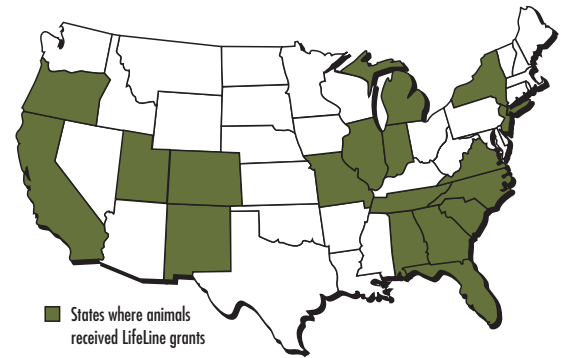




SEVENTY-FOUR ANIMALS RECEIVE THE GIFT OF A LIFELINE

During fall quarter of 2004, the LifeLine program provided life-saving emergency veterinary care grants totaling more than \$15,300 to 25 cats, 47 dogs, one horse and one ferret. Most of these animals were victims of abuse or neglect and had no one to provide for them before being rescued by Good Samaritans or grassroots rescue groups. Grants were also given to animals whose guardians are low- or no-income families and seniors. Thanks to generous donations from UAN members and other caring individuals, animals in 18 states received assistance.



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Despite the high cost of caring, a rescue group wouldn't give up on this loving dog.



Whitefeather (aka Lucky)

For more than three years, North Star Pet Assistance, a volunteer-run rescue organization in a rural high-desert area of Southern California, has found homes for hundreds of animals. They frequently rescue at-risk animals from the municipal animal shelter—a facility with a shoestring budget and without a staff veterinarian or the time and money to focus on animal adoptions or overpopulation prevention. When someone left a beautiful but badly injured Australian Shepherd at the shelter, staff knew just the organization to call. If North Star couldn't help, the shelter would have no choice but to euthanize him.



North Star Pet Assistance carefully considered the dog's severe injuries—two broken legs and a dislocated knee—and thought about its limited budget. "How are we going to pay for this?" a concerned volunteer asked. The volunteers thoughtfully evaluated the situation, their fundraising capability, and the impact of their options. They ultimately decided that since the injuries were deemed treatable, euthanasia was not a humane option. They wanted to demonstrate to their commu-

LIFELINE ALSO HELPED...



...Bobo get the surgery he needed to live comfortably without recurrent infections.



...Bailey, a shelter dog suffering from scabies, mites, kennel cough, worms and a broken femur, who was rescued by a family committed to seeing him get well.



...a kitten suffering from a broken femur and found by a low-income family.



...service dog Peaches return to her favorite activities with her elderly companion.

nity that Whitefeather's life—and every life—is precious.

“Once we start choosing to only accept ‘easy’ animals,” reflected the organization’s founder, Gina Downey, “then we are condoning society’s throw-away attitude.”

After an initial fund-raising effort to pay for Whitefeather’s first surgery, the organization turned to LifeLine when a specialist recommended another critical operation. “It felt like fate,” Gina commented. “Everything just lined up perfectly to help him. We can’t possibly thank you all enough!”

Whitefeather is now recovering with his wonderful adopter, Susie, who takes him for weekly follow-up appointments with the specialist and even brings him to work with her. Whenever Susie would tell Whitefeather “you are such a lucky boy,” he would wiggle his nubby tail and smile, inspiring her to change his name to Lucky. “I can’t think of a more suitable name after all he has been through,” said Gina. “He is a perfect example of why every animal is valuable.” 🐕



Lucky and his new mom

To all of you at UAN,

*We can't thank you enough
for your help with Lucky.*

*It means a lot to us that
other people also feel
that every pet is valuable...*

*Thank you again for the
wonderful donation!*

Gina Downey, North Star Pet Assistance



LETTERS of APPRECIATION

Dear UAN,

My utmost thanks to all the staff at United Animal Nations. You are quite a wonderful and special organization. Your help and support in saving Sparky's life was appreciated beyond belief...when all seemed lost you were there to help ease the struggle, and for that I am truly grateful.

The staff at UAN was professional and responsive, understanding and helpful; indeed a wonderful resource to have dealt with at such a difficult time. As for Sparky, his doctor was kind enough to call to

confirm he made it through his amputation surgery with flying colors and can come home tomorrow. Words cannot express my appreciation for this grant!

*Warmest regards,
Karen and Sparky
Los Angeles, CA*



Dear LifeLine,

I have wanted to email you ever since Miracle's surgery, but have had a hard time finding the right words for what you have done for my new dog. It felt like fate when I walked into the vet on a Tuesday morning and found a dog that was going to be euthanized for a broken leg. I knew it was my job to find a way to help her out. It is only because of people like you that such beautiful and wonderful animals can be saved and given a better life. She is a very special dog and I am so grateful there are wonderful organizations out there to help animals in need.

THANK YOU!
*Amanda and Miracle
Summerville, SC*



...Lucky walk again after being hit by a car.



...Precious, a young victim of a run-in with a car with one leg missing, a severe infection and another injured leg, who was rescued by a shelter volunteer with a disabled daughter.



...Missy, a puppy scheduled to be euthanized at a shelter due to an intestinal problem but rescued just in time by a grassroots rescue group.