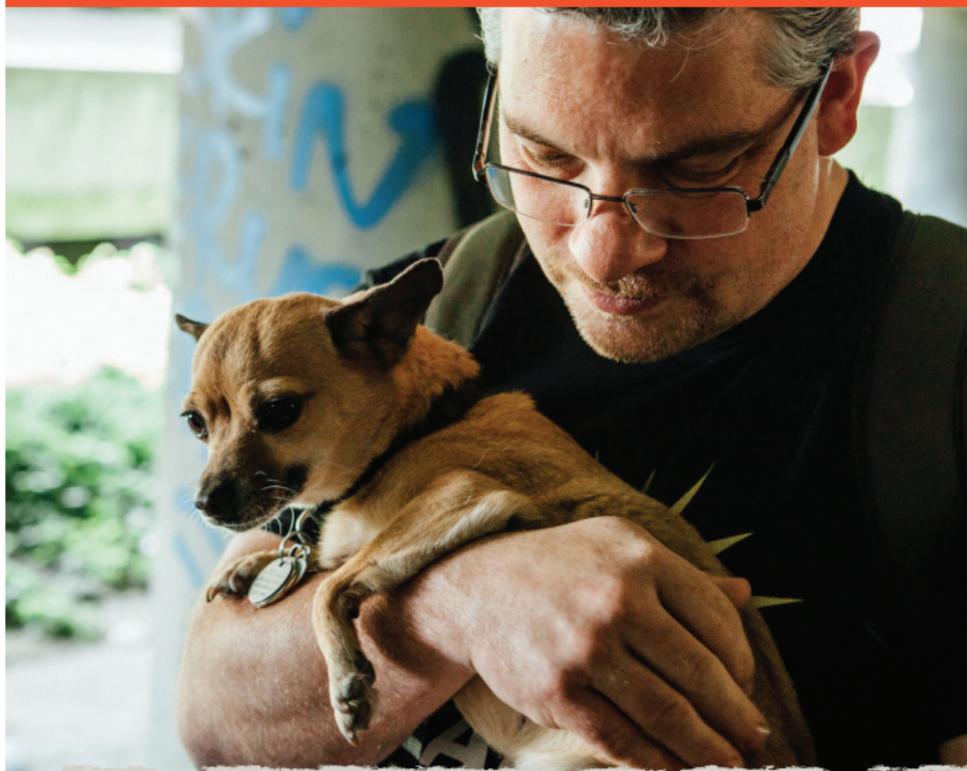


# MISSION

## Paws Project



**More than two-thirds of homeless people in King County are pet owners. The vast majority will not accept help without their pets to accompany them.**

At Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, we recognize and respect the inseparable bonds many homeless people have with their pets, and we've created a program designed just for them.

Mission Paws Project is a new and unique program that helps homeless people both keep and better care for their pets as they obtain the help they need to get on their feet and become self-sufficient. Mission Paws Project helps support, maintain and even strengthen the close bonds of pet owners and their pets by providing:

- Supplies and Food Drives
- Education and Training
- Medical Care
- Foster Care



**Would you prayerfully consider helping the homeless community of King County and their beloved pets by donating your time and/or resources? There are many opportunities to get involved.**

## **How does Mission Paws Project help?**

### **Supplies and Food Drives**

We partner with area pet care stores and agencies to collect essential items such as food, collars, leashes, bedding and more. This includes year-round drives to collect food from the community at large in special bins placed within pet stores. We distribute these items throughout the Mission. We carry individual food packages for distribution in all of our outreach vehicles.

### **Education and Training**

We conduct interactive training on the streets of King County to help homeless people with fundamental pet behavior training, as well as to teach preventative care, such as grooming and basic first aid care. We also teach safe pet handling techniques to Mission staff, interns and volunteers.

### **Medical Care**

We work with established veterinary clinics, programs and veterinarians to provide pro bono health care for pets, as well as opportunities for spaying and neutering.

### **Foster Care**

We partner with volunteers, donors, businesses and other organizations to build and run a foster care system that provides short-term living arrangements for pets while their owners seek medical and/or addiction treatment.

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