

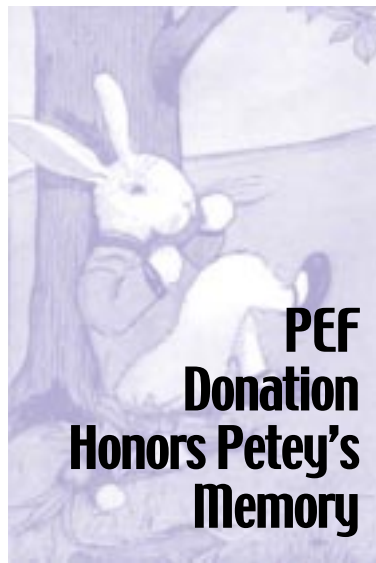
Blou's & Q's
Tips



Blou & Q want to remind everyone of the dangers of antifreeze to dogs and cats. Animals can be exposed to antifreeze in many ways: From a car's cooling system leaking or when flushing the coolant, from windshield-wiper fluid containing antifreeze, or from antifreeze placed in the toilet of camps or cabins to keep them from freezing. Antifreeze is highly toxic to dogs and cats — less than 1/4 teaspoon is toxic to a cat; less than one tablespoon to a medium-sized dog. Animals are also attracted to the sweet smell and taste of antifreeze. If you suspect that your pet has been in contact with antifreeze, contact your veterinarian immediately!

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Q wants to remind everyone to keep track of those pretty wrapping ribbons and bows this holiday season. Many kitties find these to be irresistible toys, but Q says they can cause a dangerous intestinal blockage if eaten. So, keep those ribbons away from the kitties!



PEF
Donation
Honors Petey's
Memory

A wonderful story to begin the holiday season. The Pet Emergency Fund received a donation recently in honor of a gifted veterinarian and her staff. The donation, in memory of a beloved pet rabbit named **Petey**, was a way for Petey's family to say "thank you" to his veteri-



nary caretakers. Petey's family described his caretakers as "angels," and expressed their gratitude with a donation to the Pet Emergency Fund. Petey's family hopes that their veterinary hospital will be able to use the donation to help other animals in need.

The holiday season is traditionally a time to reflect and give thanks, and Petey's story is a wonderful reminder of how generous people can be. Let's take this time to reflect upon the importance of all living things.



PEF Recipient Donates Doggie Treats

—A TESTIMONIAL—

"I want to send a big "thank you" to the Pet Emergency Fund.

After a brief, but expensive illness, I lost my beloved chocolate lab, **Cocoa**. I am, unfortunately, on a restricted budget, and

her illness put a big strain on me. But, Cocoa was worth every penny. Less than a month later, my black lab, **Jetta**, got a big gash in her foot. One week later, she decided to pull out her stitches. When I was told she needed to be re-stitched, I became slightly hysterical. I just did not have any money left.

This is when I was told the Pet Emergency Fund would contribute to my Jetta's treatment. It was a blessing, and I was extremely grateful. Through my work at a craft store, I was able to get some craft items at a low price and

made up some bags with doggy faces on them and put in a few "cookies" and gave them to my veterinarian's office. For a three-dollar donation to the fund, clients could have one of these doggy treat bags. I hope this small contribution helps replenish the fund and maybe give it a little extra. Thank you again for your generosity."

Jetta and Cocoa's owner

More success
stories from the
Pet Emergency
Fund Files

Angel

Fleas can be a terrible menace—causing your pet to scratch uncomfortably and sometimes even leading to an infection of the skin. There are many products available to kill fleas and keep your pet happy. Unfortunately, some of these products can be toxic—particularly to cats. Toxic reactions often include muscle tremors, excessive salivation and even seizures—they can be deadly. This is just what happened to **Angel**. The flea control product her owners applied caused a toxic reaction. Luckily, her family recognized the problem and rushed her to the veterinarian. If treated promptly, this



toxic reaction can be stopped. With the help of the Pet Emergency Fund, her family was able to afford this life-saving treatment and in a short time, Angel was back to normal!

Pachino

Cats have an uncanny sense of balance—they seem to be able to walk on air sometimes! But—just like children—young cats can sometimes be a little rambunctious, leading to injury. Little **Pachino** got himself into trouble when he fell, causing a fracture of a growth plate in the thigh-bone of one of his rear legs. The injury was unexpected and his family was unable to afford the surgery to repair the break. The Pet

Emergency Fund came to the rescue and with a little help, his family could afford the surgery and fix little Pachino. Today, he is back to his crazy-kitten self!

A Victorian Whimsy

If you were wondering what to do with all that annoying dog or cat hair, consider this: The granddaughter of Queen Victoria had the combings of her poodle knitted into a large shawl in 1898.



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Blou and Q want to make sure all their doggie and kitty friends are safe and warm this winter. Buffalo winters can be hard even on people, but just imagine if you had to live outside. Be sure your pet has a nice, warm place to sleep. Outdoor pets must have access to shelter and water that cannot freeze.

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Blou says be cautious of the pool even in winter. A covered pool can pose a danger if un-fenced, as your dog can fall through the ice on the cover and risk drowning or life-threatening hypothermia.

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Ice and salt on roads and walkways can be irritating to sensitive paws. Gently clean your dog's paws when coming in from outside—or train your dog to wear booties when going for a walk. Not only will his paws be protected, but he will be making quite the fashion statement!

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Blou Notes: Blou comes through



Blou was working hard for the Pet Emergency Fund in 2004. Once again, through sales of “Blou merchandise” (such as greeting cards,

wrapping paper, etc.), Blou raised \$2000 for the PEF! Jay Monti of the Monti Gallery, 33 Washington Street in Ellicottville, New York, creates all of Blou’s wares. Please visit Jay for a complete selection of Blou paraphernalia at the gallery or visit Blou’s website at www.bloudog.com. All proceeds from the sales of these items go directly to the Pet Emergency Fund!

Voucher program in the works

The Pet Emergency Fund will soon team up with the Buffalo City Animal Shelter to help save pets! The PEF has approved funding for vouchers good toward spaying or neutering newly adopted pets from the Buffalo City Shelter. More to come . . .

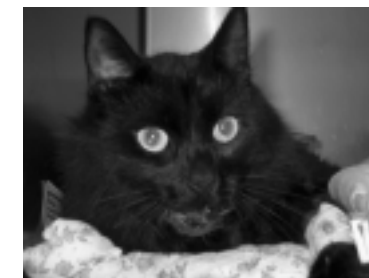


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“Carousing” Calvin Receives Help from the PEF



Thank goodness cats have nine lives! Young **Calvin**, a handsome, jet-black kitty suffered a “degloving” wound to his chin recently when he prowled a bit too far from home. His wound, a peeling of the skin from his chin, is usually a result of an encounter with a car. Ouch!

When Calvin returned home with this terrible injury, his family immediately brought him to their

veterinarian. Calvin needed surgery. Unfortunately, one of Calvin’s family members was also ill at the time, and his family needed help. The Pet Emergency Fund provided that help and Calvin’s family was able to afford his surgery.

Thanks to the PEF, and Calvin’s devoted family, he is back “on the prowl” and as handsome as ever!

Pity the Poor Pitbull



Injuries can happen any-time. Young, active pets can come in from outside with a myriad of injuries — often from sources unknown. Handsome **Adrian**, a 1 1/2-year-old pitbull terrier was playing outside and came in with a deep gash — it looked as if he may have impaled himself on a stick or horse-shoe stake! He needed surgery to fix the wound. With the help of the Pet Emergency Fund, Adrian was able to have his surgery and is now as good as new! Thanks to the PEF, Adrian’s family could afford emergency surgery for their beloved four-legged family member.



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THEY WORE BLUE VELVET . . .

“She wore Blue Velvet,” crooned Bobby Vinton — not referring, we surmise, to Mary, Queen of Scots, who dressed her 22 lap dogs in blue velvet collars. Not to be outdone, her brother-in-law, the French king Charles IX, outfitted his 36 miniature greyhounds in red and green velvet collars.