



Their Welfare is in Our Hands.

# Animal Assistance League of Orange County

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## Dear AAL Supporter,

“The dog’s leg has been dangling for 2 days! Please help!” The frantic caller has just seen her neighbor’s Retriever mix Leo, who was hit by a car two days earlier and has not been taken to the vet. The owner has no money to treat his suffering dog, and the caller begs AAL to call the owner and speak with him. AAL offers Pet Aid and Leo is on his way to recovery.

Edna calls AAL because her terminally ill cat has not eaten in 4 days. Edna is a senior citizen on social security and doesn’t have money to euthanize her dying cat nor does she have transportation to the vet. Through her tears, she says that she has been sitting at home, day after day, holding her cat of 17 years while watching her die slowly. AAL’s Pet Aid helps with the vet appointment and the transportation, and Edna is able to say a tearful goodbye to her best friend with compassion.

Princess is a tiny Yorkie mix who has a painful eye infection with both eyes squinting and filled with pus. She has been a constant companion for her disabled owner Janice who does not have enough money to help Princess. AAL’s Pet Aid makes the vet care possible and Janice puts Princess on her lap as she pushes her wheelchair one mile to the vet to help her best friend.

Wiping away her tears and swallowing her pride, an elderly woman comes to the AAL Humane Center after her husband’s medical bills have left them penniless. She says that they have no money to feed their little poodle and asks if AAL has any food to give their dog. Another family calls and says that their pets haven’t eaten in 2 days as they are going through some hard times. Not one will go hungry with AAL’s help.

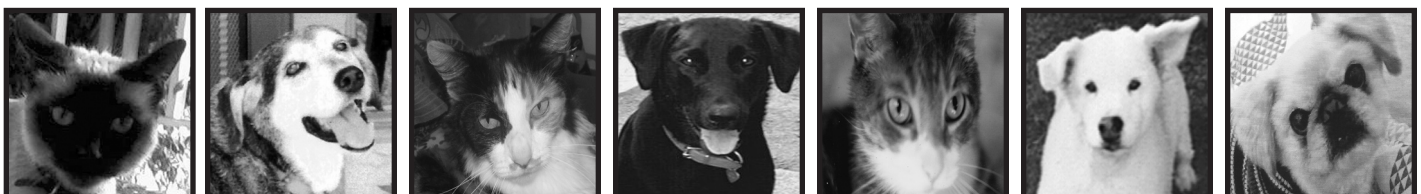
Economic devastation has hit so many of those that we each know and love. It can also be devastating to charities, as donations drop off as families cut back to make ends meet. Compounding this is the fact that AAL is being called upon to help more than ever as more owners are finding that they can’t provide for their pets, either because they have lost their home, can’t afford vet bills, or can’t even buy pet food.

When times are tough, the tragedy is that many pets will pay with their lives.

- Animal control reports an increase in the number of pets left behind in foreclosed homes for days or weeks without food or water. By the time they are found, some are near death and for others, help has come too late.
- Animal shelters have had a surge in the numbers of pets being turned in because their owners have lost their homes. Tearful good byes at the shelter gate are some of the last moments of the pet’s lives. For many elderly pets or those with medical needs, there will not be another home.
- AAL is receiving more calls than ever from newly homeless families living in their cars with their pets who need pet food.
- Veterinarians are reporting that the number of families choosing to euthanize a pet has skyrocketed because there is no money to treat even minor conditions.

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## Just a few faces helped by Pet Aid...



**A**AL's Pet Aid can make the difference between peace and suffering, between happiness and sorrow, between life and death.

However, with donations dropping during these hard times, AAL has had to cut back our Pet Aid program. There is nothing more painful than knowing that these cutbacks will mean that animals won't be helped.

We don't want to turn any animal away, but we are at the point where we just won't be able to help in these hard times without your support.

Will you help? Whatever your means are, your donation can make a difference for an injured or ill pet who lays waiting for help or a hungry dog or cat whose family has no money to buy pet food. For the cost of giving up one deluxe coffee a month, you could pay for a cat to be spayed or neutered, thereby preventing the births of over 420,000 cats in 6 years if all of the offspring reproduce! It would pay for vaccines to protect a pup from the deadly parvovirus or feed a pet who would go hungry otherwise.

Please consider donating on a regular basis, becoming a member, sponsoring a rescued dog or cat on our website, ordering a personal tile at our No Kill Kennel or coming to a fundraiser. If you aren't able to make a financial donation, then consider donating your time! Every person who can help with writing grant applications, doing yard work or handy work, grooming a dog or cat, picking up supplies, returning phone calls, or transporting pets to vet appointments makes a difference!

***You can make a difference!***

**On behalf of needy dogs and cats in Orange County,  
we appreciate your generosity!**



## **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:

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Please make checks payable to: AALOC

Please send me a Membership Application.

Please send me information on purchasing Personal Tiles.

I am interested in Volunteering.

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Check here if you would like to receive our monthly E-Newsletter.

**The Animals Thank You For Your Support!**