

TOGETHER FOR PETS AWARD

Congratulations to a veterinarian who helps the pets of people experiencing homelessness across the country and has expanded his mission to serve displaced pets in Ukraine. He has received a \$10,000 grant from Blue Buffalo.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

I am with The Street Dog Coalition, based in £n. Coilins, CO. We set up mobile clinics in multiple US cities.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

I didn't decide to become a veterinarian until I was 38. I realized it was a profession that combined science and compassion. I went back to undergrad to get my requirements done, and graduated from vet school when I was 44.

WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

I love being able to help out on "both ends of the leash," whether that's here at home or in a place like Ukraine where pets and people are in desperate need of help.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

I hope that by treating unshellered pet owners with non-judgmental respect and by caring effectively for their pets. I can add dignity to their lives.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE?

My current focus is One Health, where pets and their owners can be cared for in the same setting. Blue Buffalo salutes the veterinarians who go above and beyond to advance the profession and improve the lives of our pets.