

## CO-SHELTERING COLLABORATIVE

JOIN US for our first regional in-person meeting at GRACE Marketplace in Gainesville, FL.

August 5, 2022 1PM - 4PM

Tour GRACE's pet-friendly emergency shelter!

RSVP to Sarah Hernandez by July 22, 2022. SarahH@mydogismyhome.org



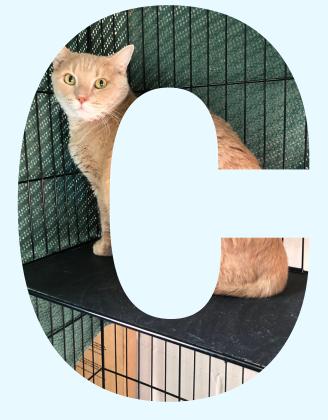
# CO-SHELTERING & ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM

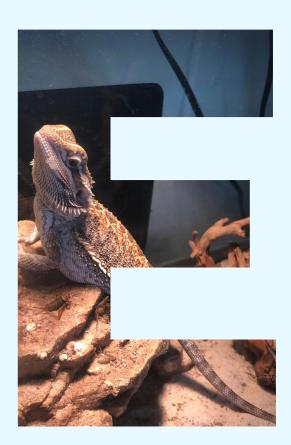
Presentation by Riley Yates | Animal Welfare Coordinator at GRACE Marketplace | Gainesville, FL











### CO-SHELTERING AND ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM

The Co-Sheltering & Animal Welfare Program (CSAW) compliments regular shelter services at GRACE by providing animal accommodations for people entering emergency shelter or visiting campus.



#### WHAT IS CO-SHELTERING?

My Dog Is My Home™ defines co-sheltering as the sheltering of people and animals together at the same emergency or temporary housing facility.



While animals are proven to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, ease loneliness, and encourage exercise, they are most importantly **FAMILY**.

Keeping families together reduces the strain on local animal shelters and rescue organizations.



At GRACE, the Animal Welfare Coordinator (AWC) is responsible for

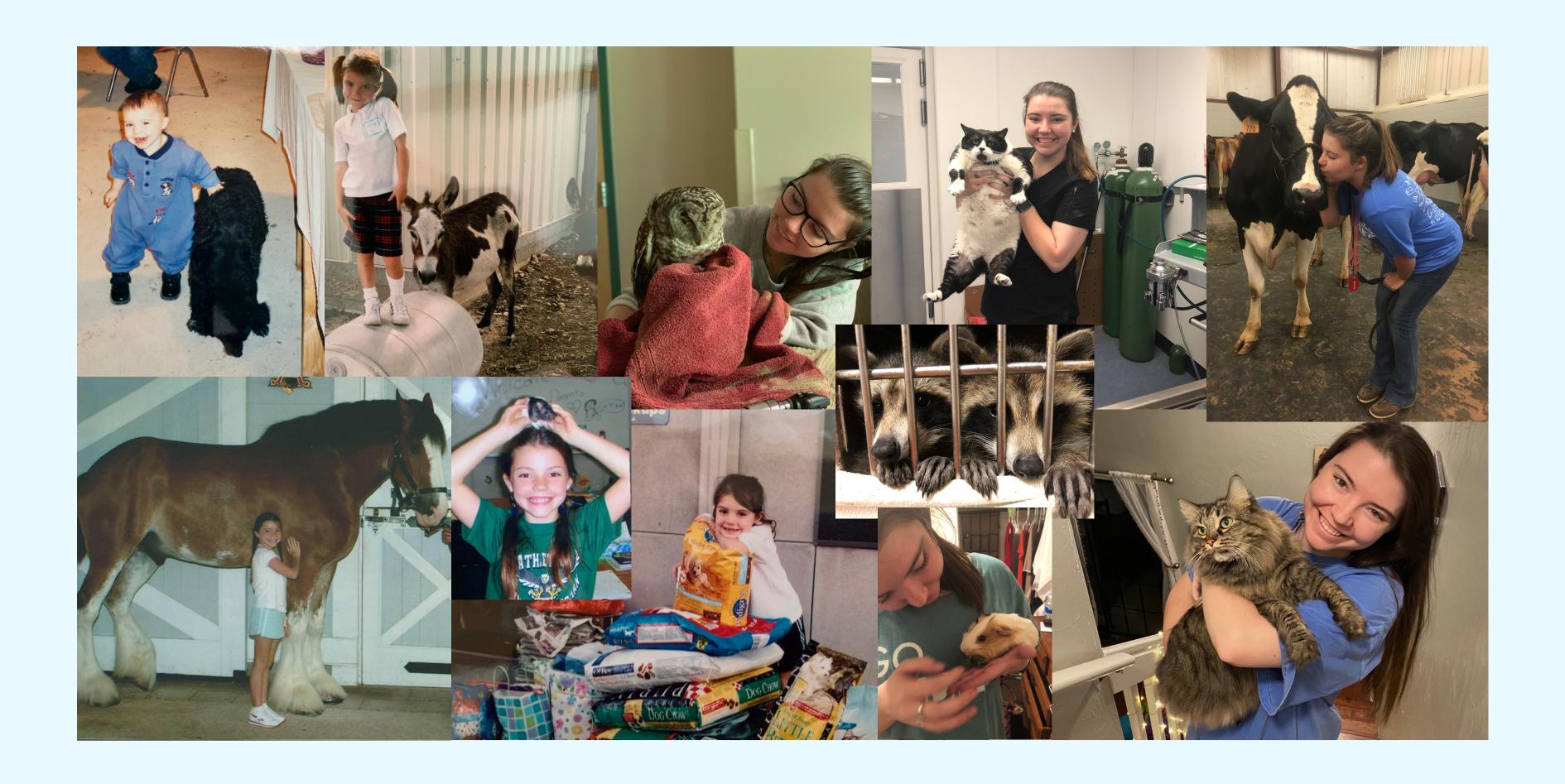
coordinating:

All Animal Services

Providing Oversight of Animal Welfare

• Ensuring the Health and Safety of Staff, Guests, and Visitors

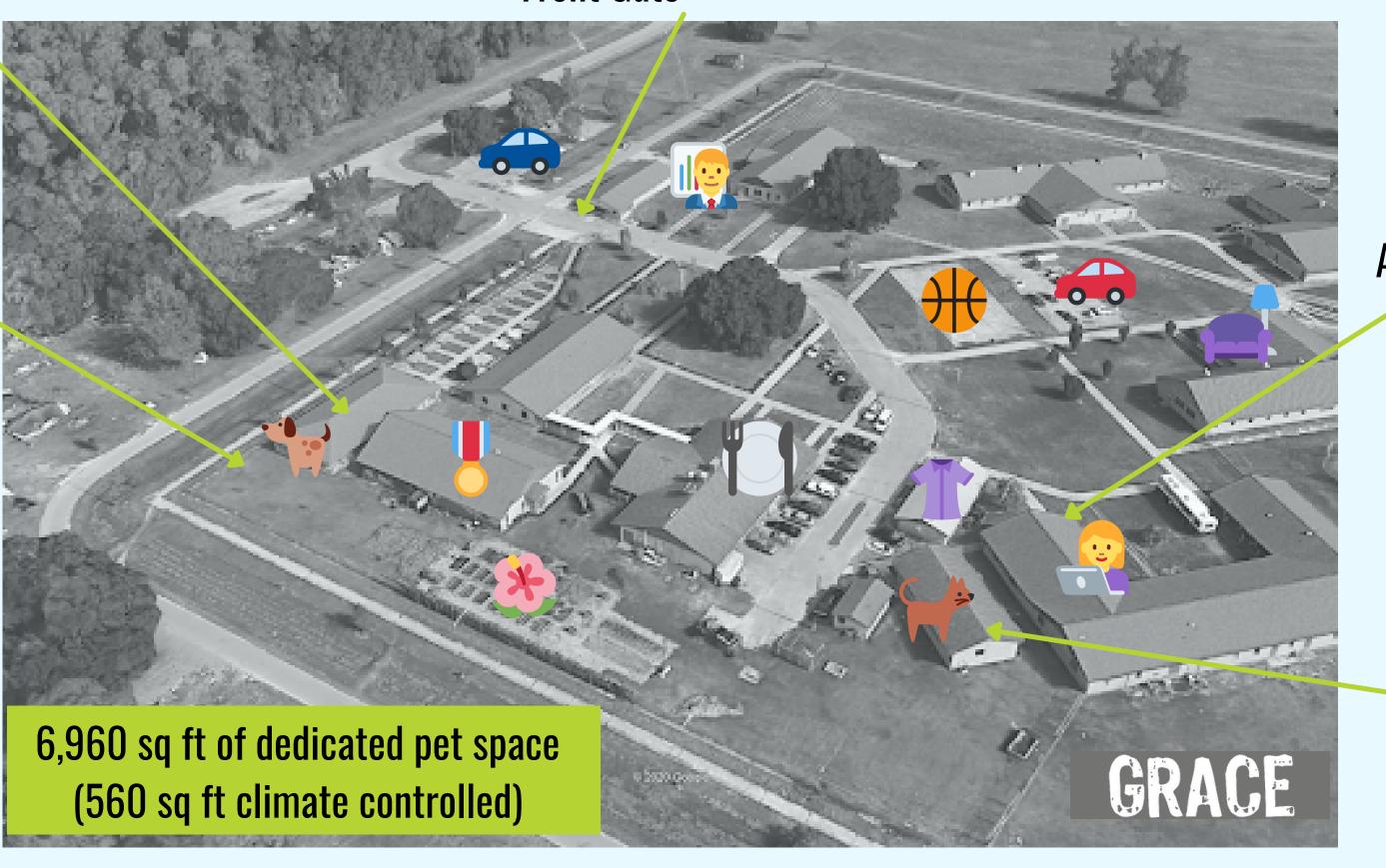
Riley Yates, GRACE Animal Welfare Coordinator and Tiger, Former CSAW Resident



3200 sq ft Open Air Dog

Kennel Front Gate

~3200 sq ft Dog Park



160 sq ft
AWC Office &

Storage

400 sq ft
Cat Room &
Food Bank

#### **SERVICES:**

- Food and Supply Bank
- Open Air Day/ Night Use Kennels
- Climate Controlled Cat Room
- Off Leash Dog Park
- 4 Pet Waste Sanitation Stations
- Monthly On Site Veterinary Care
- Animal Friendly Housing Assistance
- Counseling and Education on Animal Nutrition,
   Behavior, and Responsible Ownership







#### **Program Yearly Operating Budget: \$77,000**

Animal Welfare Coordinator Full Time Salary (40 hours/week)
Liability Insurance
Equipment and Supplies
Pet Food



**Funding Partners:** 

the wagmore foundation



Partner Agencies:













#### VETERINARY CARE PROVIDERS FOR GRACE



- Clinic off campus
- Non-Sterilization Surgeries
- Care for chronic conditions
- Low cost



- Wellness and preventative care
- Off campus clinic & monthly on campus clinics
- Pets required to be spayed or neutered (or scheduled to be)
- Grant funded care for Guests
- 2 pets per family



- Emergency veterinary care for illness or injury
- Available to anyone experiencing homelessness
- Pays emergency clinic directly
   775-841-7463











#### ANIMAL & OWNER EXPECTATIONS

- 1. All animals must be registered with GRACE Marketplace through the AWC.
- 2. Animals must be spayed/neutered (unless owners have made arrangements with the AWC)

Guests are responsible for taking care of their animals. This includes:

- Access to food and fresh water.
- Kept free of fleas and other pests.
- Cleaning up after, physically exercising, and socializing their animal.
- Kept current with any required vaccinations.
- Respect the animal.

If a guest is unable to meet all animal related expectations, the AWC will make a reasonable effort to provide support in one or more areas.





#### ANIMAL & OWNER EXPECTATIONS CONT.

- No aggressive behavior (growling or posturing) that's not able to be controlled with reasonable accommodations.
- No nuisance behavior (excessive barking, jumping etc.).
- Animals must be leashed and under the physical control of their handler, or attended to if tethered.
- Owners are expected to clean up and dispose of their animal waste.
- Owners are responsible for all expectations being met, even if their animal is temporarily in the care of someone else.
- Animals may not be acquired once a guest has entered the program.
- Animals under 6 months old are subject to a \$50.00 puppy starter package at SFPC before
   they will be considered for the GRACE CSAW program.



#### NON-VIOLENT EXPECTATION VIOLATIONS

First Offense: Verbal Warning

**Second Offense: Leave campus for the day** 

Third or More: ROS 2-7 days

Individuals asked to take pets off campus are allowed to return to receive services without the animal.

#### STAFF MEMBERS HAVE THE DISCRETION TO ASK SOMEONE TO LEAVE FOR THE DAY IF:

- 1. The animals' behavior poses a direct threat to the safety or health of others and the issue cannot be resolved by a reasonable modification.
- 2. The animal is disruptive and interfering with the program and the participant does not take effective action to control it.
- 3. The animal is creating an unsanitary condition.

All violent offenses are reported to the local Animal Services. The animal is placed on a one-year ban from returning to campus.

Guests who continue to disregard animal expectations or refuse polite requests to remove the animal may be asked to leave with their pet and placed on a 2-7 day ROS.



#### **FOOD AND SUPPLY BANK**

- No services are restricted for an ROS besides physical access to campus. The owner is free to receive services without the animal and free to request services at the gate.
- Food, Leashes and Collars are essential and will not be restricted because of an ROS
- Trespassed guests cannot receive services
   (another guest may request essential services on behalf of <u>the pet</u>)







#### **CSAW SOP**



#### **REGISTRATION FORM**





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