



Hungry People Have Hungry Pets The Fairy Dog-Mother Project

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you lost your job? How would you pay the rent or mortgage? How would you deal with health insurance? How would you feed your family?

What would you sell or get rid of just to meet basic living expenses? Cable TV, the gas guzzling SUV, the expensive haircuts? Your grocery shopping becomes more and more focused on necessities.

Needs become much more important than 'wants'. You enter the world of coupons and sales that you may not have been a part of before. Soon your favorite products for your family become less important because the generics are cheaper. You'd love to buy in bulk, but can't because you can't tie up too much money when you have other things you need to buy.

Your only chance to really feed your family is the local food pantry, where you keep your eyes down, praying no one you know sees you there. Desperate times call for desperate measures.

When you are wracking your brain for ways to cut your expenses even more, a few tears of helplessness fall. Your best buddy, the family dog tries to comfort you. That makes you feel worse, because he might have to be the next expense you eliminate; feeding your children has got to be a higher priority than feeding an animal.



Once the idea popped into my head, I couldn't ignore it. We have started The Feed Bag Pet Supply Fairy Dog-Mother Project. Our goal is to prevent families from having to surrender their cherished pets to shelters because of financial reasons. Hundreds of thousands of pets have been surrendered over the past few years for just that reason. Many more have been euthanized because of overcrowding in shelters, and only the youngest and healthiest are favored for adoption.

I myself have a cranky older dog that means the world to my family, but I also know that no one else would possibly want her. She deserves to live out her life in the peace and quiet that she's used to. The idea of surrendering a dog that would not pass the adoptability tests is horrifying to me.

Our goal is to raise funds to put healthy and nutritious dog and cat food into the Ozaukee Family Sharing Food Pantry for their clients. We are hoping to find some larger corporate sponsors, but I think the majority of donations to the Fairy Dog-Mother Project are going to come from the families that love their pets dearly, and can empathize with anyone in less fortunate circumstances.

We are asking for help in a few different ways. Donate. If you can't donate, spread the word. If you have any media connections that could help us spread the word even larger, please speak up on our behalf. Then go home and kiss your dog on the nose.

Checks can be made payable to:
TFB Animal Assistance Foundation

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