



**Pet Assistance, Inc....helping people and pets since 1973**

***Albert Einstein would be appalled!***

***“It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.”***

*Quote attributed to Albert Einstein (1879-1955)*

Pets are suffering and dying of **curable, correctable** medical issues because *too* much available veterinary technology has become “Standard of Care.” The corporate owned and emergency hospitals expect pet owners to follow the same standard of care set for humans. And if pet owners do not have enough money ‘up front,’ the pets and their people are sent out the door with NO CARE. Pets are being turned away from hospitals with dangling broken legs, ruptured eyeballs, full blown pyometras and urinary blockages, solely because their owners cannot afford MRIs, ultrasound, and other costly ‘diagnostics.’

The ‘business’ of *proper care* for pets has to be re-evaluated. Veterinarians need to accommodate owners who say: “I cannot afford all the ‘diagnostics’ you want to do. But, *please*, will you still help my pet?”

***Pet Assistance recently received this email from an older couple:*** “We have been told by Tufts Animal Hospital that it will cost around \$2,500 for exploratory surgery on our eight month old Chihuahua, Sammy. We have already used up our savings trying to find out the problem. My husband and I are on a fixed income. We have nothing more to give. Can you help?”

***Pet Assistance DID call them to help....but hours too late!***

“Thank you for getting back to us about Sammy. Sadly he passed away at home this afternoon. His little two pound body just couldn’t take anymore. Thank you and your organization for what you do.”

**How many of you reading this newsletter have \$10,000 set aside in a special bank account in case your pet gets sick or injured?** Only a few years back, the average cost of a ‘crisis’ was \$3,000. Now it is \$6,000 and up.

**Is it fair to say “If you can’t afford a pet, don’t get one.” when the ‘game plan’ keeps changing?**

We need pets and pets need us, but is their health care becoming so expensive that only a few will be able to afford having these special members in our family?

I hope pets never just become status symbols for the rich and not be loved for being themselves.

***PAi depends upon donations from kind supporters like you to fund our grant program.***

Please give now...and with your support, we will always be as responsive and caring as we are now.

*Sincerely,*

*Ruth Pearl*

**To see how your donation makes a difference, just turn over this page.....**

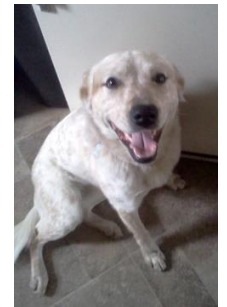
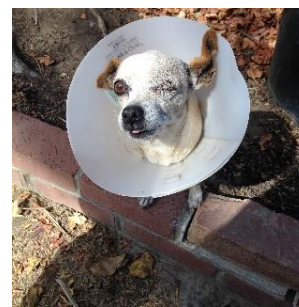
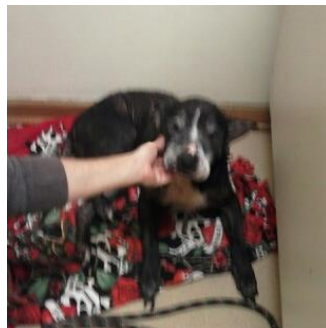
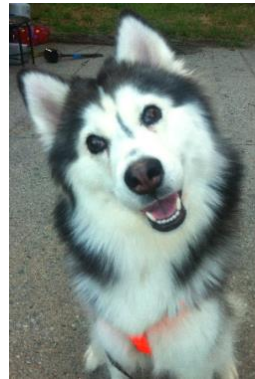
**If Pet Assistance did not help these owned pets, some of them may have become homeless!**



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TOP ROW: “Willow” shot in the eye and had shattered bone... turned away by a hospital; “Talia” her leg needed amputation; “Luna” was blinded from premature glaucoma and got *new eyes!*; “Charlie” needed surgery for bloat;  
BOTTOM ROW: “Pretty Face” had pyometra surgery; “Debo” 13 year old Pit Bull had a bad hematoma; “Harley” diabetic, went blind (RIP), “Millie” attacked by a loose dog and lost an eye; “Raphael” survived a deadly spider bite.



Raising money to help strangers’ pets is not easy! But we know you love all animals...not just your own. And that is why we are asking you to **give a gift of whatever your heart and circumstances dictate.**

**Other ways to help save lives:**

If you are a federal employee or postal worker, donate through your workplace;our **CFC** number is **86178**.

Join your **employer’s matching gift program**; you donation may even be doubled or tripled!

Shop **smile.amazon.com** (it is the same Amazon you know!) Choose **Pet Assistance, Inc.** as your charity of choice to receive a per cent of sales.

The link to selecting Pet Assistance is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-2856917>

**GOOD NEWS!**

Once again Eileen Gunning, a fine artist in New York has made a generous offer. Everyone who donates \$250 or more to Pet Assistance, Inc. in calendar year 2015 will be entered in a free drawing to win an oil painting portrait of their pet, or a needle felted animal. The drawing will be held February 14, 2015.

**Donations can be mailed or made through our website: [www.petassistanceinc.org](http://www.petassistanceinc.org)**



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