

The Pet Emergency Fund

PROVIDING INTERVENTION CARE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Blou Notes : Letters from children to Blou + new cards + Blou's website

Blou received the following letters from fourth graders from Ohio. Their teacher met Blou during a visit to Ellicottville and shared his story and some of Blou's note cards with her class. Cards may be purchased at the Gallery, 33 Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY14731 or by contacting the Monti Gallery by phone at 716-699-5544 or by Email to Sales @ montiphoto.com. Check out Blou's new website at www.bloudog.com. All proceeds from sales of the cards benefit the Pet Emergency Fund.

Dear Blou,

I'm interested in the name PEF. It kind of sounds like FBI or LAPD or something like that. I'm also interested in what you're doing. Selling cards with your face on them sounds like a great idea. But I probably wouldn't look as cool as you. I have to do math now. Bye.

Your friend, Colton B.

Dear Blou,

I heard you are a very cool dog. My teacher showed us some pictures of you. I have a dog too. He is a mix of different stuff. He is black and has some white under his neck. Aren't dogs the best pets? My dog is very nice. She never bites. She is really fast. I love dogs.

Your friend, Zach

Dear Blou,

You are very cute. I have pets too. I have 3 cats, one "Gunie" Pig, and one caterpillar. It is cool to help pets.

Your friend, Josh

Dear Blou,

I think Code Blou is a nice operation. PEF is a good idea. Your Blou cards are cute, funny, and helpful. I'm sorry you were abused.

Grant



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More success stories from the Pet Emergency Fund Case Files

The Phoenix Rises



Matilda, a poor little kitten, was found by a good samaritan trying to cross busy Genesee Street. She must have been in a fire of some sort—maybe a house or barn fire. If it wasn't for

the Pet Emergency Fund, Matilda would be a goner! Even though her ears and tail won't grow back, she was able to see once her eyes healed.

Luckily, we were able to help with the cost of treatment. Her new owners call her **Phoenix** . . . because she truly did rise from the ashes!



A good break for Lilo

Lilo, a cute little terrier puppy was playing in his backyard when he broke his elbow. Poor Lilo . . . he had just arrived as a birthday present for little Karen a few weeks earlier. Unfortunately, Karen's dad lost his job and they couldn't afford surgery. Once again, the Pet Emergency Fund was there to help.

Above left: Matilda when found; Top: The newly-resurrected Phoenix with her new owner. Below left: Before surgery, a reassuring hug for Lilo; Below right: Lilo's all "spit and polish" today.



IT'S IN THE STARS

August is the time to check the night skies for the constellation of *Orion* and his faithful dog *Canus*, also known as "the dog star." For the ancient Egyptians, when the dog star rose in August it signaled the annual flooding of the Nile. The Romans referred to this time as *dies caniculares*, or days of the dog star. Oh, those lazy days of summer — we call them simply "dog days."

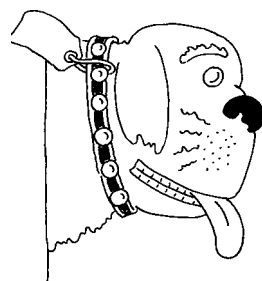
Blou's & Q's
Tips



Your dog (or cat or bird!) is much more susceptible to the heat than you are. Always provide cool shelter and fresh water when your pet is outside and NEVER leave a pet unattended in a vehicle—even with a window down or for even a few minutes. The temperature inside a vehicle can climb to dangerous levels rapidly and pets can die from heat exaustion.

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Do not use toxins such as snail or slug killer, rodenticide (mouse or rat poison), insecticides or gopher poison anywhere your pet has access. These products are highly poisonous and in many cases will attract not only the intended victim, but also your pet.



How much is that doggie in the window?

Tiny — Tiny, a pet store puppy purchased in North Carolina, was diagnosed with Parvo after her family brought her home to Western New York. "Parvo" is a virus which infects dogs causing severe vomiting and diarrhea. It is often fatal if not treated in a veterinary hospital. Tiny was dehydrated and anemic. Her family was able to pay for several days of hospitalization required to stabilize Tiny.

Once home, however, Tiny's symptoms returned. Her family was unable to afford the cost of additional hospitalization. The Pet

Emergency Fund stepped in to help and Tiny is now fully-recovered. Her owner is grateful to the PEF for saving Tiny's life.

More cases from the Pet Emergency Files ...

Mr. Wiggles — A handsome and much loved Chihuahua, Mr. Wiggles, suffered injuries from an encounter with a greyhound. In shock and with multiple bite wounds, Mr. Wiggles needed immediate surgery. His injuries were severe and his chances for recovery were slim.

The Pet Emergency Fund came to his rescue and helped his family fund the life-saving surgery. With the help of his dedicated veterinarians and staff and the PEF, Mr. Wiggles made a full recovery!



Jack — A six-month old rough-coated Collie, Jack was hit by a car this past spring. Rushed to the veterinary hospital in shock and extreme pain, Jack needed emergency care.

Unable to afford the full cost of his care, Jack's family received the needed support from the Pet Emergency Fund. Jack recovered completely and his family is grateful to the PEF for saving their puppy.



"To please himself only the cat purrs."
— an Irish saying

The success stories continue – PEF Case files

Thumper, an elderly female Visla, was feeling listless and didn't want to eat. Concerned, her family took her to their veterinarian and learned that Thumper had a bleeding spleen. Unable to afford life-saving surgery, Thumper's family received help from the PEF

Thumper recovered quickly from the surgery and went home to her family to enjoy her "golden years." Sadly, a biopsy of Thumper's spleen revealed cancer and she passed away several months later.

Thumper's family is eternally grateful to the PEF for giving them a few more precious months with their special dog.

Socks, a beautiful, brown tabby kitty, was experiencing a great deal of pain and had an abnormal heart beat. Diagnosed with a urinary obstruction, a common but life-threatening problem for male cats, Socks needed help.

Soon after Socks received treatment, paid in part by the Pet Emergency Fund, he returned to his family fully recovered.



Top: Thumper, Left: Socks; Above right: Little Nemo

Nemo, a chinchilla, was brought to the hospital with a suspected broken leg. Due to the location of the break, however, it was not possible to splint or put a cast on the leg. The only way to save his life was to amputate the leg—a surgery rarely

performed on chinchillas. Thanks to the Pet Emergency Fund Nemo was able to have his surgery and today is doing well. He has adapted to his new circumstances and is as active and loving to his owners as ever.

Pfeifer named to PEF Board

We are pleased to announce that William W. Pfeifer, has joined the Board of the Pet Emergency Fund. He is a certified public accountant with Stolzenburg, Federspiel & Pfeifer, CPA, PC. We are so pleased to have William helping us with our accounting needs!

Blou's & Q's
Tips



If you compost, be sure your dog does not have access to the compost pile — some dogs may see it as a tasty treat, but compost can contain toxins that can be poisonous to dogs.

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Watch your dog closely when playing near water. His eagerness to play may lead to exhaustion and he may have difficulty getting safely to land. He may also become overheated when playing vigorously in hot weather.

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Be cautious of over the counter flea and tick control products for cats. Check with your veterinarian before using any of these products on your cat and ONLY use products which are labeled for use on cats. Some flea and tick control products — especially those for dogs — can be highly toxic to cats.