

# FACE

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*Saving Pets and Helping Families*

## **Nonprofit Saves 3,000 Pet Lives in San Diego**

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FACE Foundation reaches a major milestone and helps a local nurse.

San Diego, CA ? The Foundation for Animal Care and Education (FACE), a nonprofit that helps pets in need of emergency veterinary care is celebrating its 3,000th life saved through its Save-A-Life Program.

Last Friday, Sake, a Persian Cat, had a life-threatening urinary obstruction and needed emergency surgery to survive. He is now the organization?s 3,000th life saved.

Sake was rescued 10 years ago by a local single parent who is a nurse. Sake recently developed bladder stones causing urinary obstruction. After being rushed to The Veterinary Emergency Group in Encinitas last week, Sake?s vet was able to unblock him temporarily before he became lethargic and started falling down. The only option was to have emergency surgery to remove his bladder stones or risk death.

Sake?s owner Pippi did not have the means to pay for his life-saving surgery on a nurse?s income. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, donors, and veterinary hospitals like Veterinary Emergency Group Encinitas, FACE was able to provide a financial grant to help Sake get the surgery needed.

“Pippi puts her life on the line every day for her fellow San Diegans. We were so happy to pay it forward by giving her beloved Sake the help he needed,” says Danae Davis, Executive Director of the FACE Foundation.

Sake received his emergency surgery on Friday and is now recovering at home with his family. Pippi says, “Donations to FACE saved Sake’s life and saved our life because our whole lives would change without him. It is hard to lose a family member or pet, but even more crushing when it’s not time to lose them, that is the hardest thing to accept, especially when you feel it is your fault for not being able to afford it.”

Becky Kobari, Hospital Manager at Veterinary Emergency Group says, “As a new 24-hour emergency hospital in San Diego, we are so thankful to get to work with the FACE Foundation and provide needed care to families in our community.”

#### About FACE Foundation

FACE Foundation was created in 2006 to combat the problem of “economic euthanasia” – the tragedy that occurs when pet owners are forced to euthanize their beloved companion animals because they cannot afford emergency veterinary care. FACE strives to save lives, reduce economic euthanasia, and increase the wellness of San Diego’s pets. FACE has saved the lives of over 3,000 local pets by providing financial grants in partnership with 183 veterinary partners throughout San Diego County to pet owners in need.

Visit [www.face4pets.org](http://www.face4pets.org) for more information.

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### **FACE Foundation**

*Established in 2006 by a group of veterinarians and concerned community members, the Foundation for Animal Care and Education (FACE) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) public charity that provides financial grants for animal owners.*

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