

LIFE notes

LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.

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Tri-County Edition



Dear Friends:

Imagine you're sitting in your living room when your dog jumps off the back of the couch and breaks its paw....or your cat suddenly breaks out in a terrible rash after rolling in the grass. You should immediately take your pet to the veterinarian. But imagine that you don't have pet health insurance, or that you simply can't afford to pay for the x-rays and other tests that the vet has ordered.

That sad fact is that thousands of dogs, cats, and other pets are being abandoned or surrendered to shelters simply because their owners cannot afford to care for them. Moreover, of the seven million pets that are living in shelters annually across the nation, nearly half are euthanized. Many are healthy and potentially adoptable, but the facilities lack the space, equipment, and other services to care for them for more than a few weeks.

So, I'm pleased to tell you that I have recently given a gift to Tri-County Animal Rescue that will allow thousands of low-income Florida families who cannot afford basic medical services for their pets to be able to access such services - from medicines and shots to medical tests, spaying, neutering, and other surgeries - as well to get food for their pets.

Upcoming events

October 5, 2019
2019 Hero Dog Awards Gala
Beverly Hills California
By Invitation Only

January 3, 2020
LIFE's 26th Annual Lady in Red Gala
The Breakers Palm Beach
6:00 pm

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(Dear Friends continued)

This \$1.5 million gift to the Tri-County Animal Rescue - the largest single donation the organization has ever received - is enabling Tri-County to complete construction and fully equip its new state-of-the-art, 9,000-square-foot veterinary center. One crucial component of the center, which will be named the Lois Pope Pet Clinic, will be its ability to do advanced x-ray tests, thanks to an MRI machine donated by our long-time partner, American Humane.

As you know, our animal friends are close to my heart - as I know they are to yours. Of course, our Annual Lady in Red Gala this year will once again benefit the Pups4Patriots program under the auspices of the Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs at American Humane. This initiative takes dogs that are relegated to shelters, where they may be in danger of being euthanized, and gives them specialized training so they can be presented free of charge to veterans suffering from PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury and provide therapy, service, and companionship to them.

Here at home, I have made donations to Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. And my new gift to Tri-County is just the latest donation I've made to that organization. Earlier, I provided resources to Tri-County to dispatch two rescue vans to New Orleans in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in order to collect lost, terrified and frequently sick animals and bring them back to health and safety at Tri-County.

And when Hurricane Irma hit Florida in September 2017 and Tri-County suffered considerable property damage, including the condemnation of one of its buildings because of a tree falling through the roof, I was so happy to provide the funding to replace that building with two new ones to house quarantined and isolated dogs undergoing medical treatment.

I hope that my new gift inspires other individuals who love and are committed to the welfare and well-being of dogs and cats to do something similar in their own communities. There is absolutely no reason for healthy, adoptable dogs and cats to languish in shelters or to be needlessly euthanized because of a lack of resources and access to affordable medical care.

A dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting for the new Lois Pope Pet Clinic at Tri-County Animal Rescue will be held soon, and I hope you will join me in this celebration of LIFE, as we continue our crusade to end the needless killing of adoptable pets.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois".

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