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Event Provides Care for Pets of Homeless Guests

Eugene, Ore. – Homeless citizens won't be the only ones receiving help at this year's Project Homeless Connect for Lane County event, set for Friday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Lane Events Center at the Fairgrounds.

Greenhill Humane Society, Pro-Bone-O and the Community Veterinary Center are teaming up to provide care for the dogs and cats of guests during the event. Services include secure kenneling, flea treatments, nail clippings, pet food and supplies, and vouchers for free spay and neutering. General information about future low or no-cost treatment and care will also be made available.

Pets are often an important part of the lives of homeless citizens who rely on them for security or consistent companionship.

"The on-site pet care area not only provides guests with a safe place to leave their dogs or cats while they seek services at the event, but helps these animals get care they might not otherwise receive," said Cary Lieberman, Executive Director of Greenhill Humane Society and Project Homeless Connect's Animal Care Coordinator.

Project Homeless Connect for Lane County is a one-day, one-stop event that provides critical services and basic necessities to people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. Guests are offered a variety of free services including medical exams, dental checkups, vision care, hot meals, haircuts, essential provisions and information on a variety of helpful resources.

Last year the event served 1,158 guests. More than 300 of those guests also received free pet supplies and food for their dogs or cats, as well as a variety of other pet care services.

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