

Pet Pals Has Tails Wagging Across Central Oregon

For many seniors, fur babies are like best friends. But for some people, getting to the pet store can be challenging, and vet bills can add up. In response, the Council on Aging of Central Oregon created the Pet Pals Program, which provides monthly pet food and supply deliveries and financial assistance with veterinary bills.



WHO QUALIFIES?

- Adults 60 years of age or older.
- Meals-on-Wheels participants in Bend, La Pine or Sisters.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Stacy Eidler, Pet Pals Manager, at (541) 323-0433 or seidler@councilonaging.org

Information and statistics are from the NIH and Johns Hopkins Medicine

FIDO AND FLUFFY ARE JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Did you know that pets can help their owners by:

- Alleviating anxiety, depression, stress, social isolation, and loneliness.
- Reducing stress-related hormone levels called cortisol.
- Boosting oxytocin levels and reducing blood pressure.

PET PALS CURRENTLY PROVIDES PET FOOD, SUPPLIES, AND VET CARE TO 76 MEALS ON WHEELS PARTICIPANTS WITH 132 PETS

WHAT'S PROVIDED?

- Annual wellness services like vaccinations, health exams, microchips, nail trims, and more.
- Additional veterinary stipend to use with The Rawley Project/FIXBend or Wickiup Animal Hospital.
- Supplemental pet food and supplies.

WANT TO BE A PET PALS VOLUNTEER?

Contact volunteer@councilonaging.org, call (541) 678-5483, or visit www.CouncilOnAging.org/Volunteer