



A dog is a friend forever

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About the idea

Older persons, who have experienced trauma or a cut to their family ties in their life, are often lonely today. Pets help them overcome loneliness, build a sense of security, of being needed and loved. When such people move to a nursing home, they often have to leave their pet behind. This separation becomes an additional source of suffering for them.

This project is a series of steps to implement the change. At the beginning, we look at the pet, its condition and possibilities of functioning in a new place, then we prepare the surroundings of the nursing home for the owner with his dog or cat. Volunteers will help with the daily care of pets.

Benefits of the idea

Seniors moving to a nursing home will be able to continue living with their beloved pets, which will affect both their mental and physical health.

This situation will also be important for other residents of nursing homes. We know from research and practice that contact with a dog or cat works well for humans, often supports their physical activity, helps to establish contacts with others, gives a feeling of being important and needed.

Home is where our loved ones are. In Poland, seniors who are to live in a nursing home cannot take a dog or a cat with them... Seniors, those who

survived Nazi persecution, experienced trauma, breakups and insecurity in their lives. We don't want these emotions to come back, we need to protect them from it. We want to cultivate the bond between human and animal, which is often treated as a family member

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