

The Pet Emergency Fund

PROVIDING INTERVENTION CARE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS



A donation to the Pet Emergency Fund in honor or in memory of a beloved pet makes a caring gift. Call the Pet Emergency Fund at 883-8544 for more information.

Pet First Aid Kits are available from the American Red Cross. Kits cost \$37.50 and benefit these two wonderful charities. Each kit includes a highly informative First Aid Book and other first aid essentials. The Pet Emergency Fund receives \$5.00 for each kit purchased. Contact the American Red Cross at (716) 878-2387.



Our ever-popular **Concrete Paw Prints**, created by Mary VandenBergh, make a great gift. They can be personalized in honor or in memory of a special pet. The paw print can include the name, dates and a message. A photo of your pet can also be encased on the paw print. Plain paw prints are available for a

\$15.00 donation; photo paw prints for a \$25.00 donation. All proceeds go to help animals in need. To order, contact Mary at 836-0547.

Everyone likes treats at the Holidays! We still have a few **"Treat Jars"** available for purchase. These decorative jars contain all the fixins' to make healthy, home-baked treats for your favorite dog or cat. The cost is \$5.00 per jar, with all of the proceeds going to the PEF. Blou and Q love them! Contact us at 883-8544.

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Biker kittie almost missed the "ride"

This past summer, Buffalonians had the opportunity to meet thousands of "bikers" from across the country as the first Harley Davidson Biker Blast rode through Buffalo. While the event was a great success, one little "biker kittie"



almost missed the "ride." Pictured above with her owner (showing his softer side), "Snowie" experienced a toxic reaction to a flea control product. Because flea control products can be confusing and package instructions unclear, "Snowie" accidentally received a product intended for dogs, which caused severe muscle tremors. She

needed intravenous medication to control the tremors, a bath to remove the flea product and supportive care. Without the help of the Pet Emergency Fund, "Snowie's" family would not have been able to afford her emergency treatment.

Thanks to the PEF, "Snowie" recovered completely within 24 hours and went home to rejoin her family. *Vroom!!!*



"Collared"
Dog collars have an interesting history. They have been found in excavations in ancient Egypt and Assyria. A skeleton of a dog unearthed in a pre dynastic Chinese tomb was found wearing a collar of gold, silver and turquoise. Developed originally for hunting dogs, medieval collars frequently contained precious metals and jewels. The hounds in the *Hunt of the Unicorn Tapestries* (at the Cloisters of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC) are sporting magnificent collars. Check out these puppies when you next visit the Big Apple.

Blou's & Q's
Tips



Blou and Q say –

“Beware of anti-freeze.” When winterizing your car or summer home, be very careful with anti-freeze (ethylene glycol), it is extremely poisonous! Less than a teaspoon of diluted anti-freeze ingested by a cat can be deadly. And, just a few laps can be highly toxic to dogs. If you think your pet may have come in contact with anti-freeze call your veterinarian immediately.

Blou and Q would like all of their friends to be safe and warm this winter. They prefer that pets are kept inside, but if you do have an outdoor pet, be sure that they have a safe, warm shelter and water that doesn't freeze.



“There once was a coven of witches Who raised grand champion bitches. These blue-blooded puppies Were snatched up by yuppies, Now these “cronies” are rolling in riches.”

Suzanne Littlefield

Puppies Polished to Benefit PEF

The Lancaster Small Animal Hospital sponsored a “Dog Wash” this summer to benefit the Pet Emergency Fund. The staff of the hospital, their families and even clients volunteered to wash dogs and raise money for the PEF. Everyone had a great time and raised nearly \$400 for the Lancaster Small Animal Hospital Emergency Fund. The “Dog Wash” made headlines in the local paper and veterinarian, **Dr. Stacy Minnier**, said that she wouldn't hesitate to have one again in the future.



Success stories from the PEF Case files

“Salerna”

This sweet little ferret is alive today with many thanks to the Pet Emergency Fund and, of course, her loving family. Little “Salerna” went everywhere with her “parents” and “brother and sister.” They were on a family outing when she accidentally fell from the car window. Her family rushed her to the veterinary hospital where she was carefully examined.

DR. YARTZ LEADS “BIKERS” ON A RIDE THROUGH THE ROCKIES

Drs. Frank Yartz and Bob Stein are a different breed of “biker.” We featured the doctor duo and their anticipated bike ride, bicycles that is, across Colorado in our last newsletter. Since that time, Drs. Frank and Bob successfully completed their grueling ride!

The June 2003 trip began in Cortez and ended at Copper Mountain. The more than 2,000 participating “bikers” traveled 425 miles, climbing over 27,000 vertical feet. The trip also covered four major mountain passes and crossed the Continental Divide twice. Along the way, the group passed by such famous winter sports areas as Telluride and Crested Butte.

While Drs. Frank and Bob dedicated the money they raised on the ride to the Pet Emergency Fund, other “bikers” dedicated their funds to several other great endeavors.



Luckily, no broken bones were detected — just bruising and abrasions. Her owners were able to afford her care with the help of the

Pet Emergency Fund and she rejoined them the very next day! Lots of TLC from her family returned her to her frisky self in no time!

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RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH BLOU NOTES

Our famous mascot **Blou** has wonderful holiday and all occasion cards available. Contact the Monti Gallery by phone at (716) 699-5544 or by E-Mail at Sales@montiphoto.com.

You can also visit the Gallery and Blou at 33 Washington St., Ellicottville, NY 14731



“Mikey”

“Mikey” had a problem common to young, male cats. He developed a urinary blockage due to crystals in his urine and could not urinate. His owner brought him to his veterinarian in this painful state, but could not afford his life-saving treatment alone. Thanks to the Pet Emergency Fund, he was able to have his obstruction relieved and stay in the hospital until he was better. He was very happy to return to his loving family!

“Nikita”

“Nikita” was a sweet, little three-month-old puppy when she was accidentally hit by a car suffering a broken leg. Due to her small size and the severe bleeding from the broken bone, she required a blood transfusion. With the help of the Pet Emergency Fund, her family was able to afford this life-saving treatment and surgery to fix her fracture. She is now a happy, full-grown dog, enjoying life because of a loving family and the Pet Emergency Fund!

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Blou's & Q's
Tips



Q wants to warn all fellow kitties of the dangers of ribbons and strings when wrapping holiday gifts and trimming the tree. Kitties like to play with long thin ribbons, especially tinsel, and will sometimes swallow them, causing a blockage in their intestines which can require surgery! So watch those ribbons and strings around the kitties!

Blou says watch your dog when planting spring blooming bulbs. Bulbs can be poisonous if eaten. Keep an eye on your dog when planting, and make sure they don't dig the bulbs up!

Blou reminds us that even though everyone enjoys those rich meals around the holidays, scraps from the holiday table can be too much for your dog. An irritated gastrointestinal system or even a serious, inflamed pancreas can result from a dog ingesting rich foods that they are not used to.