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GOLD COAST VETERANS FOUNDATION “VETS WITH PETS” PROGRAM FAQ

WHAT IS VETS WITH PETS?

Gold Coast Veterans Foundation (GCVF), the region’s leading veteran services nonprofit, has created the innovative “Vets With Pets” program to help Veterans with pets find housing and address a leading cause of homelessness among local Veterans.

WHY IS VETS WITH PETS NEEDED NOW?

GCVF has created “Vets With Pets” to provide vital financial and other resources Veterans with pets need to secure the housing that will keep them off the streets and with their pets. “Vets With Pets” was created to help keep Veterans from being left with the horrible choice of abandoning or even euthanizing their pet -- often their best friend -- or going without housing or food and probably living on the streets. More than half of homeless veterans have pets that provide companionship, emotional support, and a deep bond that they simply cannot establish with other people.

HOW DOES THE VETS WITH PETS PROGRAM WORK?

The “Vets With Pets” program utilizes several successful current GCVF initiatives, including the organizations’ highly successful Mobile Veteran Outreach program, to focus on providing support for homeless veterans with companion pets seeking housing by providing financial aid for security deposits and cleaning fees, pet training, supplies and care resources and working closely with property management to get GCVF Veterans housed

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE VETS WITH PETS PROGRAM?

WHO DOES THE VETS WITH PETS PROGRAM HELP?

Homeless Veterans at GCVF have declined housing that did not allow their pets and now this important new program can help them find good homes for themselves without having to give up their beloved pets.

WHAT IS THE GOLD COAST VETERANS FOUNDATION

GCVF provides everything to prevent or eliminate suffering and homelessness for American veterans. GCVF has rescued nearly 300 veterans and family members from homelessness. All services are provided free of charge. For information, visit <http://www.gcvf.org> or call (805) 482-6550.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For information, visit www.gcvf.org

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