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Under the Wing

Email: info@underthewing.org

Website: www.vgsjob.org/utw.htm

Mail: 25935 Detroit Rd #247

Westlake Ohio 44145

We Need Your Support!

While Under the Wing makes every effort to support its own programming through adoption fees and fundraising, we are dependent on the direct support of caring people like you! Even a small donation makes a big difference.

Donations are tax deductible!

Donations should be sent to:

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Please make check payable to Under the Wing.

The number of animals we can help is directly impacted by the monetary/supply support we have and by the amount of space that we have available. **Foster homes are always needed!** Under the Wing works with all foster families to ensure a good match. All Under the Wing animals are provided with medical care, food, supplies, toys and treats.

Volunteers are also needed in a number of other areas.

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Emergency Foster Care

Support for you and care for your companion animal when you need it the most.

Under the Wing is proud to provide emergency care to the companion animals of families unable to care for them temporarily because of emergencies such as domestic violence, illness or rehabilitation.

Our unique mission provides individuals with disabilities and people who have been incarcerated for non violent crimes the opportunity to enrich the community by providing animal rescue services.



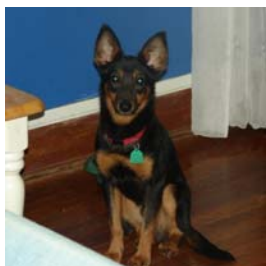
When Dex's devoted mom was badly injured, she became temporarily unable to stay in her home. Unfortunately friends and family were not able to care for Dex and facing a large unexpected medical bill, finances didn't allow for Dex to be boarded. Knowing that Dex was safe and would be back with her soon allowed Dex's mom to focus all her energy on healing.

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Companion animals are often our most loyal and loving family members. Just their presence can make a tremendous difference in our physical and emotional health.

As shelters and rescues are overrun with unwanted animals, sadly each year devoted pet parents are forced to give up their beloved pets due to a temporary inability to provide care for them. While family, friends or boarding is feasible for some, many lack the financial resources or support system to make those options possible.

Under the Wing makes a difference in these situations by offering our groundbreaking Emergency Care Program. We provide temporary foster care to companion animals of people unable to care for them on a short term basis due to medical issues, rehabilitation, domestic violence or other family emergencies.



Take the case of Sammy*, who's loving owner Sarah* unexpectedly suffered a stroke requiring hospitalization and a nursing home stay for physical rehabilitation.

*names changed

With no family or friends left to care for Sammy while she recovered, Sarah feared that her much loved companion would end up at a shelter facing an uncertain and scary future.

Already rather alone in the world, a future without Sammy seemed pretty bleak to Sarah. She felt that without her companion she had little reason to work toward recovering from her stroke.

Thanks to Under the Wing, Sammy and his mom were both able to rest easy knowing that once she was healthy enough to home, they would be reunited. Knowing that Sammy would be part of her future, gave Sarah the hope she needed to begin focusing on her physical rehabilitation.

So while Sarah worked hard at her physical recovery, Sammy enjoyed at little TLC at a foster home. While he has been missing Sarah, having foster brother and best buddy Zeik around helped him pass the time until mom was ready to come back home .



Important Facts

- Your confidentiality and safety is important to us. No identifying information about you or your situation will be shared with anyone without your written request/consent.
- The program is free of charge. We do ask that individuals being served by this program provide some support during the foster period (basic shots, food, litter, donation, etc), if they are able to. No one is **ever** turned away for an inability to provide support.



**Edison enjoys some R&R while his devoted mom works on establishing a safe and healthy living environment.*

- Some animals stay in the program only for a few days while others remain in foster care for as long as 3 to 6 months depending on the situation.
- Depending on the space available, dogs, cats, birds and other family pets are all welcome as long as they do not have aggression issues. All animals must be spayed/neutered and up to date on vaccinations before entering foster care. If that poses a barrier, Under the Wing will provide that medical care upon entry.
- To protect the confidentiality and safety of our clients and foster parents no visits are allowed at the foster homes. Arrangements can be made for you to visit with your pet in the community. Phone calls and/or email updates are provided and you are welcome to contact us as often as you like!
- Under the Wing is a not for profit organization registered federally and locally. Our board and volunteers consist of people in the community from many walks of life including animal rescue workers as well as social service and vocational rehabilitation professionals. We have experience providing emergency foster care and regular animal rescue services. All foster parents are carefully screened.
- We care about what we do and those that we serve.