

Foreclosed pets get left behind



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Homeowners who can no longer afford their mortgage payment, and find themselves in property foreclosure are not only walking away from their home, but some are also walking away from their pets. Leaving them locked in the backyard to starve.

They're called, "foreclosure pets." As a bystander watching this happen, you'd think it would be as simple as going to the house and taking the animal to the nearest pet shelter or finding the loved one a good home. However, it's more complicated than that. Even though the property is in foreclosure, animals who get "left behind" are still the personal property of their owners and therefore cannot legally be taken from the property.

Kaity Krejcik of Doggersize.com, the Modesto-based pet health management website and service organization said, "When I heard about the problem I immediately knew we wanted to get involved."

Krejcik holds dog walks every two months for the community and it's families. The dog walk is host to trainers and veterinary technicians who are available to answer questions regarding your pets health.

The next dog walk in September, will be dedicated to raising money for an organization called No Paws Left Behind. This organization utilizes a network of contractors to feed and care for the abandoned pets while they are on the properties.

Cheryl Lang, founder of No Paws Left Behind, said, "Foreclosure pets' are a growing phenomenon in the US and will continue for at least 2 years."

If you are interested in helping these abandoned pets and participating in the next dog walk, or would like more information, contact Kaity Krejcik at (209) 606-0321 or visit her website at: <http://www.doggersize.com/walk/>