

News From OurDogHouse

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Featured Product



[Pomeranians Rule! Tile
Box](#)
\$20.99

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1. News at OurDogHouse

OurDogHouse Welcomes Pomeranians

OurDogHouse would like to express a warm welcome to Pomeranians and their families! After months of long, hard work, our designer has completed a new section with all of our designs just for Pomeranians; and we now have it open for business. [Click here to enter OurDogHouse!](#)

Our Featured Product

We are featuring our trinket box this month, which is a wonderful gift for both men and women. The 5 1/4" sq. x 2 1/8" size is perfect for guys to store their cuff links and tie tacks. They also make great jewelry or keepsake boxes. The box is beautifully crafted out of solid lacquered Alderwood with a hinged lid. The tile on the top can even be customized with your favorite pet's photo and name if you wish. Visit our Custom Zone or [contact OurDogHouse for your custom product:](#)

2. Truck Beds and Pets

No Tailgate Party Here! The Hazards of Carrying Your Pet in a Truck Bed © Copyright OurDogHouse

Truck beds, by their very design, are made for hauling large bulky items from point A to point B. Your pups may look like they are enjoying themselves with the wind blowing through their coat as you race down the highway. However, let's take an in-depth look at the hazards within.

Eyes: Most pets will hang over the truck bed looking forward. Your pet can suffer permanent eye damage from small particles that are tossed or blown upward into your pet's eyes. Considering that a small rock can have enough power behind it to break a windshield, imagine what it can do to a sensitive eye.

Hot Paws: Your dog's feet can be blistered from standing on a metal pickup truck bed if it is not equipped with a plastic liner.

Accidents: If you were to get into even a minor accident, your pet

could be ejected from the truck bed. A truck bed will provide no protection whatsoever for your pet if this were to occur.

Falls: Many pets see something on a sidewalk or roadside and try to jump from the moving vehicle. A fall into oncoming traffic can cause injuries or be fatal.

Restraints: Pet owners who utilize a rope or chain to keep their pets inside the bed may think they are keeping them safe. Many times this can turn into a death trap as well. If the length of the restraint can reach either the tailgate or side of the bed, the dogs can hang themselves by jumping out or be drug by the pet owner.

The fact is a truck bed is not safe for man nor beast; let's face it. Many cities and counties have already passed bills prohibiting the use of a truck bed to transport dogs. Your best way to do a road trip with your best friend is still inside your vehicle.

3. Homeless Without a Voice

Homeless Without a Voice © Copyright OurDogHouse

For many of us, it is hard to imagine what it would be like to be homeless without a roof over our head or running water to bathe in or to drink. Simple everyday things like food to eat when we are hungry and shelter to protect us from the cold or heat of the day or night do not exist in the life of a homeless person.

However, for many people, homelessness is a way of life thrust upon them. While homelessness can be extremely harsh on a human, many of these people have a beloved companion pet. Just like us, the homeless feel the pet is more than a pet; it is family, and they refuse to be separated. To add to this difficult equation, when able to get back on their feet, they face still another hurdle. This is affordable housing on their income that will allow for a pet to reside with them.

Nonetheless, the responsibility of caring for their pet in a world of day-to-day insecurity exists for them. However, a program is in place to help feed and care for these pets. Feeding Pets of the Homeless is a program whereby veterinarians and other pet--related businesses can help out the community by donating food for homeless pets to local food banks. Clients of these providers can purchase an extra bag of dog food to donate as well.

For more information or to donate pet food in your community, check to see if a local veterinary hospital/clinic or other pet--related business is listed on the website at www.petsofhomeless.com

We hope you enjoyed visiting with us this month. We welcome you to forward this issue of our newsletter to anyone else who might also

enjoy it. If you have suggestions for future stories, we'd love to hear them! Please feel free to email your comments and suggestions to [OurDogHouse](#)