





PAW PRINTS NEWSLETTER

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ESTATE PLANNING

TIS THE SEASON TO HAVE "THE TALK"



Your pets are wondering, "Do you have a plan to protect me?"

It's the Holiday Season. You are probably surrounded by family and friends or at least chatting with them over the holidays. Perhaps you're also thinking of new goals for the coming year. The end of the year is a good time to have **"The Talk"** with your family or friends. What talk are we talking about? It's the talk about who will care for your beloved family pets if something happens and you can no longer care for them. And this applies to every pet owner, no matter what your age, because you never know what may happen.

Perhaps you're thinking, "my spouse will take care of them", or "our kids will take them" and perhaps they will, but it's important to confirm that with them and then document it in your estate plan documents. Every week Perpetual Care, animal shelters, and rescues receive calls from family members trying to place pets in need of rehoming after their family member has passed away or gone into a nursing facility. People are desperate to rehome the pets because there wasn't a plan in place for who will take their pets.

We recommend that you identify a primary caregiver and a secondary caregiver among your family and friends and document it. Perpetual Care provides you with a *Pet Life Care Agreement Template* that you can modify and use to document your plans. If you don't have someone willing or able to take your pets, contact us at Perpetual Care to set up your life care agreement with Perpetual Care.

For more information, and to request our template visit our website at <u>www.perpetualcare.org.</u>

PERPETUAL CARE 2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

We love that our mission helps pets, but along the way, what we have discovered is the added beauty that our mission also helps people and it's so much bigger than rescuing pets.

We give pet owners the peace of mind that their pets are going to be safe and happy for the rest of that pet's life. The stories are heartwarming and rewarding for us and we hope they are the same for you. And perhaps they will also convince you the importance of having a documented plan for your pets.



Steve with Kali

In 2023 Perpetual Care assisted Steve with his dog therapy dog Kali. Read Steve and Kali's story and other medical assist stories in our <u>2023 Impact Report</u>



Brandy's Rescue Story

Brandy's owner became too ill and was no longer able to care for him. When she went into the hospital, she called on Perpetual Care to take Brandy and rehome him. Read the whole story **HERE**.

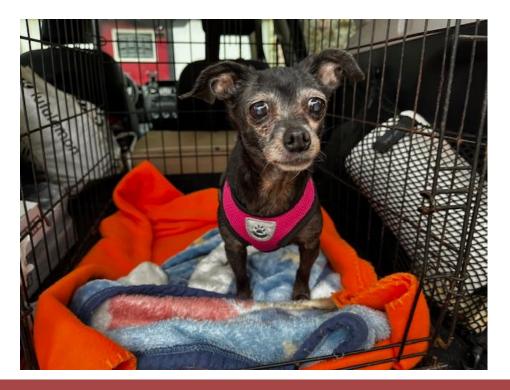
RESCUE STORY

Baby Girl

Baby Girl is a 13 year old Chihuahua. She is a sweet little girl and she is blind. Her owner, Owen, is 85 years old and is also going blind due to Glaucoma. Because he can no longer care for himself, he is going into a nursing care facility now.

Her owner lived in low income housing and couldn't afford vet care, so she hasn't been to the vet for a long time, so we have scheduled her for a vet visit to get her current on vaccinations and get a current health status for her. If for any reason she is not adoptable, she will live out her life at Perpetual Care.

If you would like to sponsor Baby Girl, please visit our website at www.perpetualcare.org/donate-now.



Please like us on <u>Facebook</u> to see what we are doing to help orphaned pets and visit our website at <u>www.perpetualcare.org</u> for more information about estate planning for pets.

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