



Dog Owner Arrested

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Gracie, a six month old pit bull, first visited Aqueduct Animal Hospital in Niskayuna back in October when her then owner Elizabeth Moshier brought her in with a broken leg.

Veterinarian Matthew Pike told Moshier the puppy needed surgery, costing roughly \$1,700. Moshier didn't have the money and left. When Pike followed up a week later, Gracie was still in pain. That's when the hospital offered to take the puppy in.

Moshier was arrested Tuesday and charged with animal neglect. The Schenectady County SPCA says high medical costs combined with tough economic times leave some pet owners struggling. But at the end of the day there are plenty of options to help pay the bills.

To ease the burden, the SPCA recommends pet insurance so you're not hit with a big bill all at once. Also, there are several charity organizations that can help too. And Pike says don't hesitate to tell your vet when times are tough. Most can be flexible when it comes to cost.

For more information, visit the Schenectady Count SPCA website at <http://www.schenectadyspca>