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PETA helps those in need

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My 13-year-old Siberian husky had cancer, and I wanted to end her suffering. I called my local vet and several others.

To my astonishment, the cost of the least expensive euthanasia procedure would have been \$300 if I took her body. It would have cost another \$200 for them to take her body.

This cost seems absurd, cruel and unfair, as well as unaffordable to many people. It can't cost a vet more than \$3 to purchase the drug used to put an animal to sleep.

Fortunately, I have a friend who used to work for PETA. The kind people at PETA met my old dog and me at the door, provided a quiet, private room for us, sedated her and then gave her the shot that let her pass away in peace and comfort. The cost? Nothing. I gave the staff members a \$50 donation. If I didn't live on a fixed income, I would have given more.

PETA gets a lot of bad press. But we know that there are sick, starving, abused and neglected animals everywhere. The people who work at PETA do the things that most of us couldn't do. And then, someone like me who has loved and cared for my dog since she was 6 weeks old can't afford the \$500 to put her out of her suffering, so those dear people of PETA helped.

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