



Pet Assistance, Inc.....

*helping people and their pets since 1973*

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**Our goal is simple: to help pets and their owners who love them....period!**

We are committed to seeing that no pet dies or ends up crippled for life solely because its owner does not have sufficient funds for urgent or emergency care. We always want to say 'yes, we can help.' and that is our response 98.5% of the time. Occasionally we do say: 'sorry, we cannot help;' that is usually because the estimated cost of care or treatment is exorbitantly high, or the prognosis is poor.

**We are not veterinarians.** The advice Pet Assistance gives, and the direction we steer people to, is based on common sense and a substantial amount of sick/injured pet knowledge.

**We never diagnose.** However, if a dog is hit by a car and a bone is sticking out of its leg, we might say... 'gee, it's got a broken leg that probably needs pinning and it should cost between 'x' and 'y.' If the estimate is for 'z,' we cannot help....it is a waste of our funds and may deprive other pets of the lifesaving help that they need.'

It's good I am not a veterinarian or a 'real' business person. I can afford to be sympathetic, empathetic and at the same time totally objective. (Is that an oxymoron?) Delia was one of our saddest calls: A loving, older Mastiff finally found her perfect "forever home."

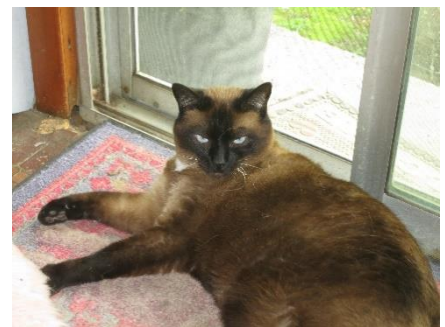


She was in her new home only a couple of months when she developed a very fast growing lump on her front leg. A biopsy showed it to be malignant. It's tough deciding whether or not to amputate on an older, large dog. I try to look at each case as if it were my pet and money was not an issue. I told the owner:

"Pet Assistance will help!"

Delia was x-rayed right before surgery. It showed that the cancer had spread throughout her chest and she was euthanized that day. ....the family was devastated; and so was I!

"Popper's" owner died and the house was sold. Every time PA placed him, he would not eat and was returned. **Finally**, he went to a place he liked, ate from day ONE....settled in with the barking dogs and is on his way to living happily ever after.



Buttercup is a little nine year old terrier x with a huge tumor that was about to break through her skin. PA helped with her surgery.



Angel

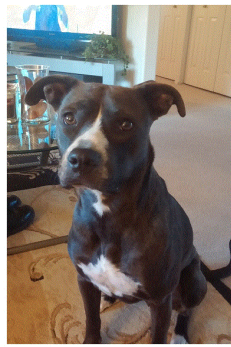


Strycker

Two older shepherds lost “their” home to foreclosure. Pet Assistance, Inc. stepped in when no other group would help them because of their ages. Thanks to PA, Facebook and Pet Finder, they are both making their new families VERY happy.



Sophie: bladder stones



Ladybug: bitten by snake



Lou: foxtails stuck in his face



Lexi: full dental extractions

**With your support Pet Assistance, Inc. can continue to help keep pets in their homes.**

All the pet owners we help have paid a substantial amount towards their pets care; they just did not have all that was necessary to start or complete the procedure. The animals were suffering, and Pet Assistance helped.

To many of you, we are grateful for all the support you have given over the years.

Others are receiving this letter because you have been helped by Pet Assistance, Inc. Now is the time to pay it forward....any amount helps.... \$10, \$20 \$30 ... it all adds up.

\$50 pays for an average office visit

\$100 pays for an x-ray, 2 if we are lucky!

\$200 pays for a visit, x-rays and blood work, with more luck!

Pet Assistance, Inc. saves lives, keeps pets from being abandoned, and out of shelters.

**And we find great homes for older pets that no one else will help.**

Please donate as generously as you can.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Pearl*

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