

Requirements

- ✓ Must adopt a pet from one of our participating shelters. Visit our website for more information.
- ✓ Veterans who are under a doctor's care and have a condition that could benefit from a companion animal and who are able to care for a pet, are eligible to receive a Pets Beside Vets companion animal.
- ✓ A Doctor's letter of recommendation is required.
- ✓ \$5.00 application fee.
- ✓ One adoption per household.

Program Details

All adopted pets:

- Will be spayed or neutered prior to leaving the shelter.
- Will be checked by a veterinarian and up to date on all vaccinations prior to leaving the shelter.
- New Bedford Coalition for Animals will pay up to a \$75.00 adoption fee for a cat and \$140 for a dog.
- While funds are available!

For more information about the "Pets Beside Vets" pet adoption program visit our website at

www.coalitionforanimals.com



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Pets Beside Vets



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Greater New
Bedford

The Pets Beside Vets program is dedicated to supporting our local Veterans and providing a second chance for a shelter animal. By pairing a devoted companion animal with a veteran, the effects can be lifesaving.

*Helping Heal the Lives of Our
Nation's Heroes and Shelter Pets!*



A way to say "thanks"

Time and again ordinary people have served our Nation in extraordinary ways so that all Americans can pursue the happiness our Founding Fathers envisioned for us.

By their service, they have kept America strong and they have protected our way of life and freedom. Animals can also play an important role in our daily lives. They supply us with an unconditional love, protection and loyalty only an animal can give. We would like to thank our Veterans by pairing them up with a homeless shelter animal that has so very much to offer.

Our Pets Besides Vets program is a humanitarian one in which everyone benefits.

The Animals... Shelter Cats and dogs are adopted into loving homes. 3 to 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year. These animals can make excellent companion animals but never have that chance. Our program will help find homes for some of these animals.

The Vets... Sadly, there are alarming statistics of suicide, family abuse and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder facing veterans returning to civilian life after military duty. This can cause a downward spiral of apathy, unemployment, broken relationships, addiction and depression. It is our belief that companion animals can be the lifesaving therapy or friend that many returning service men and women need.

Veterans gain the love, devotion and companionship that pets bring. The elderly are especially well served by companion pets. There are even some potential medical benefits. Correlational studies have suggested that pet owners have fewer annual

visits to physicians, take less medication, recuperate better and quicker from certain surgeries and are more likely to take more walks. Research from social and medical sciences confirms that companion animals can and do improve the health and happiness of people. Medical studies have shown that companion animals significantly improve mental and physical health, including reducing stress, depression and anxiety, symptoms experienced by many serving in the military.

A Pet's companionship can be lifesaving. Companion animals offer the joy of unconditional love for all people, regardless of age, health, social or even economic status.

Let us help you
adopt your new best
friend today!!

