



Kobi is a white persian cat who was born June 2000. Kobi received his first rabies vaccination when he was 1 1/2 years old. Nearly 6 months later, in August of 2002, Kobi's mom, Colleen, found a lump on his right rear leg where Kobi was vaccinated. Colleen was recommended to consult with a veterinary oncologist and a board certified surgeon who both determined that Kobi had Vaccine Associated Sarcoma and needed to have his leg amputated. Colleen was in shock, but knew that amputation was Kobi's best chance for a long term survival. In Sept. 2002, Kobi underwent surgery; his recovery and adjustment went extremely well.

In the Spring of 2006, Colleen found out that she had cancer. Colleen had a difficult time but never lost her sense of humor and compassion. Colleen lost her battle with cancer on January 16, 2008. According to Colleen's wishes, Kobi and his brother Sushi have been adopted by a friend of Colleen's from our VAS Support Group.

Colleen is sorely missed by many. Our VAS Support Group has decided to create Kobi's Fund in Colleen's memory.

This fund was created to ease the financial burden for families who face a battle with VAS, to give them a chance to beat it as Kobi has done.

Through Kobi's Fund, Colleen and Kobi will continue to offer hope, encouragement and love to our VAS families.

If you have a cat with VAS we recommend you join our Feline VAS Support Group.

Founded in 1999, with currently over 1,300 members, we have a multitude of articles, files and helpful information on VAS. Being able to email and communicate with others who are going through similar experiences is always a plus.

[www.feline-vas-support.org/](http://www.feline-vas-support.org/)



If you would like to donate to Kobi's Fund for VAS Cats, please visit [www.KobiFund.org](http://www.KobiFund.org).

**On behalf of the kitties, thank you very much!**



# Kobi's Fund for VAS Cats

## Financial aid for the treatment of cats with a suspected diagnosis of Vaccine Associated Sarcoma

Vaccine Associated Sarcoma (VAS), also known as Injection Site Sarcoma (ISS), is a group of different types of cancers that are caused by vaccinations or the act of injecting itself. It is not completely known why VAS occurs. Members of our VAS Support Group feel that if VAS could happen to their cat, it could happen to anyone's cat.



## Medical requirements for Kobi's Fund for VAS Cats

1. Cat/kitten must have an initial diagnosis of Vaccine Associated Sarcoma (VAS) or a strongly suspected VAS diagnosis.
2. A plan of treatment must be established. Please read information on VAS practices/procedures (located on our website through FVEAP.org) that have been found to work best in fighting this cancer.
3. The cat/kitten must be spayed or neutered or have the procedure done during the treatment period.
4. Guardian may apply for funding even if treatments have started.
5. Final funding decisions will be based on resources available.
6. Funding will be a flat dollar amount. Rarely will full funding be available.
7. It is expected that the Guardian will contribute to the cost of treatment to the extent possible.
8. It is requested that the treating veterinarian offsets some of the cost of treatment.
9. It is strongly recommended that the vaccination reaction is documented and the vaccine manufacturer is notified (see our reporting adverse reactions page). It is also suggested that reimbursement be sought from the vaccine manufacturer.



## How to Apply

### STEP 1

Review your qualifications. If you qualify, proceed to Step 2. HOWEVER: "If In Doubt - Fill It Out" (the application).

### STEP 2

*Write down the following information:*

1. Your name, address, phone number, cell phone and email address if applicable.
2. What factors qualify you for assistance.
3. *Your cat's information:*  
Name of cat, diagnosis, recommended treatment  
Estimated cost of Treatment
4. *Your Veterinarian's information*  
Name, address, phone number, fax and email.

### STEP 3

*Send your information by mail to:*

Kobi's Fund for VAS Cats  
FVEAP.org  
1641 Elizabeth Lane  
Yuba City, CA 95993

*OR by FAX:* (888) 301-4264;

*or email to:* fveap@earthlink.net

**Please state that you are applying for Kobi's Fund for VAS Cats.**

You will be contacted as soon as possible with a decision regarding your request for assistance. We will also let you know what to do next. Please be sure to provide a preferred contact method on your information.



## Guardian Qualifications for Assistance

1. Be a recipient of state MEDICAID; OR
2. Be a recipient of MEDICARE ; OR
3. Be a recipient of a welfare or other public assistance program ; OR
4. Be a recipient of some form of Disability benefits; OR
5. Be recipient of Unemployment Benefits.

Please provide some form of documentation to substantiate your status with any of the above.

*\*\*If you do not qualify under any of the above, please provide information and documentation that you believe qualifies you for assistance.\*\**