We Show Up Where Love Meets Need.

Fences For Fido is the only organization in the Pacific Northwest dedicated to improving the lives of dogs by unchaining them. We provide **free fences, warm shelter, veterinary care, and essential support.** We serve socially, financially, and geographically isolated communities—ensuring every dog has the chance to live a free, healthy, and happier life.

Fences For Fido
Circle of Care

FENCES
Free fences for chained dogs, transitional housing communities & domestic violence shelters

SHELTER
Warm dog houses & shade structures

SPAY/NEUTER
Spay/neuter for all dogs who receive fences & family cats

RURAL VETERINARY CLINICS
Vaccine & wellness clinics for dogs & cats

VET CARE
Life-saving vet care & emergency surgeries

PET FOOD
Supplemental pet food for dogs & cats

Because Every Dog Deserves Freedom, Shelter & Nourishment

4000+
Dogs
Unchained

2100
Dog Houses
Delivered

826,000
Pounds of Dog
& Cat Food for
Pets in Need

Where Love Meets Need

Cammy lost everything after she got sick and couldn't work.

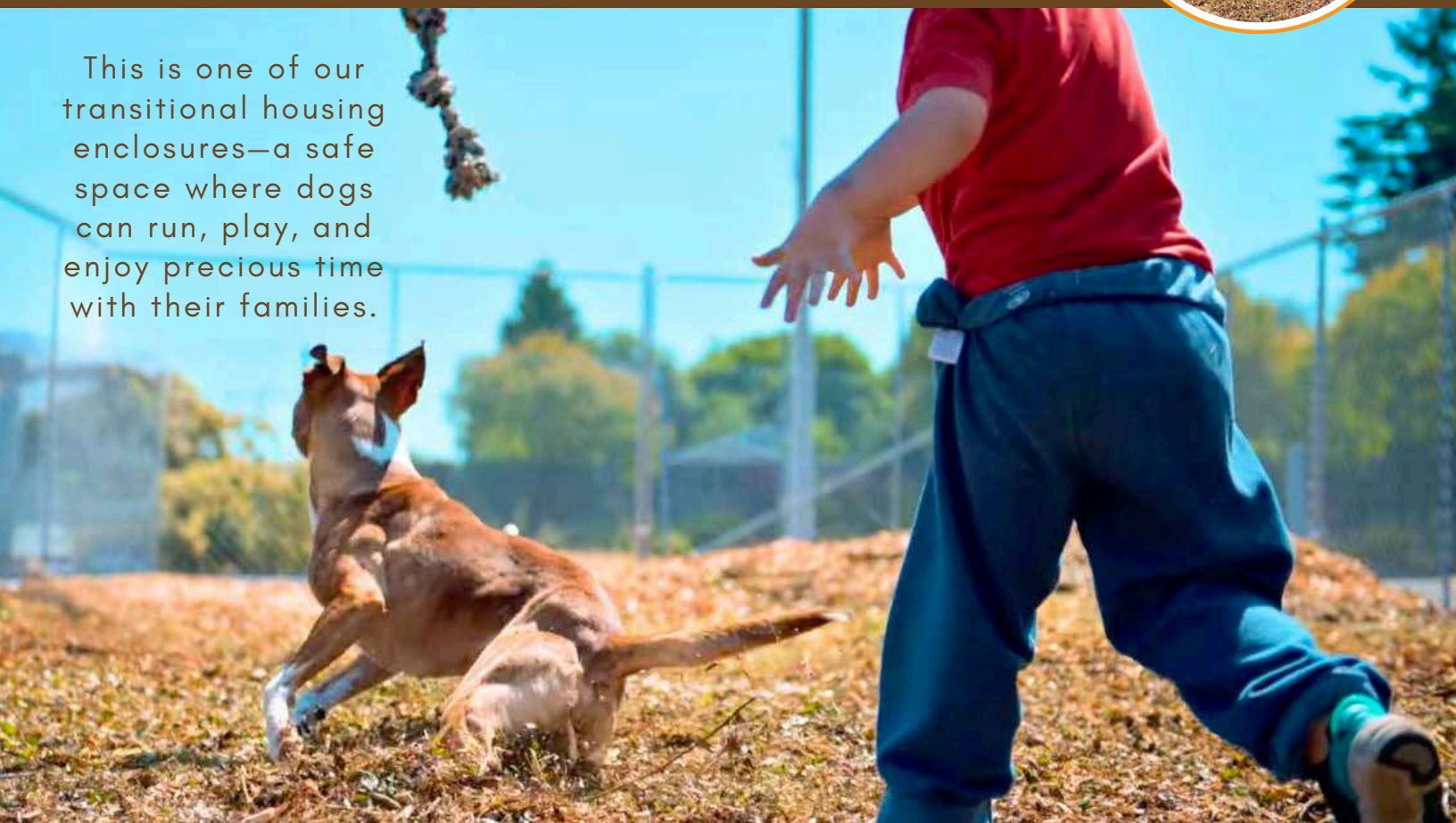
She lived in her car while she waited for her subsidized housing. A local family offered temporary use of their backyard, so we built a roomy, safe enclosure where Cammy cared for her dogs every day until they all moved into stable housing.

> "What you guys are doing is the difference in whether or not I get to keep my dogs. They're not just pets. They're my babies."
>
> - Cammy

Transitional Housing & Domestic Violence Shelters Fences & Runs

Fences for Fido builds free, secure play yards for families living in transitional housing and domestic violence shelters—ensuring that pets have a safe place to run and play while staying together with the people who love them.

By removing barriers to pet companionship during times of crisis, **we help keep families whole, support healing, and give both people and pets the freedom and comfort they deserve.**



This is one of our transitional housing enclosures—a safe space where dogs can run, play, and enjoy precious time with their families.

Life-Saving Veterinary Care

For many families, even the most basic needs can feel out of reach — limited income, rural locations, health challenges, or lack of transportation can make it difficult to access food, veterinary care, or other essential services for their pets. When resources are scarce, pets can go underfed, unvaccinated, and unaltered — leading to preventable illness and disease and unplanned litters.

Families who love their animals deeply often face heartbreaking choices as they struggle to care for ever-growing numbers of pets.

When families have nowhere else to turn, **Fences For Fido is that lifeline,** providing life-saving emergency veterinary care and much-needed relief from pain.

Where Love Meets Need

Zoe finally received the critical care she needed for her cherry eye, cleft palate, eye entropion, severe ear and urinary tract infections, and hair loss. Imagine the relief of finally feeling healthy and comfortable again.

Where Love Meets Need

When we first met Scooby, he was a senior dog who had a cancerous tumor on his face. With the help of our supporters, we gave him freedom, gentle care, and the comfort every dog deserves, especially in their golden years.

Routine Spay & Neuter

The crisis that began during the pandemic continues to impact both people and animals. Shelters and rescues remain at capacity, housing insecurity is rising, and veterinary costs have increased nearly 40% in the last few years.

In response, **Fences For Fido has funded 3,500 veterinary services across the communities we serve.**

Every dog we unchain is spayed or neutered and receives essential wellness care — often their first-ever vet visit — **helping ensure they live happy, healthy lives with families who cherish them.**

Rural Clinics & Support

In partnership with Madras Animal Hospital, Fences For Fido holds free vaccine and wellness clinics and year-round spay and neuter services for families on the Warm Springs Reservation. Here, **Fences For Fido is the only nonprofit organization approved by the Tribal Council** to provide services for dogs and cats.

During our clinics, dogs receive vaccines to protect against rabies, parvovirus, and distemper, as well as treatments for fleas and ticks, and deworming. Cats receive vaccines for rabies and RVRCP, as well as treatment for fleas and ticks, and deworming.

These simple, preventive measures save lives—stopping the spread of deadly diseases, easing financial burdens for families, and building a **safer, healthier future for pets and their people.**

Key Activities & Expenses

Our most significant expenses have the greatest impact on fulfilling our mission to relieve suffering and save lives.

These essential services directly support the health, safety, and well-being of dogs and cats across Oregon and Washington.

Fencing materials to unchain dogs, giving them freedom and safety.	**$100,000**
Dog houses and shade structures to provide comfort and protection from harsh weather.	**$22,000**
Spay/neuter, routine and emergency veterinary care, vaccine and wellness clinics to reduce overpopulation, keep pets healthy and prevent suffering, and improve community animal health.	**$202,200**
Pet Food assistance for dogs and cats to help struggling families care for their pets, ensuring no dog or cat goes hungry.	**$101,400**

Our impact operates through the collective generosity of our supporters — the heartbeat of our mission — who share our vision for a better future.

Where Love Meets Need — In Practice

A Reflection from the Field

When we build a fence, we often step into the lives of families facing serious challenges. Each fence reveals the growing inequities in access to pet care across Oregon and beyond.

The fence itself is just the beginning. It opens the door for us to provide other essential support — vaccines, spay/neuter services, food, supplies — and, most importantly, the chance to listen.

Our work brings us into the lives and yards of our most vulnerable neighbors. What we've learned is that **chaining is rarely a first choice — it's a last resort.** Behind every dog on a chain, and every family struggling to access care, is a story of someone doing their best with what they have.

By Kelly Peterson
Co-Founder
& Board Chair

We see firsthand the painful impact of barriers to affordable veterinary care. **The truth is, most of the pets who receive support from Fences For Fido have never seen a veterinarian before.**

That's where we step in — meeting families where they are, offering compassionate, practical solutions to help them better meet the needs of their pets, and bridging the gaps for those isolated from care.

Our circle of care extends beyond fences to include doghouses, monthly pet food, veterinary services, and supplies — giving pets the chance to live longer, healthier lives with the families who love them.

We see the systems that are failing families who want nothing more than to keep their pets safe and cared for. Fences For Fido stands as a prevention partner, offering community-driven solutions and a lifeline that keep pets and people together — **where love meets need.**

Izzy & Darlene: Where Love Meets Need—In Action

An elderly woman named Darlene, living in rural Central Oregon, had lost everything in a fire and was sharing a small cabin with her dog, Izzy, who was born blind. Without a fence, Izzy would wander and sometimes become lost for days at a time. In communities like this, there aren't always organizations to call, so when a neighbor reached out for help, we said "yes" and planned to build a fence right away.

But before we could even begin, everything changed.

While out of state for her mother's funeral, Darlene suffered multiple strokes, leaving Izzy alone on the property. Within hours, Fences For Fido partnered with a local rescue to find a foster home, making sure Izzy remained safe and cared for while Darlene recovered.

A month later, everything—and everyone—came back together. Our volunteers finished Izzy's fence, and the reunion between Izzy and Darlene brought tears to our eyes.

Today, we continue to support them with pet food and care—because that's what it means to stay.

Recently, Darlene sent a message out of the blue: **"In tears, without your help, I wouldn't have Izzy. Thank u."**

That's the work. Not just helping dogs—but keeping them with the people who love them. Because when there is no one else, Fences For Fido says "yes."

And Izzy's story isn't unique. It's one of thousands across Oregon **where access, not love, is the barrier.**

When You Say "Yes," Amazing Happens!

Your support makes it possible for us to say "yes" to families who have nowhere else to turn, relieving suffering and keeping families and their pets together.

Watch compassion in action!

Be inspired by the story of the Christmas Valley family with nine dogs who finally got the help they needed.

See the profound, full-circle impact of our mission.

Watch the moment when we celebrated 4000 dogs UNCHAINED!

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Client Testimonials

"Fences For Fido changed my dog's life and my life. I never knew how unhappy he was on a chain. Chopper is the happiest dog in the world! And you have a major hand in that. We spend lots more time together now. Never again a chain!"

- Keith, Chopper's Family, Portland, OR

"Thank you so much for the food for Nito. You don't know how much it helps us right now with everything that's going on. At least he has food."

- Nito's Family, Salem, OR

"I wanted to thank you all so very much for the gift of the fence. It has made a tremendous difference. Kia and Kya are running and playing together again. It's been a LONG time since they've had that opportunity."

- Linda, Kia and Kya's Family, Vancouver, WA

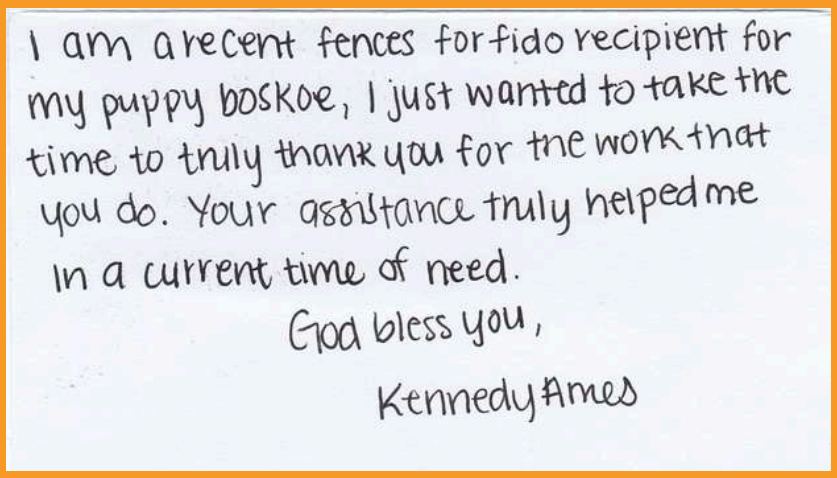
Where Love Meets Need

When Buck received his very own fence —his mom introduced herself, beaming with love:

"Hi, I'm Buck's mom."

This bond is why we strive to keep families and pets together.

From Kennedy, one of our clients:



I am a recent fences for fido recipient for my puppy boskoe, I just wanted to take the time to truly thank you for the work that you do. Your assistance truly helped me in a current time of need.

God bless you,

Kennedy Ames

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