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What Changes Do Cats and Dogs Have To Make To Live and Survive As Homeless Pets?

On a nice warm night you're out going for a walk, when all of a sudden the bushes next to you start to shake and the hair on the back of your neck stands up. Just then a bobcat lunges at you and you can't defend yourself. You don't want your dog to end up homeless, sick, or having to fight for survival like this poor dog.

If a dog gets lost it will wait for its master to show up. If the master never shows up, the dog may try to find its way home. If the dog is lost he will need to find food, water, and shelter to survive and be safe. The shelter needs to be warm and dry to protect the dog from the cold and rain. The shelter needs to be strong so it doesn't collapse and hurt the dog. The shelter also needs to be a safe place that protects the dog from any predators.

The dog also needs to find water and food to survive. If a dog can't find clean water it might die of thirst or get a disease and die. If a dog is starving and desperate it may start to dig in trash bags and dumpsters looking for food. If they eat food from a dumpster or trash bags that is rotten or has poison on it, the dog or cat might get sick and die from it.

If a dog or cat does not have any claws it will have a really hard time hunting or defending its self in the wild. It may face bobcats or other animals that are stronger than they are.

Dogs or cats may not know what is dangerous and what is safe. They run into on-coming traffic and get hit by a car, or run through a field of thorns, or attack a beehive and then get stung. They might jump or swim into a river and go down stream and hit their head on a rock and drown.

Cats and dogs are not evil dragons. They are nice animals with a big heart. Sometimes dogs will help cats or cats will help dogs. After a week or two of the dog or cat being homeless, it may become scared of people. Please keep track of your dog or cat so your friend always feels safe and Loved.