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Put a leash on your pooch and comfy shoes on your feet. It is time for the second annual **Care Walk for Canines**. The Pre-Veterinarian Club of Elmhurst College is sponsoring a dog walk to benefit Help-A-Pet. Join us Saturday, April 17 at Elmhurst College Mall, 190 Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois for a leisurely one-mile walk. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:45 a.m. rain or shine! \$10 per dog w/ walker, \$5 per additional person. For further information or an entry form, please contact me or the Pre-Veterinary Club at ecaaisa@gmail.com.

Established in March of 1999, Help-A-Pet had a successful finish to its 11th year of relieving the suffering and unnecessary death of sick and injured pets. In spite of the dismal economy, financial assistance for the fiscal year was 11% more than the previous year. But we need to do better. Help-A-Pet receives 1,000 qualified applications annually. Even with a modest average amount of assistance per pet of \$300, barely a tenth of this demand is currently being met. Please help us spread the word about our much-needed service by giving the enclosed brochure to someone who may be interested in supporting this cause.

Thank you to **Alone At Home Pet Sitting Inc.** which gave \$1600 to Help-A-Pet as the 2010 Timothy Tails award recipient. If you are in need of pet sitting or dog training, you can't do any better than these licensed, insured, bonded and Red Cross animal first aid trained professionals. Additional services, such as watering plants, mail collection, and garbage take out are also available. Please give this compassionate company a call or visit their web site for further information.



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May Spring renew your spirit and bring you exciting opportunities. The warmer weather causes people as well as pets to shed their coats. I hope you find the enclosed lint brush useful.

Allyson Regas, Founder



“Susie Q and I are very grateful. I feel very blessed. We thank you very much.”

Susie Q is loved by a single preschool teacher who earns less than \$13,000 a year. HAP provided \$500 for surgery to treat abscessed teeth which cost over \$700.

“Thank you so much for your donation of \$195 for Augustus’ medical expenses. He had a second re-check of his eye and it has improved to the degree that he won’t need to return for another re-check.” - HAP provided 50% of the cost of an eye enucleation exacerbated by herpes of the eye. Augustus’ owner is disabled.



“I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for helping my dog, Keeta. When I received your message on my phone, I broke down and cried. It meant so much that I cannot express into words how grateful Keeta and I are that you were able to help. Keeta is doing well and is back to her old self. She is able to walk now. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.” HAP provided 50% of the \$600 cost of surgery on Keeta’s left front leg. Keeta’s owner is disabled.

In the spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who are able to share your good fortune with the pets and pet lovers served by Help-A-Pet during this tumultuous year. I am just as grateful for those of you who gave in the past and may not be able to continue to give because you provided the building blocks for the creation and growth of this unique organization. I hope the future treats you with the same generous spirit you have shown to Help-A Pet. Unlike the often depressing daily news, may the pictures, stories, and gratitude of a few pet-patients featured on the reverse side of this newsletter inspire your faith that the world is still full of good people taking care of and loving each other and animals. Please pass on the enclosed brochure to a potential new donor and enjoy the 2010 calendar as our token of appreciation.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Allyson Regas, Founder

