adoptable and are not doing well at the shelter.

Their kennels are noted with adopt us we are a Pet Project dog – the Pet Project provides pet food supplies vet care wellness care for these senior dogs for the rest of their life. This is a two fold win. First for the senior dog and also for seniors who would not be able to afford a dog but would love to have one... We hope that we continue to get funded for this amazingly successful program.



## Pet Project doing its part to assist in disaster relief

### Greater Good Charities / Rescue Bank Disaster Relief

The Pet Project for Pets is the Florida ambassador for Greater Good Charities. This means that we receive, warehouse, distribute and transport product to rescue groups, shelters and food banks through out Florida. It also means we assist with disaster relief efforts. This year we

received and delivered many pallets of people supplies and pet food and supplies to airports for Ukraine relief which we so often have done for Caribbean island relief.



Nothing we have done compared to what we did for the rescues, shelters and people following Hurricane IAN. We received, in our two warehouses, many semi truckloads of pet food & pet supplies that needed to get to the areas that were in need.

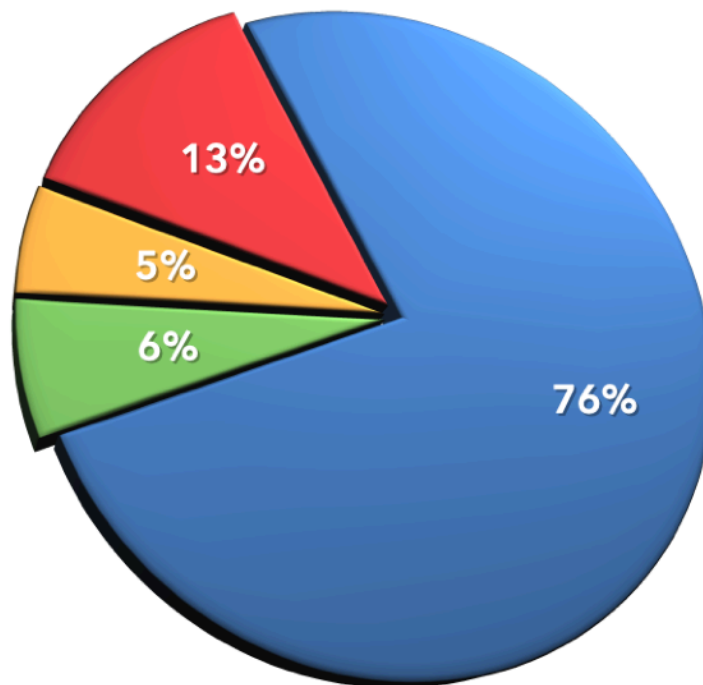
We transported to Punta Gorda, Fort Myers, Port Charlotte, Naples, Bonita Springs, Venice, Bradenton, Daytona, De Land, Ocala and the Florida Keys many areas multiple times. This was a massive undertaking but thanks to our staff and volunteers we brought relief to those who needed it. It is not over yet, there are still some areas that need help.

## How our money is used

*Thank you for your continued support. It is because of you we are able to do what we do.*

### TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED IN 2022: \$457,000

- Client Services (Broward / Miami-Dade) \$345,000
- Veterinarian Care \$30,000
- Transportation \$22,000
- Administration \$60,000



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