



Petco Place is an innovative project that offers shelter to pets belonging to homeless individuals. Operated by People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), this unique “shelter-within-a-shelter” is one of two animal centers in the US providing shelter for homeless individuals and their companion animals.

Petco Place is made possible through a generous grant provided by the Petco Foundation, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and other community contributions. Supplies, vaccines, medications and medical services are provided by a host of community organizations and volunteers.

An estimated 5-10% of homeless people have pets. Bonds formed between homeless people and their pets are often very strong. Pets are nonjudgmental, providing an emotional bond of loyalty. Homeless individuals will usually turn down an opportunity to get off the streets when forced to choose between their pet or a roof over their head.

"Providing their animals with care will give homeless individuals a sense of empowerment," says Joel John Roberts, PATH Partners CEO. "We hope this will encourage them to take charge of their lives and ultimately take the steps to end their homelessness."

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