

Blou's & Q's  
Tips



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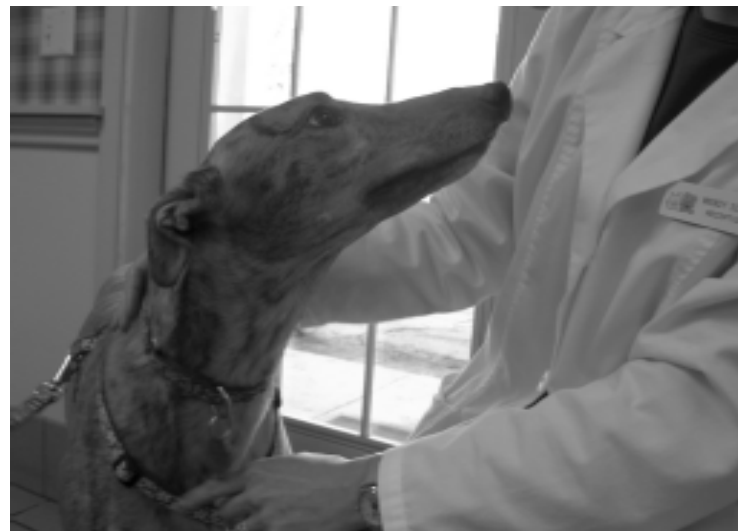
It's sum-summer time! That means it can be hot-hot-hot! But even on moderately warm days, the temperature inside a vehicle can become hot enough to kill in no time. NEVER leave your pet unattended in a vehicle! Even with the windows "cracked" temperatures can soar into a dangerous range.

September brings things like "back to school" and returning to a regular routine for many of us. Q says it reminds him of his time for a check-up with his veterinarian (who happens to be his mom!). Your kitty should have a check-up at least once per year. Older kitties may need blood tests to be sure they are healthy. This fall, be sure to check when your kitty was last to the vet. Q says this is good for dogs, too!

Success stories from the PEF Case files

"Baby Boy"

While spending some time in a kennel when his owner was out of town, "Baby Boy," a handsome and friendly Rottweiler, became ill. "Baby Boy" was brought to the veterinarian where it was thought he might have a condition commonly called "bloat"— distension and twisting of the stomach. This often very painful condition can be life-threatening. X-rays were taken to determine if this was the cause of the pain. Thankfully, results were negative. Upon further examination, the doctor discovered that "Baby Boy" had a serious skin infection, which was causing the pain. Antibiotics were prescribed and in no time, he was feeling much better! Thanks to the Pet Emergency Fund and his owner, this lucky boy was able to have the care he needed.



How Many Pets have been helped?

Since the Pet Emergency Fund began in 1999, we have helped 489 pets with donations (as of April 2005) totaling \$75,194.66! Wow!!!

It is exciting to see that we have come so far in such a short time!

We thank all of our wonderful donors who are listed in this edition of the PEF files.

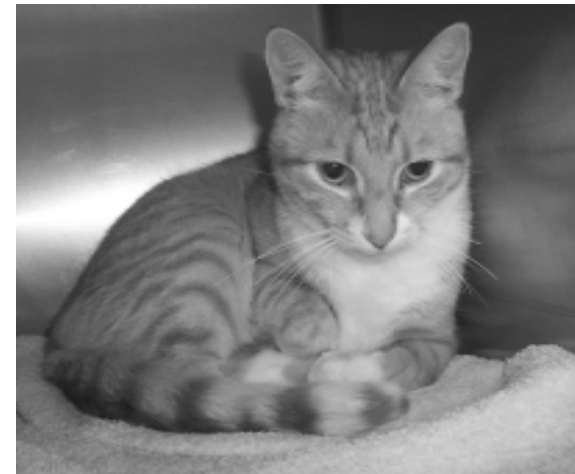
Buffalo Greyhound Adoption Annual Fair

This past March, Buffalo Greyhound Adoption held their Annual Fair at the Western New York Event Center in Clarence. There were vendors, demonstrations, games, exhibitions, raffles and a Blessing of the Hounds. Tarrie, the PEF's Administrative Assistant, kindly volunteered part of her weekend to set up a table with Pet Emergency Fund information. Tarrie handed out newsletters,

pamphlets and PEF message points to many eager fair attendees. The Pet Emergency Fund was honored to be a part of the Annual Greyhound Fair, helping the beautiful, noble Greyhound and the PEF — Thank You, Buffalo Greyhound Adoption!



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"Charlie"

A common problem with male cats is disease of the urinary tract. Some cats can become very sick and urinary blockage is life-threatening if not treated quickly. Most often, it is an emergency situation.

"Charlie" is the loving companion of a couple of college students. "Charlie" had experienced a similar problem several years ago, so his owners knew what to watch for and they brought him to the veterinarian before he developed a complete blockage. Since "Charlie" was brought to the doctor promptly, he was not very sick and the veterinarian was able to easily place a catheter into his bladder to prevent a complete blockage. The next day, the catheter was removed and "Charlie" was given some medication to help him heal. His owners were extremely glad to have the Pet Emergency Fund there to help with his treatment.



"Guinness"

The loyalty of dogs has been proven time and again since humans and canines became friends. Sometimes, a dog may even suffer injury attempting to protect his family from a perceived threat.

"Guinness," a brave and handsome two-year-old neutered male Rottweiler-mix, was playing in his backyard with his owner's grandchildren when something in the front of the house caught his attention. It may have been another neighborhood dog who was nearby, or the jogger running past the house. "Guinness" ran to the front of the house and between him, the other dog, and the jogger, confusion ensued. The jogger, who happened to be a police officer, became threatened by the dogs. Quickly, the tense



situation deteriorated and the officer's weapon was discharged in a heated moment. "Guinness" suffered a gunshot wound to his face and neck. His owners rushed him to their veterinarian where surgery was performed to repair the wounds. Thanks to the help of the Pet Emergency Fund, his dedicated owners and veterinary staff, "Guinness" is expected to make a full recovery!

"Some cats, as we know, are born in full evening dress. White shirt, white tie ... (whiskers) ... black tails and all. The illusion is perfect, particularly when they also have smart black paws to match. I love cats in evening dress; they wear it so much more elegantly than we do."



— Beverly Nichols  
20th-century English author

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Kitties who are allowed outside may be at higher risk of traumatic injury in the summer months. If your kitty goes outside, keep her in at night when cats are more likely to get into mischief. Trauma from vehicles or wild animals (or more commonly, other cats!) is more likely when it is dark. So Q says: "Keep those kitties in at night!"

Warm temperatures bring us all outside. But remember, your four-legged friend cannot realize when he's too hot. Be sure to give your dog plenty of rest periods in a shady spot when out playing, and always lots of fresh, cool water. Heat stroke can happen suddenly. If you suspect heatstroke, begin cooling your dog with cool - not cold - water or towels soaked in cool water and bring him immediately to your veterinarian or emergency vet hospital.

## The Pet Emergency Fund

PROVIDING INTERVENTION CARE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

*Thank you,  
Dr. Levine -*



The Pet Emergency Fund Board of Directors would like to take a moment to thank our past and founding president, Dr. Marcia Levine. Dr. Levine had a vision six years ago to begin a local not-for-profit organization which would help pet

owners in need of financial assistance for their pets in emergency situations. Dr. Levine's vision has been realized with the tremendous success of the Pet Emergency Fund. Thank you, Dr. Levine, for creating this wonderful organization and for helping so many pets and people in WNY!



Blou and Q, the PEF's fabulous mascots

### Update on "Blou" - the PEF Canine Mascot

Our most handsome, regal and perfect "Blou" has continued his fund raising work despite recent medical problems. Last September, "Blou" was diagnosed with a heart problem. Thankfully, the problem was not serious and has not affected him in any way. Blou and his human companion, Jay Monti, of the Monti Gallery in Ellicottville, have made two trips to see a veterinary cardiologist at the

Cornell University Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital in Ithaca. Since his last visit in March, we are glad to report that there are no signs of worsening and that Blou can continue his most important work! We are also very glad to have the partnership of Blou's wonderful veterinarian and the specialists at Cornell University to help keep the fabulous Blou as healthy as possible! ("Q" - the PEF Feline Mascot - would also like everyone to know that he is also doing just fine! Q - or "the supreme being" as he likes to refer to himself - wishes Blou all the very best!)

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### partners, buddies and pals



"It was about 8000 years ago that dog and man first started going together. They started out as business partners. They hunted together."

— James R. Kinney, 20th-century American vet and writer

Portrait of William Poyntz and his business partner, buddy and pal, painted by Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788).

## Tobi - Sharing a Special Bond

The bond between people and animals has been shown to be so strong that it helps to keep us not only happy, but also healthy. Having a pet in our lives can benefit us in many ways - both physically and mentally. Our pets also seem to benefit from a loving relationship - they thrive on affection and interaction.

Let us introduce "Tobi," a perfect example of that wonderful bond formed between person and pet.

"Tobi" was a beautiful Oriental Shorthair who shared a bond with his "mom" for over 12 years. This past January, though, "Tobi" experienced a dramatic weight loss - about 3 1/2 pounds in just three months. When you are a kitty, that's like losing at least 25 percent of your body weight. "Tobi's" owner was very concerned and brought him to his veterinarian who ran various tests to find the cause of "Tobi's"

profound weight loss, hoping to give him many more years to share with his family. Unfortunately, the tests revealed that "Tobi" had an untreatable blood disease.

Although "Tobi" passed away in the comfort of his loving family, everyone involved in "Tobi's" saga is thankful that with the help of the Pet Emergency Fund he was given the best of care and every effort was made on his behalf.