



Their Welfare is in Our Hands.

Animal Assistance League of Orange County



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Dear AAL Supporter,

Every time the Helpline phone rings at AAL, someone is desperately reaching out for help for an animal. Every story is different, but the person calling usually has no where else to turn. Too many times, the Helpline is their hope.

- A 93 year old man calls and he's crying as he struggles to get the words out: his 9 year old beloved tabby "Floyd" needs to have a leg amputated and he can't afford the thousands of dollars for the surgery.
- An 83 year old woman adopted a cat from the local animal shelter recently. She is guilt ridden because she allowed her cat to have "time out on the balcony." A hummingbird flew close enough to tempt the cat who fell 3 stories and is waiting at the vet hospital with a broken pelvis and fractured femur....and she doesn't have the funds to help him.
- A horrified father calls after finding his small dog was stabbed with a knife by his 3 year old daughter.
- A woman is moving into a battered woman's shelter with her children, but her two senior dogs aren't allowed. She can't face the thought of them going to an animal shelter and pleads for help in finding them a permanent or temporary home.
- A marine has just been deployed to Iraq and is leaving in 2 weeks. His family and friends are not willing to care for his dog while he's gone.
- A hospital chaplain calls, looking for placement for a patient's dog who was left alone for one week in a mobile home.
- A woman's voice is screaming into the phone that she just saw her dog get hit by a car and she doesn't know what to do to get help so it won't die.
- A neighbor wants to report the owners of puppies who are being left outdoors even though a coyote has already killed one of the puppies.

The day has been a hard one with more calls from another woman who wants to help her neighbor's dog that is really sick and the owner is unemployed; a call about a love bird who is egg bound, and a dog who just ate rat poison.

As our Helpline Counselor shared, "Granted, some calls sound like they could have been prevented by responsible pet ownership and others just happen, but these scenarios are played out time and time again. An important part of my job is to educate pet owners, but in emergency situations, the ONLY thing that matters is getting help for the pet, giving direction and comfort to the owner and just plain letting them know that they aren't alone in their crisis. Educating the people comes AFTER the main objective, which is to help the pet NOW. The animal is not able to make choices for themselves, nor should they have to suffer the consequences of their situation."

Who are these people that call us? They are folks just like you and I who have suddenly found themselves in a less fortunate situation. They are truly devastated, feeling alone, helpless, guilty and with no hope of helping their beloved pet. What do we provide to these people? We give them HOPE and the feeling that they are not alone.

We provide humanitarian assistance through a positive approach with guidance and counsel, referrals, sometimes with financial assistance and always with education. We laugh with them and we cry with them.

When Buddy's owner, a senior citizen who lives in an RV, is asked what the 8 year old dachshund mix means to him, he says, "Buddy is everything to me...he is all I have in the whole world." Buddy developed a large mass protruding rectally and his owner is devastated that he can't help his best friend. AAL's donation got Buddy the surgery needed to save his life and get him back with his best friend.



Buddy awaiting surgery

A Good Samaritan found a small dog abandoned on a sidewalk, in a dog bed, covered with a blanket. She was wet, the blanket was wet and she was lying on top of a muffin covered in ants. She cannot walk, so he takes "Muffin" to a vet and she is then transported to the local animal shelter. At the shelters' advice, he reaches out to AAL for rescue and Muffin was taken to a veterinary neurologist who found that she would recover fully! She now walks, runs, and plays while waiting for a family to adopt her!

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Muffin with Neurologist Dr. Berry



Muffin plays, walks and runs now!



We'll never know if Kobe was lost or abandoned when he was found crawling, only using only his front legs to move, but AAL made sure that Kobe got the surgery he needed to help him walk again, and it won't be long before the 10 month old is ready to run!



Once the calls are caught up, there are bags of donated pet food to set aside for those who have lost jobs and blankets and food for those living in their cars with their pets until their situation improves. A volunteer delivers donated dog houses and dog beds to homes in low income neighborhoods where some dogs are left outside without shelter.

How many times have you had a chance to make a huge difference in someone's life? Your financial donation or volunteering a couple hours a week being a Helpline Counselor will make a difference!

At a time when numerous shelters and rescue organizations across the country have folded and closed doors, the support you have given to AAL continues to pull us through the toughest of times.



Kobe recovers from surgery

Your support allows AAL to make a difference for abandoned, abused, and homeless animals in Orange County.

From the deepest part of our hearts, ***Thank You!***

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We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

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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.

Name _____

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____

Address _____

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

City _____

\$ 3.00 a month

State _____ Zip _____

\$ 5.00 a month

\$10.00 a month

Phone _____

\$20.00 a month

\$50.00 a month

Email _____

Other \$ _____ a month

Please make checks payable to: AALOC

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

I am interested in volunteering.

The Animals Thank You For Your Support!