



Their Welfare is in Our Hands.

# Animal Assistance League of Orange County

Holiday Greetings!

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## Dear AALOC Supporter,



During some of the toughest times that Animal Assistance League of Orange County has faced over the last few years, our members and supporters have pulled together to support our animals and preserve our invaluable community assistance programs. The compassion among AALOC folks is simply amazing and we are overwhelmed with gratitude.

Your donations ensured that AALOC provided almost \$40,000 to spay and neuter dogs and cats in Orange County, preventing thousands of innocent lives from being born simply to die. The Humane Education program continues to make a difference by educating our community about basic pet care, pet safety, and pet issues, improving the lives of animals in need one home at a time. The No Kill Kennel has been the light at the end of a dark tunnel to hundreds of dogs and cats every year that had no other hope.

Pet Aid, a long time program that provides donations for pet owners who are disabled, on social security, or suffering hardship, is needed now more than ever. Neighbors call to report abuse, starvation and exposure. Isolated senior citizens lack transportation to a vet for an ill pet. Unemployed pet owners ask for pet food for their dogs or cats who haven't eaten in several days.

### Who does Pet Aid matter to?



Charlie & his dog Scooter

"Hobo Charlie" loves Scooter, his Jack Russell Terrier of five years. Charlie was blinded in one eye when both he and Scooter were shot by paintballs by passersby a few years back. No longer able to work as a carpenter, Charlie and Scooter live in a tent in a field in Orange County, and they make the best of the worst, together. Scooter's eye developed an ulcer and he suffered immeasurable pain as the eye was about to rupture. Charlie asked a local retailer to call AALOC and Scooter was rushed to the vet, and has had ongoing treatment which has saved his eye. He also got a few holiday sweaters as well to keep him warm. Charlie asks nothing for himself, just that we help his best friend.

Peter worked for years as a truck driver, but with a few strokes of bad luck, the bad times snowballed, and at almost 60 years old, he now lives in his car with his 13 year old dog, Emma. They curl up to keep warm at night, and Peter needs AALOC to watch Emma on days when he goes job hunting, so employers don't see what we see...another homeless soul who refuses to move into a shelter because they won't take his dog in too.



Chico

When Laurie allowed her 8 month old kitten Mikat to explore the outdoors, she didn't expect her neighbor to rush the kitten home in critical condition. The neighbor's dog had been in his own yard, but the outdoor kitten wandered into the yard, and was grabbed, shaken and almost killed. She called AALOC for help and her kitten was saved with a commitment that the kitten would never be allowed outdoors again.



Mikat

Jessica called on her father's behalf, as Salvador doesn't speak English. She told the story of a kind father who took in a one year old Pit Bull mix from friends who lost their home 5 months earlier. Salvador had recently lost his job, so he didn't want a dog, but "Chico" had nowhere else to go. Now Chico had been vomiting repeatedly and by the end of the day, he could no longer stand up.

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AALOC arranged for Chico to go to the emergency room immediately, where he was diagnosed with parvovirus, given prompt treatment, and is once again the playful Pit mix who greets school kids every day as they pass his short fence. Chico is still in need of a new home, but now has the chance to find it thanks to your donations.

Volunteers returning to AALOC after a busy adoption day spotted a weak senior cat from the road, curled up next to an apartment dumpster. The apartment manager revealed that Crickett was 14 years old, and was left outside when her owner moved away. Very weak, and suffering from an upper respiratory illness, Crickett wouldn't have survived another day. Her breathing was labored and noisy, and she was too weak to vocalize. The manager agreed to let the volunteers take the tiny black and white senior to the veterinary hospital, and she is recovering now in foster care.



**Crickett**



**Maggie**

Many saw the hurt in Maggie's eyes on the television news in November. The one year old Pit Bull mix suffered broken ribs, a broken pelvis, and numerous lacerations after she was seen being beaten by two boys with baseball bats. Rescued by a teen-aged Good Samaritan, Maggie was brought to AALOC where she was rushed to the emergency room, and has been under the care of a veterinarian ever since. She is recovering from her injuries, and has regained the sparkle in her eye. She wags her tail and wiggles her broken body enthusiastically whenever she is given attention.

When the third story apartment building caught on fire in November, one dog inside was rescued by the fire department, but Kaya, an 11 month old German Shepherd adopted from a local shelter two weeks earlier, panicked and jumped off the third story balcony. When her owners made a late night plea on the news for a neurosurgeon to save their dog, AALOC responded. Kaya was transported to a veterinary neurosurgeon who sadly found that Kaya's injuries, combined with previously unknown spinal birth defects, meant that Kaya could not be saved. Her owner's held her as her suffering ended.



**Kaya**

Every story has a different beginning and a different ending, but they all have your donation as the reason that help was given. Thank you for your compassion, for your generosity, and for making it possible for AALOC to do good things for animals in need.

With deepest gratitude,

AALOC Board of Directors

## Animal Assistance League of Orange County

Please attach the following information to your tax-deductible donation and return in the enclosed envelope.

**Yes** - I want to help injured, ill, neglected, abused or abandoned animals in Orange County.

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a **Monthly Pledge** of:

- \$ 3.00 a month
- \$ 5.00 a month
- \$10.00 a month
- \$20.00 a month
- \$50.00 a month
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a month

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Please make checks payable to:  
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**The Animals Thank You For Your Support!**