

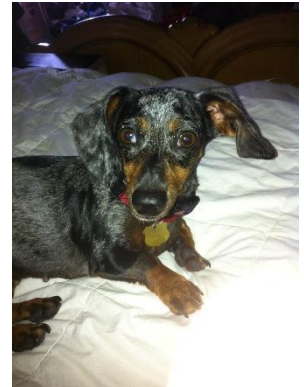
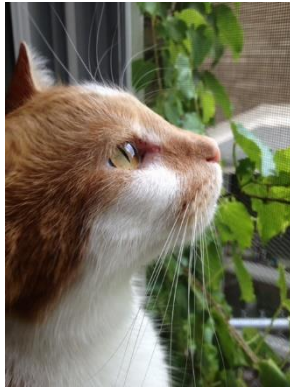
Pet Assistance, Inc.

....helping people and their pets since 1973

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Left to right: “**Sundae**” in Indiana swallowed an upholstery staple and needed emergency surgery.

“**Declan**” in Illinois had total urinary blockage and needed Perineal Urethrostomy surgery to save his life.

“**Willey,**” California needed TPLO for a torn ACL, a serious problem because he lives on a second floor walk-up.

“**Tootsie**” in Florida needed a lifesaving Cystotomy because her urethra and bladder were filled with stones.

These are only a few of the cases helped by Pet Assistance Inc. in recent months.

Every day Pet Assistance Inc. hears hard luck stories about beloved, well cared for pets who are now in crisis. Just the other day, an older woman called about her cat who needed over \$2000 of care because of a respiratory problem...it did need oxygen. She had already spent most of her savings on the cat and had been on the phone all day calling organizations such as Pet Assistance, Inc. for help... and was getting nowhere. Through her tears she said, “I know if I threw my cat on the street and he ended up at a shelter, he would get the care he needs.”

How right she is!

“Rescue groups” love to rescue! They love to talk about the poor abused animals in their care, (although there rarely is evidence of abuse.) They love to talk about how people who give up their pets are cruel, selfish and ‘cheap,’ owners (again, not true; the ridiculously high cost veterinary care is a major part of the problem.)

Think about it: If pet owners never surrendered pets for personal, financial, health reasons, or other....there would be no need for ‘rescue’ and the groups would be out of business. Is that what they really want? To lose their ‘jobs?’ Yet....

Shouldn’t the aim of every non-profit be to work darn hard to solve the underlying problem and then no longer be needed?

Pet Assistance aims to keep pets in their homes, even when times are tough!

AND....I look forward to the day when our services are no longer needed, and we can close our doors. However, until rescue groups, animal control officers and veterinarians start cooperating in some fashion, and get to see the bigger picture, I don’t see this happening in the near future.

Some Nice News!

Eileen Gunning, a fine artist in New York has made a generous offer. Everyone who donates \$200 or more to Pet Assistance, Inc. in calendar year 2014 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.

And all donors who give to Pet Assistance, Inc. by the end of 2014 will receive a thank you gift from us. Our gift does not quite make the social impact that your donations do, but I think you will find it useful for many years (and it will help keep Pet Assistance on your mind.)

Other ways you can support Pet assistance, Inc.

Do you order online from **Amazon.com**? Sign up under their new 'smile.amazon.com' program and select Pet Assistance, Inc. (or Tax ID 13-2856917) as your charity of choice. Pet Assistance will get a small per cent of each or your purchases. You will maintain your current Amazon account, but you will enter it through "smile"

Are you a walker? Do you own an iPhone? (I am a walker but do not have an iPhone.) Please download **resqwalk.com** and select Pet Assistance, Inc. as your charity of choice. You can keep track of your walking miles, etc. (etc. meaning you will help animals AND keep healthy so you can keep helping animals!)

Enroll in your **Employer matching gift program**.

The calls for help keep coming.

Animals are suffering, people are distraught.

With your support Pet Assistance will continue to help almost everyone that calls, thereby keeping pets out of shelters and in their homes.

Here are some more of our beneficiaries!



Upper row: left to right



Bentley (CO) had his leg amputated 1 ½ years ago, but don't tell him!

Cosmo (AZ) needed his eye removed after a dog attack.

Hercules (CA) is shown recovering from lifesaving surgery for bloat.

Otis (MA) had spine surgery and is walking again!

Thanks to support from people like you, these pets are alive and well.

Gratefully,

Ruth Pearl, President