

MORE FROM MAX'S MOM PAM
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Dear Tracie:

Your listener, Romeo and Tiger's Mom Diana, sent me a very generous donation. I will be thanking her directly but I wanted to let you know since this is all because of you. I still can't believe that people care so much about Max to do this for us. Nothing like this has ever happened to me, and it has lifted a huge weight off of a very difficult situation. I didn't realize that with the chemotherapy comes much lab work, echocardiograms, and other monitoring tests. Since we reached the maximum allowed under the "testing benefits" of the insurance schedule weeks ago, and the chemo allowance will be reached in no time, the donations are appreciated more than words can say. It is comforting to know that the debt we will incur will not be as deep as I had anticipated, thanks only in part to you and your wonderful, caring, animal-loving listeners.

We have an appointment at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for Max's 2nd chemotherapy treatment (so I won't be able to listen to the show). His white blood count was low a few days ago, and he was very lethargic. The doctors will do a repeat CBC tomorrow to make sure he can undergo treatment. If not, we will wait a few days.

My sincere heartfelt thanks to you and your listeners for all the amazing support. Max is doing so well and I can see the relief in his face to be rid of the pain that cancerous paw was causing him. I thank God every day we were able to catch it before it spread.

I left a couple of messages with Angels on a Leash, but no one has called me back yet. I am very interested in getting Max into pet therapy so I hope to hook up with them soon. I'll keep you posted.

Sincerely, Max's Mom, Pam

Dear Pam and Max –

I'll be thinking of you tomorrow - good luck at the doctor's.

I got another donation from a listener in California – Nicole, whose cat Harley was the January CAT OF THE MONTH on CAT CHAT®! I have a check going out to you tomorrow.

I made Diana's two dogs Dogs of the Month for March because of loyalty to DOG TALK® and her kindness to you - so she's thrilled!

I am also going to see whether I can find a little more support for you through Tails of Hope, a group I support because of the miracles they make all the time for families going

through what you are experiencing. I am heart sick that you have been paying insurance premiums all this time to VPI and getting this lousy reimbursement. This is what I've been trying to tell people – all companies are NOT alike and I'm so glad you're moving your other Golden to Pets Bet, where all these treatments would have been covered at 80% up to \$100,000. I hope others will read this and take action to protect their beloved animals.

And what a shame to get no response from Angels on a Leash. It is part of the AKC, an organization which brags about it on TV at every dog show – so that makes it really terrible that they aren't really helping people and dogs do the good deeds they'd like to. But I am going to find a great outlet for Max to visit kids in hospitals – I think Tails of Hope can help with that, too.

You and Max and your whole family remain an inspiration to us all.

Lovingly
Tracie