



Spike

Spike is a cat that was in a devastating house fire during the January 2016 blizzard. The fire department was unable to transport him to Mount Laurel Animal Hospital because they were still actively fighting the fire, but Spike needed emergency treatment because of the severity of his condition. Co-owner and veterinarian, Dr. Christopher Torre went personally to save him from the scene with a vet tech, Erin Pilkington. When they arrived, Spike was swaddled in a blanket in the back of an ambulance soaking wet, and he was receiving flow by oxygen through a pediatric human face-mask. The firemen heard him screaming and they saw his paw scratching from under a board trying to pull himself out. They were able to get him out with some minor burns on his fur, however his whiskers were fully burnt on one side. Spike's temp was too low to register on presentation to the hospital because he was soaking wet from the snow. After being resuscitated and warmed he did well in oxygen over the weekend, and he has since made a full recovery.

Red Paw Emergency Relief Team and THE EMPATH PROJECT teamed up to cover Spike's medical expenses and help his family in need.