



March 13, 2009

York Area Pet Bird Club
Joan Russin, Treasurer
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Dear Joan and members of the Bird Club--

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$500 to *The Alex Foundation*. As you know, we are really in need of help, and your contribution goes directly toward keeping the lab going....funds for student trainers, bird food, veterinary bills, rent at Brandeis, etc. Without folks like yourselves, we could not continue. It is particularly critical now, because we are unlikely to get any large federal grants without Alex (we have only a small one under consideration, and we need to get Griffin and Arthur (aka Wart) moving along!

We are sorry that we haven't been good about keeping up with our monthly newsletter... although it has been 18 months since Alex's passing, we are still overwhelmed....many people want Alex memorabilia and we've been hard-pressed to keep up.

Thankfully, Griffin and Arthur are perking up...doing some sessions and being more interactive with the students. Griffin really worked hard when we had a film crew last month; it was really fun to see him going strong!

Also...Two additional things that all your members can do that will not cost them a cent: (a) go to our website before buying anything on amazon.com and click to amazon through us; we get a few cents per purchase that way; (b) join I-Give, which has the same situation for a *large* number of on-line shops. Even though we only get a small amount for each purchase, we do end up getting a few hundred dollars a year... "free"!

So, again, thank you so much...and for IRS purposes, let me state that your club has received in return for your donation nothing other than our sincere appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene'.

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