LEIGH SENDRA

Leigh Sendra, born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Since 2000, she has called Dallas home, where she has been married for 16 years and is a proud mom to three stepchildren and two biological children. Her passion for animals has been evident since childhood.

In 2017, Leigh founded Doodle Rock Rescue, a nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing and rehoming poodle mixes. Over the years, the rescue has experienced remarkable growth, successfully finding homes for over 1600 dogs. During her rescue work, Leigh recognized a crucial gap in veterinary medicine: the lack of accessible care for sick, injured, or senior pets requiring ongoing medical attention.

To address this need, Leigh opened CHEW, a nonprofit Veterinary hospital focused on providing comprehensive veterinary services and advanced surgery to those who need them most. The aim of CHEW is to ensure that no one has to lose a beloved pet due to unaffordable veterinary care. Leigh continues to develop new programs to further support this mission.

In 2022, she launched the Compassion Fund, which provides additional financial support for life-saving diagnostics and surgeries. Leigh is preparing to launch HOPE "Helping Owners with Pet Essentials" a new program which will expand CHEW's reach and impact during their upcoming expansion.

Leigh Sendra's unwavering commitment to animal welfare, her dedication to finding homes for rescue dogs, and her efforts to make veterinary care more accessible demonstrate her true compassion and advocacy for both animals and their human companions.