Providing a home...until they come home

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NO PET LEFT BEHIND



MAKE AN IMPACT

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Help our active military and veteran heroes
find a safe, temporary place for their pets.

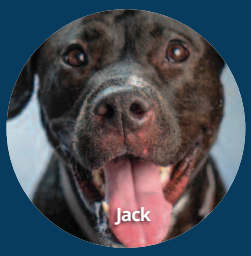

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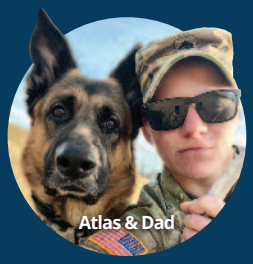

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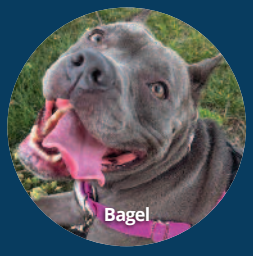

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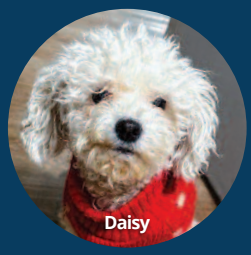

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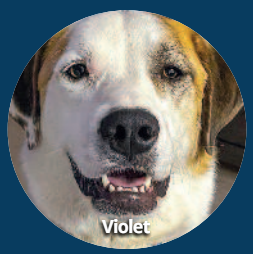

CeCe


Katie & Mom


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& friend


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Violet


Sushi

WHAT WE DO

We're Operation Foster.™ Since 2010, we've been devoted to helping our military by fostering their beloved pets during **deployment or long-term health crises.** These brave heroes may be called to duty without ample notice – or may face prolonged medical treatment as veterans. Too often, there's insufficient time or resources to find a safe place for their cherished animals who may otherwise be surrendered to shelters. Permanently. That's why we're here. Our compassionate network becomes **boots on the ground** – identifying and vetting the perfect foster family and seamlessly supervising all aspects of a temporary placement, from the first call to their unforgettably heartwarming reunion.

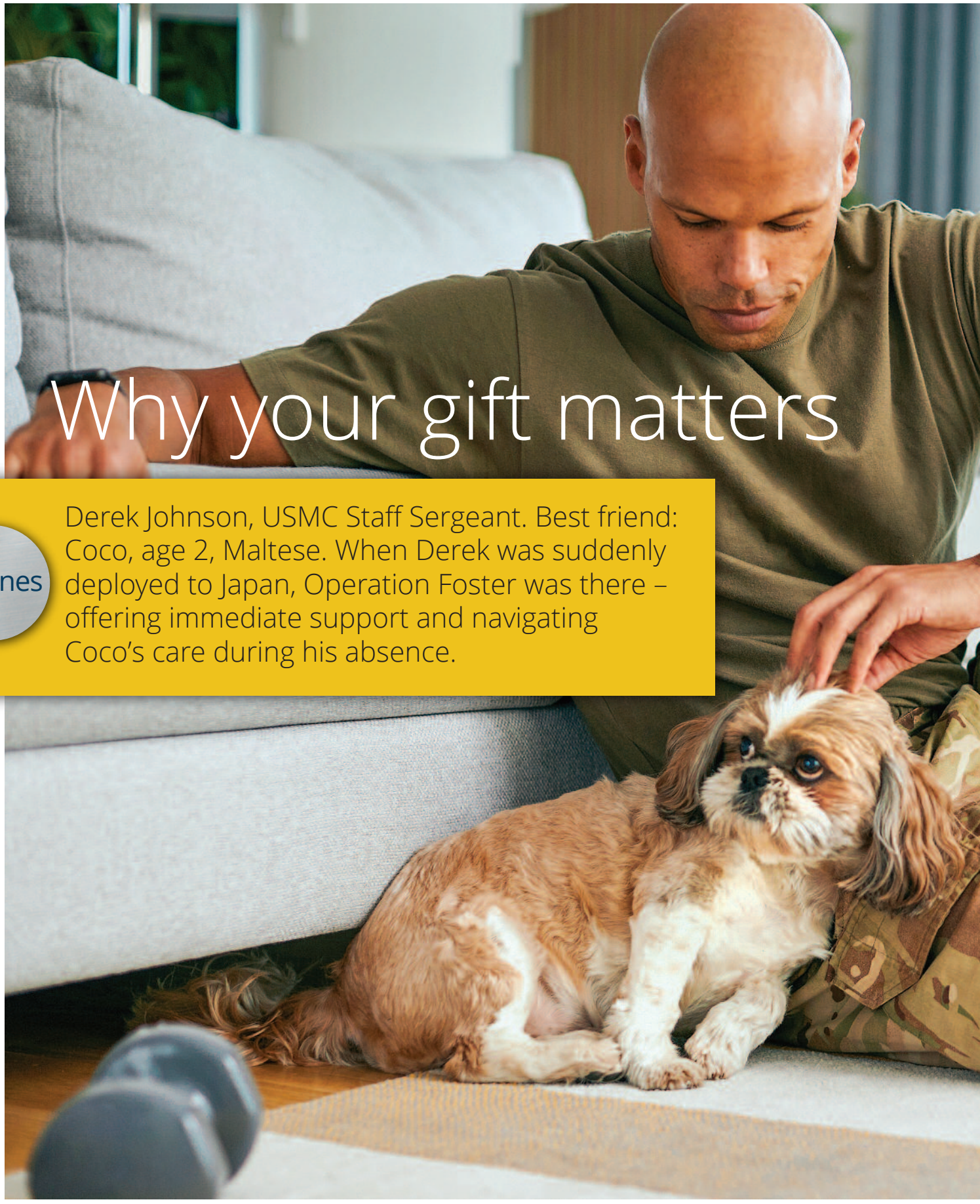
HOW WE DO IT

Through extensive outreach and tireless screening, we select exceptional foster families who meet our requirements and can accept pets for up to 24 months – in **every state nationwide.** We then match these loving homes with each soldier and animal in need, rapidly processing requests for help and **managing logistics 24/7.** We also prearrange payment for food and medical care through the pet owner and oversee a complex, end-to-end checklist, so that all details are thoroughly monitored and supervised...right down to ongoing communication between fosters and soldiers.

WHY WE NEED YOU

Compassionate donors, devoted host families and dedicated volunteers all come together to create our **Foster Force** – a solid infrastructure of committed stakeholders who work to save lives and support our armed forces. We rely on this extraordinary team to make it all happen, around the clock, every day of every year. Join our Foster Force community today and help us in any way you can. Make a donation...open your home to an animal friend desperately in need... explore corporate giving opportunities at your workplace...share our story on social media. We are the only nonprofit of our kind. We are people helping people. And together, **we offer peace of mind to a soldier** through our safety net of caring – by ensuring that no pet is ever left behind.





Why your gift matters

Marines

Derek Johnson, USMC Staff Sergeant. Best friend: Coco, age 2, Maltese. When Derek was suddenly deployed to Japan, Operation Foster was there – offering immediate support and navigating Coco's care during his absence.



Meet Coco's Foster Force parents, Shannon and Matt Mulholland, Scottsdale, AZ

Shannon and Matt didn't know Derek Johnson. But when his unit was called away for emergency operations, they happily welcomed Coco into their home – an experience that deeply benefited everyone and led to enduring ties.

Favorite memory: Coco's first night with us. She was unsure but shyly cuddled between us watching our favorite cooking show. By morning, she was hogging the pillows and blankets.

Staying connected: We loved getting to know Derek and keeping him in touch with all of Coco's adventures. We sent emails frequently and even FaceTimed almost every week.

Biggest challenge: Coco got stung by a bee during a walk! We got her to the vet ASAP, and luckily, other than a funny-looking nose, she recovered quickly. And Operation Foster had already arranged payment for her medical care.

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Derek and Coco were reunited after 17 months apart. And they still FaceTime with the Mulhollands.

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Army

Molly O’Brien, US Army Major. Soulmate: Homer, age 8, Siberian Husky. Molly’s plans for pet care fell through days before she left for long-term duty in the Middle East. Operation Foster stepped in, quickly arranging for a wonderful foster home.

Your support in action



Meet Homer's Foster Force mom, Linda Bell, Grand Rapids, MI

When we first called Linda, she answered...with an open heart. Recently widowed, she felt an emptiness in her life but wasn't sure how to fill that void. Fostering Homer became the missing piece – a way to help a military hero, a precious animal and herself.

Biggest reward: Knowing that I saved Homer from going to a shelter and never, ever coming back. I can't even imagine how devastating that would have been.

Favorite pastime: I volunteer at a senior center, and Homer came along with me! He became a regular visitor, sitting with the residents during story hour.

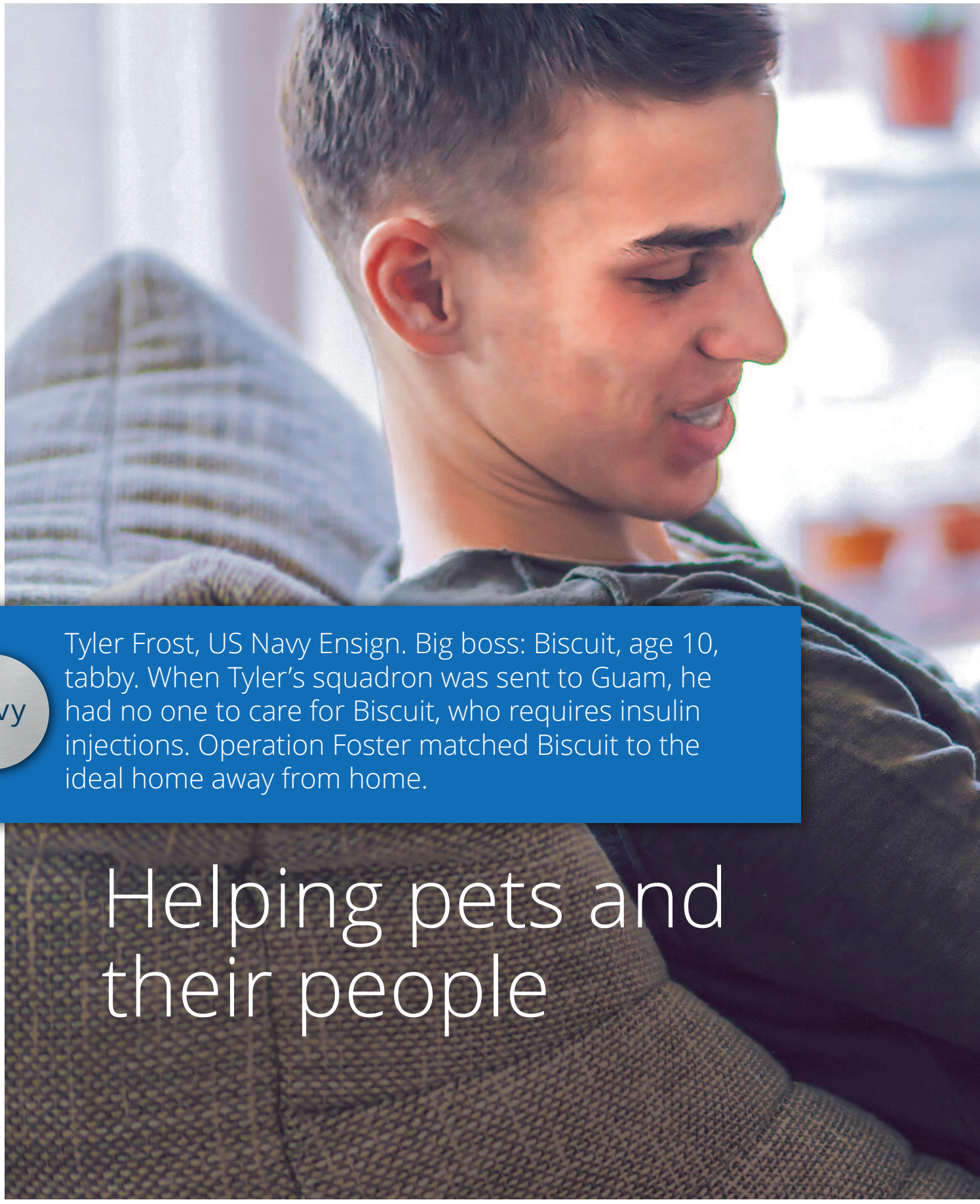
Happy reunions: When Molly drove up, Homer knew something was going on right away. He took off running toward her and actually tackled her. Their joy was simply beautiful to watch.

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BUDDIES FOR LIFE

Molly and Homer send Linda birthday cards every year – and they even stopped by the senior center to say hi to all of Homer's friends.

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Navy

Tyler Frost, US Navy Ensign. Big boss: Biscuit, age 10, tabby. When Tyler's squadron was sent to Guam, he had no one to care for Biscuit, who requires insulin injections. Operation Foster matched Biscuit to the ideal home away from home.

Helping pets and their people



Meet Biscuit's Foster Force buddy, David Brooks, Fresno, CA

We turned to David to foster Biscuit for a few reasons. First, he's a total cat person, right down to the cat ears on his mailbox. As a vet tech, he's familiar with caring for a pet on meds – carefully administering Biscuit's insulin. Finally, he just rescued a kitten named Millie, who became Biscuit's instant BFF.

Favorite game: Catch me if you can! Every evening, Biscuit would run through the house after dinner and hide. I'd find him, and he'd take off to a new spot. I would eventually give up.

Picture-perfect moment: My kitten, Millie, liked to curl up under Biscuit's chin and nap in front of the fireplace. I even put a framed photo of that scene on my mantel.

Why I foster: Helping Tyler while he was deployed, giving Biscuit a safe home and making sure his medical needs are met – there is no greater privilege.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Biscuit really enjoyed his seven months with David. He connected with his new kitten foster sister – and even lost a few much-needed pounds during his visit.



Air Force

Katie Freeman, US Air Force Airman. Loves Freddy, age 4, Collie. Katie was called up for advanced training across the country. Having recently moved to a new base, she didn't know anyone who could take Freddy. Operation Foster saved the day.

There when we're needed most



Meet Freddy's Foster Force family, the Stewarts, Jacksonville, FL

The Stewarts are a big, colorful, loving family of six, with kids ranging in ages from 18 months to 16. Freddy fit right in – immediately becoming part of their everyday life, enjoying lots of affection and learning valuable lessons about patience and sharing.

Cherished memory: Freddy walked with our older ones to the bus stop every morning and would run on the bus to say hello to all of the kids!

One of the family: Our children love to run and play. Freddy was always right there alongside them, catching frisbees, burying sticks, even splashing in the pool.

Letters from home: We sent emails and lots of pics to Katie. The kids all updated her with a fun fact about Freddy and made a big photo collage for her when she returned.

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TIES THAT BIND

Katie and Freddy recently visited the Stewart family and were thrilled to be part of their annual holiday card photo shoot with everyone in matching sweaters.

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WHAT



7 RETURN TO HOME BASE

- Manage dates, times and locations for reunion
- Direct transportation logistics and resolve unexpected issues
- Confirm, document and celebrate successful reunion

6 MAINTAIN ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS

- Ensure clear communications between owner and foster
- Monitor pet's health and happiness
- Offer continuous support throughout foster care

5 COORDINATE TRANSPORT

- Coordinate transfer dates, times and locations
- Supervise successful transition
- Troubleshoot any issues that arise
- Confirm safe arrival

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NATIONWIDE OPERATIONS

It costs us $750 to manage the foster process for every pet we help, and since our inception, we've placed **over 4,000 cherished animals** into temporary foster homes in all 50 states. We rely on your generosity and kindness to keep our network viable and strong.

WE DO

EVERY OPERATION BEGINS HERE

SNAPSHOT STER 60

1 ANSWER THE CALL
- Review new application
- Determine eligibility
- Assess additional information

2 PROCESS PAPERWORK
- Obtain veterinary records
- Secure military/medical documents
- Complete client contract
- Procure photos and details of pet needs

3 SECURE A FOSTER
- Evaluate available foster homes
- Promote pet via social media and web site
- Field questions from potential foster homes
- Match pet's unique needs with ideal home

4 FINALIZE LOGISTICS
- Conduct virtual foster home visit
- Verify foster home references
- Execute foster home agreement
- Secure payment for food/vet care

★ Seamless end-to-end maneuvers

- ☑ Background & security checks
- ☑ Supply chain management
- ☑ Transportation coordination
- ☑ Ongoing support & communication
- ☑ Successful return to home base

Securing the right foster home for every pet, every time.

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HOW WE

FOSTER FORCE: JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Our incredible donors, volunteers and foster families make up our **Foster Force** – a deeply compassionate group committed to keeping a promise: that **no pet is ever left behind.** When a military hero is called up for long-term duty or a proud veteran requires extended medical treatment, the Foster Force provides rapid response to find a temporary home for their pets. **Everyone can be part of the Foster Force** by opening their home, making a donation or helping us get the word out.



Foster Force families are on the front line of our network, offering animals a safe, loving place for up to 24 months.

Our foster home buddies:

- Open their heart to a pet in need and share their passion for animals.
- Provide continuous care as they would for their own pets or children.
- Preserve a bond between service members and their loving animals while they are far apart through photos, updates and emails.

DO IT
OF CARING



FOSTER FORCE: IN THE FIELD

We need volunteers in every state to help us temporarily rehome military-owned animals seamlessly.

Our volunteer partners:

- Organize fundraising events in their community to support our mission to save animals.
- Help raise awareness of our free services for all active military and veterans.
- Offer invaluable administrative support nationwide to implement our Foster 360 program.



FOSTER FORCE: FROM THE HEART

Our generous donors keep our mission alive – so we can continue to answer the call 24/7, match pets and people and oversee every placement from start to finish.

Our financial supporters:

- Make sure that no pet ever suffers while their people are away.
- Provide the resources to ensure peace of mind for our proud military in need.
- Make a tangible impact through planned giving and other ways to contribute.

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WHO WE

OUR HISTORY: ONE MISSION

OUR STORY

Our mission began in 2010, when lawyer and animal advocate Buzz Miller founded PACT (People and Animal Companions Together), a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping animals at risk through community involvement. Since our inception, we've been devoted to protecting the human-animal bond.

Today, we have refocused our team and expanded our resources into **Operation Foster** – the only national social services organization that manages the entire foster process for our military heroes and their pets.





The need:

Imagine learning that your unit ships out next week – that you will be far from home for weeks, months, maybe longer. Or picture a veteran who needs extended medical treatment. Often, these heroes have nowhere for their pets to go while they're away. And their beloved companions must be surrendered to shelters with **no hope of reuniting.** We receive calls for help every day – with requests on the rise.

SERVE



"After 35 years in the Navy, I needed major back surgery, but I was worried where my black lab, Buddy, would go. My wife passed and my daughter lives in Europe now, so I decided to live in pain instead of risking Buddy's safety. I found Operation Foster – and they found me a home for Buddy during my five-month recovery. These people are true angels. I'm forever grateful."

STEVE "SKIP" MARTIN, HANNIBAL MO

The outcome:

Operation Foster is a lifeline for **every branch of our armed forces.** Our Foster Force network extends into every state in the country, providing loving homes and full-circle support. We place large, small and high-energy animals of all ages, including dogs, cats, ferrets and even reptiles. We receive no direct federal government funding, and all of our services are offered entirely **free of charge.**

Ways to give:

It takes $750 to save just one military-owned pet from possible euthanasia at a shelter. Here's how you can help us find safe, loving foster homes for these beloved animals:

- One-time or monthly donation
- Planned giving, including donor advised funds
- Family charitable foundations
- Combined Federal Campaign for federal employees, military members, retirees
- Community fundraisers
- Corporate donations and sponsorships
- Matching corporate gifts

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GET INVOLVED

See how rewarding it can be to give back to our military and save animals. Join our Foster Force in whatever capacity you can and be part of our mandate that **no pet is ever left behind.**

DONATE AND CHANGE LIVES

- It takes $750 to foster a pet while their person is away.
- These funds are needed to identify, screen and approve qualified foster families, oversee the transportation, monitor all aspects of caretaking and facilitate reunions.
- We maximize every dollar to make our work possible – and no donation is too small.
- We also partner with companies to set up matching gifts and other opportunities to contribute.

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Open your home to a beloved pet whose human is away for an extended period.
- Offer ongoing administrative support to foster families during an animal's stay.
- Host fundraising events in your community or at nearby military installations.
- Help us process applications, coordinate transportation and manage vet appointments.



★ FACES OF FOSTER FORCE ★



Juliet Noble

"Being a Foster Force buddy gave me a new purpose and passion. I receive unconditional love from a beautiful animal who would have perished without my aid – and I'm able to give boundless affection in return. This is truly the best experience ever."



Karl and Christine Moore

"Both Christine and I have always respected the sacrifices of our military heroes. So it's an honor to make our donation every month, knowing that we're giving back to those who have given us so much."



The Erikson Family

"We have a special-needs kid, and at first, I was hesitant about fostering a pet. I wasn't sure how everyone would get along. It's simply amazing to watch my children interact with our new friend. Absolutely wonderful and joyful."



Wendy A. Kelly

Colonel, US Army (Retired)

"After 30 years in the army, I joined Operation Foster's board so I could help those who serve. Our group allows warfighters and veterans to concentrate on their duties or receive critical medical care, knowing that their best friends are safe and loved."



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