

The Pet Emergency Fund

PROVIDING INTERVENTION CARE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

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saving first aid information. Each kit is stocked with supplies to effectively treat your animal in any emergency. Kits cost \$37.50. The PEF receives \$5. for each kit purchased. To place an order contact your veterinarian or call the American Red Cross at 716-878-2387.

can you help?

Do you know of a school or service group looking for a charitable project? Why not hold a fund raiser for the PEF? Some ideas are packaging cat and dog treats for sale at local craft fairs or church bazaars. This is a great way for young children to get involved in a service project that will be good for them and for the many small animals they will help. For more information, call The Pet Emergency Fund at 716-883-8544.



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school, Dr. O'Hora went to the shelter and asked to adopt whichever cat was scheduled for euthanasia. That's when she met Q. Curled up in a make-shift isolation ward made from a broom closet, Q was suffering from an upper respiratory infection and gastroenteritis. Despite his frail condition, Q still looked stately and dignified. Dr. O'Hora and Q bonded immediately. She took Q to the veterinary school and nursed him back to health, and they have

been a team ever since.

Extremely tolerant of all animals, Q has lived with Dr. O'Hora's three dogs and many foster animals — dogs, cats and wildlife — throughout the years. Always setting a fine example and teaching manners and social skills, Q has carried himself through life with style, grace and kindness. Now thirteen years old, we are proud to introduce this wonderful mentor as a mascot for the Pet Emergency Fund.

— Eileen Herbert —



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introducing Blou & Q

Meet Blou and Q, .

mascots for the Pet Emergency Fund. **Blou**, a bright-eyed Border Collie, spent the first years of his life living with a young couple in Buffalo, and then spent a short time on a farm in Ellicottville. Because Blou didn't have formal herding training like the other Border Collies there, he decided that farm life wasn't for him. Blou ran away from the farm and a few weeks later ended up on the doorstep of a ski house owned by a woman from Cleveland. On her way back home, she asked Jay Monti, owner of The Monti Gallery in town, if he would care for Blou and try to find his owner.

Blou enjoyed spending time in the Marketplace where Jay's store is located. He met new people every day and his big blue eyes and warm disposition quickly won the heart of the entire town. When Jay found Blou's owners, he was delighted to hear that they were hoping to find a good home for him. The rest, as they say, is history. Blou found a new home with Jay and has spent the last year and a half in the Marketplace brightening the day of everyone he meets. In fact, he became so popular that Jay printed note cards with Blou's picture on them and gave them to all of his admirers. When Jay learned of the Pet Emergency Fund, he decided to print and

sell Blou note and greeting cards and donate all the proceeds to the PEF.

Proud to be a mascot, Blou sent his first check for \$1,000 to the fund on March 4. Blou's cards continue to be a favorite item on sale in the Marketplace, so the next time you are in Ellicottville, pick up some cards and meet Blou.

Q, a handsome Blue-Point Siamese, was adopted by Dr. Liane O'Hora from a local animal shelter in Manhattan, Kansas, when she was a first year student at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Missing the family cats she left at home when she moved to Kansas to attend

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Watch for tips
from Blou & Q
in every issue of
the PEFfiles.



**Blou's & Q's
Tips**



Literary "Q"uips

Did you know . . . The concluding passage of a piece of music is called a *coda*, from the Italian word "tail," denoting the tail-end of a musical composition.

More tall tails ~

A cat's tail helps it maintain its balance. While dogs wag their tails when happy; cats wag their tails when agitated. So watch out!



WHAT'S COOKING?

If nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven, then Sandy Gummo's companion is the happiest of dogs. Sandy, a technician at the Ellicott Small Animal Hospital decided to use her culinary skills to help the Pet Emergency Fund. Sandy baked dog and cat treats and sold them in the Hospital on Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, raising \$350.00 for the Pet Emergency Fund. Her four-footed patrons were unanimous in pronouncing Sandy's baked goods a great success. Yumm!!! Thank you Sandy.

Above: Under the close supervision of her faithful companion, Chyann, Sandy puts a fresh batch of "Gummo's Yummies" in the oven.

Products for your pampered pet

paw prints can be personalized with a name, date and brief message to celebrate your special dog or cat friend. Or, a photo can be encased in plastic and sealed with silicone caulk.

Mary VandenBergh developed this project for the PEF, with ALL proceeds going to help animals in need. The concrete prints weigh almost eight pounds. Plain prints cost \$15 and take about a week to produce. Photo paw prints are \$25 and take a little longer.

Mary offers gift certificates as well. For more information, contact her at 836-0547.

pet first aid kits

help two charities at a time. The PEF has joined with the American Red Cross to provide pet lovers with life-

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"Riding the Rockies for Rover"

For Veterinarian Frank Yartz of the Ellicott Small Animal Hospital, bicycling is one of life's passions. So when he began to plan his annual bike trip through the Rockies, he decided to combine it with his other passion: saving animals.

This year, Dr. Yartz will travel 450 miles through the Colorado Rockies via bicycle to raise money for the Pet Emergency Fund. Along the way from Cortez to Frisco, Dr. Yartz and his travel mate

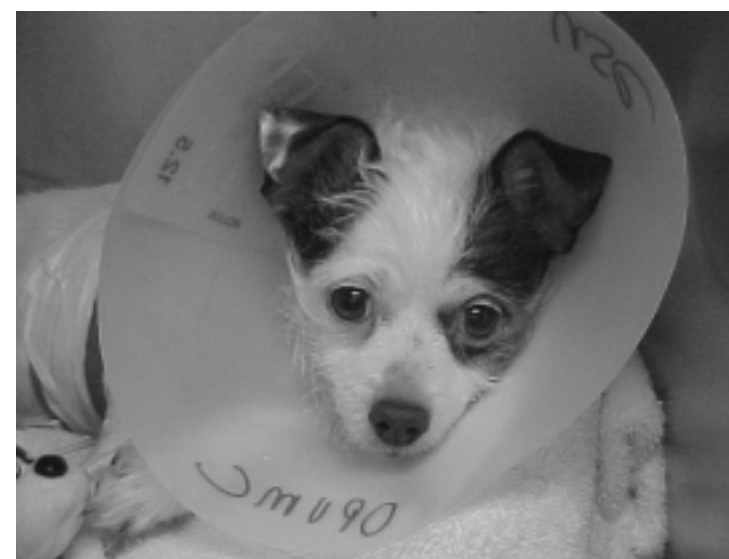
Dr. Bob Stein of the Amherst Small Animal Hospital will be spreading the word about the PEF and the great work they do in Western New York. This is where we need your help.

Please consider pledging your support of the Pet Emergency Fund in the enclosed envelope. Pledging \$1.00 per mile or \$450 could assist a pet owner to pay for an exploratory for their pet. Pledging \$.50 per mile or \$225 could assist a pet owner pay for a fracture repair. Pledging \$.10 per mile or \$45 could assist a pet owner pay for pain medication and treatment for a dog like Cody who was hit by a car.

This summer as Dr. Yartz and Dr. Stein bike through the Rockies, your caring and generosity will help give pets and their owners a chance for a story with a happy ending.

— Michael Empric —

Above left: Dr. Bob Stein and Dr. Frank Yartz are joined by their "coach" as they prepare for their Colorado adventure.



Above, Tuto recovering from surgery; Right, Tuto surrounded by his concerned family.

Success stories from the PEF Case files

"Tuto" was attacked by another dog and suffered puncture wounds to his chest, torn muscle in the chest wall and 2 broken ribs. He is doing well after almost a week in the hospital and is now recovering at home under the loving care of his family.



**Blou's & Q's
Tips**



Did you know . . .

that spaying a cat, not only prevents unwanted kittens, but protects the cat from mammary tumors and life threatening uterine infections.

Flea products labeled "for use on dogs only" should never be used on cats. Some of these substances can be deadly to felines. See the case file on Sparkles on page 2.

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"Sparkles" is a two-year-old female kitty who suffered a severe toxic reaction to a flea control product. She was brought to the hospital with severe tremors and seizures. With

the help of the Pet Emergency Fund, she was able to receive the life-saving medication and fluids to fully recover from this toxic insult. She did fabulously well and went home with her family the very next day!



PEFbits

"Dogs come when they are called; Cats take a message and get back to you."

— Mary Bly

Look for Blou & Q to make an appearance in Western New York soon!

