



Waggin' Tales

A Newsletter for Friends & Clients of All Tails Wagging Veterinary Clinic

The Circle of Life

My husband and I had been thinking of getting a kitten for my 10 year old daughter for quite sometime. Over two years ago her kitten was hit by a car and had to be put down. This was a tragic event for my daughter because she watched the kitten being born, helped revive it and named it Angel. We knew that it would take time for her to mourn Angel's loss and that it would be sometime before she was ready for a new cat. Recently we were in the East Bay visiting a family member and they informed us that their neighbors had a kitten problem and we should take one. My daughter was not with us, we went to see the kittens and couldn't resist a little female tabby. We brought her home and surprised my daughter. She was hesitant at first, but it didn't take Kitty long to gain her affection. After having Kitty for about 5 weeks she started vomiting green bile one night and was very sedate, not like her normal playful self. We brought her to our regular vet early in the morning and explained that we were very limited financially, as my husband was on disability. We stressed that he would be returning to work in 2 days and we had a couple hundred dollars but could make a payment plan. The doctor we saw gave Kitty sub Q fluids and antibiotics, in the exam he stated that he did not feel a blockage. We took Kitty home and she only became worse, refusing to eat or drink. I called numerous animal hospitals desperate to find someone who was willing to take a payment plan with no such luck. One of the offices I called was All Tails Wagging and although they were not able to accept a payment plan they were very helpful in giving me possible resources as well as offering to do a second exam. I decided to take Kitty in for a second opinion. Dr Tracht decided to do an x-ray based on her exam and found a large object blocking Kitty's intestines. Surgery was needed to save Kitty's life but unfortunately the cost was beyond what we could afford My daughter and I were very emotional and sobbing at the fact that we were going to have to put Kitty down. Not only were we both attached to Kitty, but she was the first cat my daughter had since her previous kitten had to be put-down. The ladies in the office were extremely comforting and even made phone calls to their own family members to help raise funds for Kitty to have surgery. I have never experienced such a genuine love for animals in my life. We went into the exam room to say our goodbye's to Kitty. Dr Tracht came in and told us that the Circle of Life* had decided to help pay for Kitty's surgery. (*Circle of Life is an established fund that depends on private donations. The goal of this program is to assist the pets of families who are unable to pay for emergency surgery or treatment). My daughter and I were shocked and although we were still crying it was tears of joy. Kitty was scheduled for surgery the following day. The staff kept us updated daily on Kitty's progress. We were overjoyed when we got to bring Kitty home. She is now back to her normal Kitty self, chasing our ankles as we walk down the hall and cuddling on our pillows at night. Regardless of if All Tails Wagging had been able to do Kitty's surgery or not, I was moved by the true compassion I saw in that office. They even sent us a thank you note, and have called to check on Kitty. We are looking forward to taking Kitty in for regular visits, as well as transferring all our animals care over. I have and will continue to recommend them to all my friends and family. All Tails Wagging provides a level of compassion that is extremely hard to find in this world today and they have warmed my family's heart.



Leslie Jackson and "Kitty"



What's New at All Tails Wagging

Our contest for the month of June will benefit the Circle of Life fund. For every \$5.00 you donate to the Circle of Life, you will get one raffle ticket in the drawing for a new DVD player!

Thank you and good luck!

The **Circle of Life** is a program that is designed to assist the pets of families who are unable to fully pay for emergency surgery or treatment. We realize that unexpected veterinary emergencies can be costly and that finances can be a deciding factor in whether the pet receives the medical care they require. We like to see our patients get the best care possible and spare the families the difficult decision of finances vs. medical care for an ill or injured pet. Your donation of any amount, at any time, helps this fund grow and saves lives – your gift truly makes a difference!



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