

## Pet Cancer Awareness Month: Loki's story

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Loki is a beloved member of the Arberg family. More than that, she's a smart and sweet service dog who's touched many lives. Her "parents," Chad and Stephanie, even had Loki walk down the aisle at their wedding.



Unfortunately, Loki started having trouble walking and began to lose the use of her back legs. It was heartbreaking for Chad and Stephanie to watch their sweet girl suffer, but Stephanie's own medical bills had already taken a toll on their finances.

"I can't describe how heartbreaking it is to have your best friend, who you would do anything for, get sick, and to realize that you can't afford what she needs to get better," Chad said.

Chad and Stephanie learned that Loki needed extensive surgery on her back to live a pain-free life and to walk again. While they were heartbroken knowing they couldn't afford the surgery, but they didn't give up on Loki. They spent nearly everything they had trying to save her, but were still coming up short.

"They didn't want Loki to suffer, but they couldn't bear the thought of life without their best friend," said Brooke Haggerty, Executive Director, FACE Foundation.

Thankfully, the FACE Foundation, based in San Diego, Calif., stepped in. This organization, which the Petco Foundation supports with PCA grant funding, helps families like the Arbergs who need help with treatment costs associated with pet cancer.



FACE helped Loki get the surgery she needed, and just one day later, she was on her way to walking normally again.

"It is difficult to find the words of thanks and appreciation we have for FACE and its grantors," said Stephanie. "The gratitude we have for the extra time with this one-of-a-kind precious creature is immeasurable. Loki has touched so many people over her life and she continues spreading her Loki love thanks to you."

The Pet Cancer Awareness campaign begins tomorrow (in Petco & Unleashed stores May 9 – 31). This campaign funds research and treatment studies and helps families with the costs of pet cancer. Learn more about how you can join Blue Buffalo and the

Petco Foundation to support this important work at [Petco.com/PCA](http://Petco.com/PCA).



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