

# The Pet Emergency Fund

PROVIDING INTERVENTION CARE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

## Thank you MARY

It is time to thank **Mary VandenBergh** again for all she does to promote the Pet Emergency Fund. Mary is not a veterinarian or a PEF board member, but she is a dedicated animal lover and a creative person.

Shortly after the start of the PEF seven years ago, Mary wanted to contribute to this novel program for pets. She came up with the idea for making paw-shaped memorial stones out of cement. The stones are personalized with the pet's name and even a photograph and are sold for \$15 and \$25, respectively. After paying for supplies, all proceeds go



directly into our general fund.

Mary promotes her stones in a variety of ways. Twelve local veterinary hospitals (primarily in the Northtowns) have her stones on display as well as pet supply stores — *La De Da Pet Spa* in Orchard Park, *Animal Kingdom* in the Southtowns and *Animal Outfitters* near Children's Hospital in Buffalo. Mary also promotes (and sells) her stones at Mini-Vet School sponsored by UB and the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society every October. You may have even seen her stones on *PM Buffalo* on *Channel 7* earlier this spring. In addition to memorial stones, she also makes dog biscuits, cat toys, Christmas ornaments and stockings, and photo albums. In total, she has sold nearly 800 paw prints and generated almost \$15,000, and this year is looking to be the most successful year yet. Thank you, Mary, for your dedication to the Pet Emergency Fund and the pets and people of WNY!



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♥ ... All You Need is Love ... ♥

### and with a Little Help from the PEF, you're as good as new .

Little **Kristen** had a big problem! She had a rapidly growing tumor and it was getting worse. Kristen's family brought her to their veterinarian, who quickly realized that in order to save little Kristen's life, the tumor needed to be removed as soon as possible. Luckily, a specialist was able to perform the life-saving surgery and with a little help from the Pet Emergency Fund, Kristen's family was able to save their precious four-

legged family member! We hope Kristen has many more years to share with her loving family!

#### Recycled cartridge program

Your used inkjet and laser printer cartridges and old cell phones can help raise money for the PEF. When you bring the cartridges and phones to a participating veterinary hospital, the Pet Emergency Fund can receive

a charitable donation for recycling these items. So far, we have raised over \$350. Through this program, you can help the environment by recycling and help the pets and people of WNY at the same time!

PLEASE NOTE: Epson products are **not** accepted and **PLEASE DO NOT** bring packaging materials, boxes or chargers – just the items themselves. Check with your veterinarian first if you have any questions.

## MONK and CAT



Your shining eye watches the wall,  
my feeble eye is fixed on a book.  
You rejoice when your claws  
Entrap a mouse;  
I rejoice when my mind  
Fathoms a problem.  
Pleased with his own art,  
Neither hinders the other . . . .  
Praise for a feline friend is reflected in this writing in the margin an 8th century manuscript page. One wonders if kitty ever spilled the



Blou's & Q's  
Tips



Blou says the yuckier the better! Dogs like to get into smelly things, and a compost pile is a perfect example. Blou says to be sure your dog cannot have access to a compost pile because the decomposing vegetation creates molds and bacteria that can be very toxic and make your dog very sick. If your dog gets into compost, he may show signs of shaking, drooling and trembling. If this happens, immediately bring your pet to the veterinarian.

Summer time means vacation! It's fun to go away to visit or go to the beach, but Q says to be sure someone is taking care of your kitties at home. It's OK to leave for a day or overnight if you leave plenty of food, water and a clean litter pan, but Q likes to be sure everyone has someone to take care of them if their family is gone for more time. Q says have a kitty-sitter or use a cat boarding facility if you don't have a family member or neighbor that can come by daily. Q says he would be happy to help out, but he can't drive!

Success stories from the PEF Case files

This beautiful, silky black kitty is **Sadie** (right). Sadie's mom brought her to their veterinarian after she noticed several large lumps on Sadie's abdomen that seemed badly infected. Sadie's doctor diagnosed a large, infected breast tumor. Because Sadie's mom was also caring for an ill family member, she couldn't afford the cost of the necessary surgery. That's when Sadie's veterinarian offered a little bit of assistance from her hospital's Pet Emergency Fund account. With this help, Sadie underwent the surgery to remove the infected tumor and went home happy and healthy for the next several months. Sadly, Sadie passed away a short time ago, but we wanted to remember this spunky little kitty and the joy she brought to her family thanks to the Pet Emergency Fund!



One of the most frightening things in this world is a house fire. This precious little beagle – now called **Burnie** – (above) was home alone when the family's home caught fire. Burnie was trapped inside, but luckily was saved by firefighters. He spent weeks in and out of the hospital because of injured lungs from smoke as well as severe burns to his head and back. Burnie's care was extensive, and only with the help of the Pet Emergency Fund and a new loving family, was he able to make a full recovery. He now runs and plays again with his new doggie brothers and, hopefully, doesn't even remember the terrible ordeal that almost took his life. Thank you PEF!



Katrina Fund Update PEF takes part in Buffalo Greyhound Fair!

When disaster strikes, the people of Western New York come together like no where else! The Pet Emergency Fund raised over \$24,000 in donations to help the animal victims of the devastating hurricanes in the south last fall. Monies were distributed to victims in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and went directly to the aid of affected animals. Pets such as "**Kelsie**," (above) a senior mixed-breed dog who was stranded for days without food or water, was helped by our donations.

Kelsie's story was featured in our holiday mailing last Christmas. Thank you to our wonderful donors for allowing us to help animals in need wherever they may be!

The Pet Emergency Fund was once again part of the Buffalo Greyhound Fair at the Hamburg Fair Grounds in April (below). Volunteers Mary, Cindy, Bill and Kim gave out information about the Pet Emergency Fund and answered questions regarding the fund. We had a great turn out and were so pleased to have been invited for the second year to this wonderful event.



"Blou" update

"Blou" visited the veterinary cardiologist at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine this past March for a check up on his heart. We are glad to report that Blou got a good bill of health! The cable television station, *Nickolodean*, recently contacted Blou's owner, Jay, about having Blou in an animated cartoon – keep your eyes out for him on *Nickolodean*! Blou also worked very hard last fall for the animal victims of Hurricane Katrina and raised over \$1,000 which was sent to help his friends in the south! Thank you Blou – we love you!

"Q" update

Q is very happy that summer has finally come back to Western New York! He was very busy over the winter finding new cozy, warm places to sleep and now can lounge in the sunshine on his porch. He had some issues with his asthma this spring and had to take lots of medicine (which he does very well!), developed arthritis in his elbows and some embarrassing gastrointestinal problems, but he is going to be sixteen this year and his mom (who is also his doctor!) thinks he is doing great for an old man. He looks forward to a busy summer of stretching out in sunbeams on the warm, wood floor and belly rubs on the porch. We love you too, Q!



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Blou's & Q's  
Tips



Mice and other rodents can be a problem during both the summer months and in the fall when it gets cooler and they are looking for ways to get into the house. Blou and Q say that they like to play with these tiny, squeaky friends, but mouse and rat poison are very toxic to dogs and cats. So, Blou and Q say to be very careful if you need to use mouse or rat poison. Be sure you have a special pet-proof container for it that locks. If you think your cat or dog has eaten poison, immediately bring them to the vet. Symptoms can take days to show up, and by that time, it may be too late. If caught early, they can be treated.

Blou and Q want to be sure all their friends are healthy, so make sure your four-legged family member has had a check up with his or her veterinarian this year. A visit to the veterinarian at least once a year is essential for a healthy pet! Blou and Q say check with your vet first to see if they want you to bring any "samples" or if your pet should not eat before his visit for a blood test.