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In this time of great financial hardship, it is important for us all to know exactly how our money is spent and to have assurance that our charitable contributions are used as they were intended. Every dollar donated to Help-A-Pet is used to help pets. Every dollar. Every cent. We have no overhead or salary costs. None. It is an entirely volunteer organization and all payments are made directly to the veterinarian or medical supplier.

With this in mind, Help-A-Pet is very pleased to announce it was awarded the GuideStar Exchange Seal (seen to the right). This seal indicates that Help-A-Pet discloses full and updated information and documentation to the public. Guide star is a 501( c) (3) public charity founded in 1994 which provides information on more than 1.7 million IRS recognized U.S. nonprofits. Its mission is to revolutionize philanthropy and nonprofit practice by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. Financial and other information on Help-A-Pet may be found by visiting the GuideStar web site at <http://www2.guidestar.org/SearchResults.aspx>.



A big thank you to Leo Congenie and the Pre-veterinarian Club of Elmhurst College for hosting the second annual Care Walk for Canines. Over \$700 was raised to provide medical treatment for sick or injured dogs. Please don't hesitate to contact me at ARegas@aol.com or (630) 986-9504 if you would like to host an event. Help-A-Pet makes a great charity for children's clubs or schools and church fundraisers as children and pets go together like wags and purrs.

May you feel the gratitude of the pets and people you have helped with your generosity by reading the flip side of this newsletter. I also hope the enclosed 2011/2012 calendar gets filled with lots of good times with your pets, family and friends.

Allyson Regas, Founder



***“Life with a disability is joyless without companionship. Charlie is a shining light of vitality in our lives. Thank you for the financial assistance that restored the health of our fuzzy family member.”*** Charlie is the only “child” of a disabled/working couple. He was adopted at Christmas in 2006 and helped them recover from the loss of their terrier who was with them for 18 years. HAP provided \$350 for dental surgery which restored his appetite and friendly demeanor.

***“Thank you so very much. You’ve brought hope back to my soul. Enclosed is a picture of Meg who is back to lying in her favorite position again. The insulin and home-cooked meals are working and your help will be wisely used.”*** - HAP provided \$300 towards the cost of medicine and syringes.



***“Thank you for giving my little Kaci the precious gift of sight. Without your help I couldn’t have given her the surgery she needed. She has a new face and a new life to look forward to now. I just wanted you to know that we appreciate your kind generosity from the bottom of our hearts! We really appreciate you and others who care about God’s little creatures.”*** - HAP provided 50% of the \$600 cost of treatment.

***“I really appreciate your help. Without it, I would soon have to think about either sending her to a shelter or having her put down. Neither one of these things did I want to do. Your help will keep my little girl healthy and happy.”*** - HAP provided \$300 towards the cost of dental treatment for Bella, the chinchilla.

