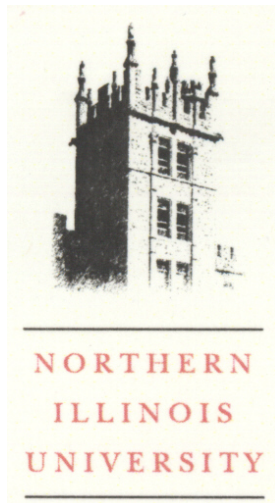




The newly redesigned website is up and running! Please take a moment to visit www.help-a-pet.org where you will find a more attractive and easier site to navigate. The main focus of the redesign is to encourage more donations nationwide in keeping with Help-A-Pet's national outreach. Right now, most donations are received within Illinois through the mail. The top five states in order of amount of pet medical care aid received are Illinois, California, Florida, Ohio, and North Carolina.



Much gratitude is owed to Dr. Debra Zahay and her integrated marketing class at Northern Illinois University who created the new site design. Words cannot sufficiently express how impressed I was with the intelligence, enthusiasm, and altruistic spirit of the students. Having met some of the bright young men and women that attend NIU, I was especially aggrieved to hear of the tragic event that occurred at Cole Hall. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the families, friends, students and staff connected with that excellent academic institution.

A new trend in giving called "commemorative gifts" is providing a lot of needed pet medical treatment. The concept began as memorial donations given to honor the loss of a beloved pet. Grieving pet owners greatly appreciate receiving notification of donations given in honor of their faithful companions which affirm that family and friends understand the importance of pets in their lives and the significant sadness of the loss. It has now become very popular for people to give gifts to commemorate all types of special occasions:



Birthday, anniversary, or retirement present for the animal lover who already has everything;

Bar/Bat mitzvah present to teach the importance of giving to young people;



and, my personal favorite, as a congratulatory gift for someone's first pet.

More details about commemorative giving can be found at www.help-a-pet.org or contact me at (630) 986-9504. Remember every cent of every dollar donated is paid directly to the vet., clinic, or hospital.

Please pass on the enclosed brochure to someone who might be interested in helping pets and the people who love them. On behalf of the following pets and the many others you have saved from unnecessary pain and death, thank you for your generosity. May you enjoy watching the enclosed seeds grow into beautiful flowers. - Allyson Regas



Amos is loved by 78-year old retired nurse Betty Simpkins. HAP contributed \$300 towards the treatment for his blocked tear ducts. ***“I do sincerely appreciate your generous gift, it will smooth things out for Amos and I. We are on such a limited income but managed fairly well until the blocked tear ducts. The eye specialist cost quite a bit in addition to all the medicine. We did manage to save his sight in both eyes. One is completely normal and the other is slowly returning. With your help, we have the bill paid up. Thank you so much. (I think he is very handsome).”***

Stanley is loved by 58-year old Janice Bennett who suffers from arthritis of the spine. HAP contributed \$200 towards emergency care to remove an intestinal blockage. ***“Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Stanley’s recent care. Stanley is at home where he is doing well on his special diet of dry and canned foods. He just finished his antibiotics yesterday.”***



Boomerang is loved by 62-year old Theresa Triompo who suffers with diabetes and the corresponding complications. HAP provided \$150 towards the cost of surgery to remove a tumor in his anal gland. ***“Thank you so much for the help with funding for Boomerang. We’ve been through an awful lot together. He’s been through an awful lot on his own. He’s repaid me a thousand times over for all I have done for him. Hopefully, we’ll be together awhile yet. Thanks again.”***

Twinkle is loved by Charlene Harris, a single mother who works as a secretary, and her son. They received \$300 towards the cost of surgery to remove a tumor. ***“Thank you very much for coming to Twinkle’s aid in his hour of need. You have been a Godsend to this family and we will never forget your kindness. Peace, love, hugs, and God bless.”***

