

# TRICK OR TREAT FOR HOMELESS PETS



Collect donations for homeless pets this Halloween and help your local animal shelters and rescue groups.



## Did you know?

Approximately 5 to 7 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year, and approximately 3 million to 4 million are euthanized (60 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats) simply because there is no one to adopt them.

Percentages vary from state to state.

**10¢** provides a cat or dog with food for 1 day

**\$2** buys a treatment to keep a dog or cat free from fleas and ticks for 1 month

**\$19** provides special formula and supplies to save an orphaned kitten or puppy

**\$75** gives a shelter animal a full veterinary exam, vaccinations and microchip

**\$200** spays/neuters 3 dogs or cats, preventing countless unwanted litters and helping animals live longer, healthier and happier lives

### Facts about Pet Ownership in the U.S.:

- About 63 percent of all households in the United States have a companion animal. (Source: American Veterinary Medical Association)
- About 75 million dogs and 85 million cats live in homes in the United States. (Source: Pet Food Institute)
- About 65 percent of pet owners acquire their pets free or at low cost. (Source: National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy)
- Companion cats and dogs generally live longer, healthier lives than strays.

### Facts about Pet Overpopulation in the U.S.:

- Only ten percent of the animals received by shelters have been spayed or neutered. About 75 percent of owned pets are neutered.
- The average number of litters a fertile cat produces is one to two a year; average number of kittens is 4-6 per litter.
- The average number of litters a fertile dog produces is one a year; average number of puppies is 4-6.
- The cost of spaying or neutering a pet is less than the cost of raising puppies or kittens for a year.
- Twenty-five percent of dogs who enter local shelters are purebred. (Source: NCPPSP)

Want to help? Go to [tot4hp.org](http://tot4hp.org) to learn more!

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