

Driver Gene Kuhnau Dedicates 16 Years to Therapet

THERAPET VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROFILE

Good fortune found Therapet 16 years ago when Gene Kuhnau contacted El Paso County's referral line for volunteer opportunities to share his love of pets and people. Gene works full-time regionally collecting for El Paso Times' Circulation.

"I'm a dog person, and I'm used to driving," said the retired Army veteran and dog-dad to his three rescued blends of canine diversity (Chihuahua, Chow and Beagle mixes). "I like stopping and talking to people and visiting with them and their pets. You get to know people through their pets. Delivering pet food for Therapet sounded perfect and I've been enjoying it ever since." He also has a daughter in the Army at Ft. Bliss, while the Sun City serves as his home since 1984.

Nowadays in the Northeast neighborhoods, Gene visits more than a dozen Therapet clients every month or so. He delivers food and touches base with friends—human and furry. "One of the long-time clients I deliver to is on her third dog. I've been there through puppy days and old age for these dogs. I understand how important pets are to their people.

"That's why Therapet is my non-profit of choice," said Gene of his sole volunteer work, supported by wife Mincha. "As pet lovers, you can't live without pets. I'm glad to help Therapet clients take care of theirs."

For more information about volunteering with or driving for Therapet, call Program Director Sandy Connor at (915) 581-3789.

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