

PROPOSAL for Providing a Program at: Love in Action (LIA)

Project Offering Program (Organization or Individual): Pet Therapy; Part II - Pet Parenting

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REASON FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM:

The LiA population has a number of children who have not had the opportunity to learn positive parenting skills. This particular population may lack in empathy/compassion, work and play skills, education opportunities and realities of care giving & parenting responsibilities; emotional and financial. Without considerable intervention the lack of knowledge about how to be a healthy parent, i.e., companionship, friendship, coaching and providing care for a child will be passed on to the next generation (see Pet Parenting). Reseach (Hackett & Uprichard, 2007) supports the importance of teaching healthy care of animals as a strong indicator for future personality development. These personality traits often translated to how an individual cares, or does not care, for their children. Lastly, many youth residing at LiA possess traits of entitlement. If not provided early intervention, these youth often enter adulthood continuing these behaviors in order to combat their need to be “repaid” for the injustices they have faced (see “You Owe Me” by Lynne Namka, Ed. D. © 1997). Individuals displaying this maladaptive behavior will have a more difficult challenge adjusting in adulthood.

Program Title: Pet Therapy: Pet Parenting, Part II

- 1) CHILDREN; Skill Building in Pet Parenting
- 2) ADULTS; Animal Cruelty/Care and the Connection to Domestic Violence

Brief Description of Program:

YOUTH - The program will continue and add:

- 1) Maintenance of the health and safety/protection between authority and the on-site pet of LIA.
- 2) Participants will be encouraged to design a plan for generating funds for pet parenting and future educational opportunities.

ADULTS -

Support individuals/s will provide training teaching positive pet interaction skills to on-site staff and volunteers. Board will be offered a presentation and discussion on entitlement issues in children and are strongly encouraged to attend.

OBJECTIVE/S:

CHILDREN

Providing continued and additional instruction in:

- 1)a. proper feeding, grooming, exercise, safety, protection and medical care of dog 1)b. basic socializing skills of children

2)a. provide opportunities for the youth to work with supervision within the population of LiA 2)b. design a viable funding source for the pet parenting program; food and flea protection of mascot.

ADULTS

Provided training to staff, volunteers and board to promote the connection of care of animals and how the lack of this developmental stage can predict personality disorders; promote role modeling respect and empathy for animals. Promote a better understanding of entitlement issues and how to reframe giving to parentless children for the board.

OUTCOMES:

1. Youth will:

- Provide, in writing descriptions, of what they have learned concerning feeding, grooming, exercise, safety and medical care of animals
- show their appreciation for the donations of staff and volunteers
- perform work related skills while designing a plan for pet care

2. ADULTS (Staff/Volunteers) will:

- Be able to identify reasons for role model caring medically, emotionally, safety care for animals
- Be motivated to be a positive role model for children who experience entitlement traits
- Provide insight into how to better prepare the youth for pet parenting
- Provide insight to the board of how entitlement issues occur with residential care facilities

HOW PROGRAM WILL BE OPERATED

Ratio of Adults/Teachers to Site Participants: 1 Adult 3 youth

Incentives for the Individuals Participating:

Youth: Provide an immediate incentive for feeding/watering, playing and training of dog, putting the animal to bed and picking up feces daily. Each weekly meeting will show appreciation for their participation with a healthy food.

Staff/Volunteers: Participants will be provided a small token of appreciation for their attendance by LiA youth.

Benefit to the Participants:

Youth – self control and bonding with animal, social skill for animal and youth development, provide control reporting for animals and child abuse

Adults – will expand their knowledge which will increase volunteer, staff and board knowledge for the future development of the facility.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Area of Facility Needed for Work of the Program: Children - Escalita. Adults - Staff & volunteer training will necessitate a large meeting room; one 60 minute presentation and board members; one, 90 min. hour presentation/discussion.

Permission for Off-Site Programming: The program lead person will use their own vehicle to transport the owner's of pet and pet to appointments and/or learning facilities (shelters, veterinarians, pet stores, related activities in homes of LiA volunteers) off the premises.

Considerations or Request from the Board & Administrative Director:

- Mandate selected youth attend all class times
- Mandate staff, resident adults, selected volunteers and board members attend specified trainings
- Commit to dog food and flea protection costs
- House parents will provide verification that residents have provided required pet care
- House parents, director, gate keeper will provide Saturday, 11-12 for classwork
- Participants will be allowed to travel with lead & supports to outside activities
- Protect the medical condition of the on-site pet by developing policy which will eliminate off-site pet visitations; optional, registered pet therapy pets.
- Directors will promote staff, resident staff and board active support of door being kept closed and other safety issues; verbally, postings, etc.
- Permission for the lead volunteer to provide foster care if needed

Is this a collaboration of more than one community agency? **Yes** or **No**

If yes, who is/are collaborating: Dr. Ladron/Hector and the Mariposa Project and LiA Volunteer.

Who or how is the program being financially supported: LiA will provide funds for the next several months of food and flea protection. Dr. Ladron Office is providing emergency medical care. The Mariposa Project have donated finances in support of this program. The Mariposa Project is supplying funds for a support youth assistant and speaker to present on: Animal Cruelty and the Connection to Domestic Violence and Entitlement issues of Parentless Children.

Timeline:

The time period is designed for a short duration in order to readjust to the needs of the participants in future months.

January 15 – February 19, 2011

Duration of Program – 6 weeks

Days & Time of the Program –

Children; Saturday (classroom work) plus daily responsibilities

Adults; days and times to be arranged

Items which need completion prior to start of program (with dates): Meet with houseparents for support. Anabel has agreed to arrange this meeting

Describe how the maintenance of the program will occur after the duration of the timeline (be specific; who, what, where, when, why):

Supports will provide visitations and check-ins period with participants prior and after the training to assure needed supervision is provided for the care of the animal.

Describe how the program will be sustained (made permanent) over the year/s (be specific, who, what, where, when, why

Create a product for sale which can be marketed and sold to buy necessary care of the on-site dog.

Estimated Budget for Program: (MX. Pesos) **Red items** = Donations

<p>Medical Care of Mascot:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Additional Medical Emerg. = \$ 250</p> <p>Monthly flea Protection (2 months) = \$ 230</p> <p>Appropriate food (2 months) \$ 200</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sub Total DONATED \$ 250</p>	<p>Ex. Administrator \$ 38.60</p> <p>Lead Person:</p> <p>9 hours @ 100 p.h. = \$ 900</p> <p>Support Person:</p> <p>12 hours @ \$20 \$ 240</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sub Total DONATED \$ 840</p>
<p>Comfort & Training Items:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Raw Bones (1 months) \$ 40</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monthly Training Treats \$ 100</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sub Total DONATED \$ 200</p>	<p>Supplies for Appreciation Gift</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 300</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sub Total DONATED \$ 300</p>

Incentives for Participants	\$ 400	TOTAL DONATIONS: \$3,430
End of Session Celebration	\$ 300	TOTAL COST: \$3,860
		COST TO SITE:
Sub Total DONATED	\$ 700	Food/Flea Protection \$ 430
		Admin. Fee \$ 380.60
		Total \$ 810.60

Date Submitted:

Original Date: November 2010

Sent to Board: 1/2/11

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OFFICE/BOARD APPROVAL ONLY:

Approved By:

Date:

Site Individual Assigned to be Point of Contact (POC):

Phone # -

Email -

Form Provided by: Bernadine Janzen, Owner of The Allstate Treatment & Training in Attachment Center (TATTAC) and Mariposa Project

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