

# The Story of G.R.A.C.E.

Several years ago my friend Grace, a beautiful Airedale, became very sick with cancer. I took her to the University of Georgia Veterinary Hospital where she received excellent treatment. I was touched by how much the veterinarians cared.

Much to my heartbreak though, Grace didn't make it to her next birthday. But because she was such a loving, kindhearted dog and because I loved her so much, I decided to establish a fund in her honor to help other dogs.

The fund is named for Grace and my two current dogs. G.R.A.C.E. stands for Grace, Rosemary, Athena Canine Emergency.

My hope is the beneficiaries of the fund can benefit from the same kind of care Grace received. With your help, I'm sure they can.

— *Jim Shearon*



[www.vet.uga.edu/giving](http://www.vet.uga.edu/giving)

The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians, providing services to animal owners and veterinarians and conducting research to improve the health of animals as well as people. The college enrolls 96 students each fall out of more than 500 who apply. It has more than 130 faculty members.

Through its hospital and diagnostic laboratories, the College benefits pets and their owners, food producing animals and wildlife. The laboratories safeguard public health through disease surveillance. Research conducted at the college improves the health and quality of life for companion animals and improves the productivity and health of poultry and livestock.



The University of Georgia is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

# G.R.A.C.E. Assistance Fund

Help hospital clients who cannot afford treatment or routine care for their dogs

Can they  
count on  
your help?



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
College of Veterinary Medicine

## About the G.R.A.C.E. Fund

The G.R.A.C.E. (Grace, Rosemary, Athena Canine Emergency) Fund is designed to help clients of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Teaching Hospital who have demonstrated financial need to help cover the cost of any medical procedure for their dog. The fund is set up to help dogs who are ill, injured or require routine care which their owners cannot afford. Assistance will be given each fiscal year as long as funds are available.

## Where does the money for the fund come from?

Some of the proceeds from the annual G.R.A.C.E.'s Birthday Party are contributed to the fund. But the fund relies mainly on private gifts from dog lovers like you who understand how much dog owners care about their pets and how difficult it is to see animals suffer.



## What is the G.R.A.C.E. Birthday Party?

This event takes place every year on the spacious grounds of Ashford Manor Bed & Breakfast in Watkinsville, Ga. As many as 600 dogs and their owners attend this entertaining event, which features games and refreshments for people and their pets. If you and your dog would like to attend, please call (706) 769-2633 and ask to be included on the mailing list.

## What kind of treatment will the fund cover?

The G.R.A.C.E. Fund will pay for preventive care as well as treatment for diseases like cancer, hip dysplasia, eye and skin diseases, diabetes, arthritis, obesity, and a host of other ailments from which dogs may suffer.

## How can you help?

Your generous gift to the G.R.A.C.E. Fund is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize a pet while making assistance available to dog owners who need financial help.

Your attendance at the annual G.R.A.C.E.'s Birthday Party also will help the fund, in addition to other animal welfare services.



The paintings of Grace and the G.R.A.C.E. Birthday Party are the generous gifts of folk artist Peter Loose.

## Yes, I'd like to help!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift for the G.R.A.C.E. Fund:

\$25     \$50     \$100     Other

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is  in honor of  in memory of:

Name of Pet \_\_\_\_\_

Species and Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

An acknowledgment of your gift will be sent promptly to the pet's owner.

**Please make checks payable to:**  
The UGA Foundation / G.R.A.C.E. Fund

**Mail to:**  
The University of Georgia  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Office of Development  
Athens, GA 30602-7371

**Will your company match your gift?**  
If so, please send us your company's matching gift form. The value of your donation could be doubled or tripled.

Please notify me when the next G.R.A.C.E.'s Birthday Party takes place.