

About Us

Our mission is to offer a home for the companion animals of those families facing Long Term Care and the rescue of those animals "Left Behind". We also hope to provide comfort and companionship, through these rescued companions, to patients and families battling the hardship of long term illness.



What We Do Makes Us Different

Our non profit organization differs from other rescue groups in that we hope to help those people facing hospice or long term care. We recognized the need for this service as evidenced by the two stories in the brochure and more stories on our website. We know the sadness and trepidation of those entering long term care facilities and when a beloved pet is involved the depression can be overwhelming. We hope to diminish the transition to these facilities by allowing the family pet to visit your loved one and to be there when the time comes for them to pass on if that is their wish. The comfort that a companion animal can offer at these times is priceless.

Another part of our program is to take in those animals that find themselves abandoned or in shelters with no place to go. We hope to assist in cases of domestic abuse or abuse of an animal when there is no where else to turn. These animals will receive the same in-home fostering and attention and will be rehabilitated and offered for adoption.

We also hope to improve the lives of those other individuals in LTC facilities and Hospice centers by having visitation from those animals that are of a good temperament and training. Statistics have shown animal therapy in LTC facilities relieve depression and have been known to relax and calm patients. It is also a break the routine of daily life and adds a little excitement and companionship.

Another part of our program is to start visiting Veteran's centers and Children's medical facilities for much the same reason with an added benefit. Again statistics show that patients undergoing Chemotherapy do better at that therapy if they have a companion pet there when medically allowed. With the therapy centers a dog can relieve the boredom of walking, stretching, and upper body strength exercises. It is much more fun to work your arms by throwing a ball, playing tug a war or working your lower body with walking for 10 minutes if you are interacting with a therapy dog. Veterans recovering from emotional and physical trauma have shown to do better with animals.

The simple fact is our pets offer unconditional love and understanding and never judge. What better therapy partner could you have?

**Rae Erickson
Founder**

What We Have Done

As an organization we have been lucky in what we have been able to do. In the past year we have been able to hold the First Vaccination Clinic for the community at Petapalooza. We were able to help over 940 dogs and one cat with free vaccinations. With all the families facing financial hardship this one event helped so many.

We were able to offer comfort to a patient before she passed. Her one love in her life was the animals. The wish of her friends was that she could be visited by a dog in her final hours. We took our therapy dog "Meku" and spent time with her before she passed. Our therapy animals have offered comfort and companionship over this last year.

We have heros to share with you one is Lynda Hansen she was a true angel to animals and when she passed we were able to take in her 5 cats and find them homes. She is an inspiration to us as are others please visit our website at www.tlbfoundation.org to learn of more.



**Lynda
Hansen**



**Vaccination
Clinic**