“I wanted to update you about Horus. The radiation doctor evaluated Horus again on his first day of radiation on the 21st. He decided to do the radiation M, W, F and then M, W. He said it's always best to do them closer together, but by separating them by one day apart he could use a higher dose. So, we have done that. It will take about 4-6 weeks before the majority of the benefits will be seen.

Horus has been sleeping more. He's actually been sleeping more lately before the radiation, but he has been sleeping even more after the treatments. He seemed to bounce back faster though after the third and fourth treatment. The one thing that concerns me though is his appetite. He has been eating less about the last month, but it's been a struggle getting him to eat during his treatment. This could be for several reasons they said, including the stress of all the visits so close together. Since he lost weight I asked if he could take cyproheptadine to increase his appetite and Dr. Proulx said it was OK with his other meds. I gave him a small dose on Tuesday and it seemed to make a difference. So I can do that until he is eating better on his own.

At midnight Wednesday morning, he had a little bit of the runs and threw up a few times. It was all over within an hour. He even ate later on, right before the cut-off time before his last radiation scheduled later today. I will call before his appointment to make sure he is OK for the anesthesia since he had the runs and threw up. I think as long as he is OK the rest of the night and morning that he will be able to go in.

I don't think that they have the invoice ready yet. I have had to get some medication and Horus had a blood test, both of which I have not paid for yet. They said to just take care of it all at his last radiation treatment. So they will probably have it ready for you later today. If you have any questions, Bekah is the one who knows what is going on. And she does know that you are allowed to call and ask for updates.

The doctors still need to decide when I can start him on the Kinavet medication. I'm still not sure how I am going to pay for all of that for the first 12 weeks since he needs to go in for monitoring every 2 weeks, since it technically is a chemotherapy drug. It's a lot of money to come up with over a short period of time- $1094- and I don't know if that qualifies for the 10% discount Cassie approved for you. It wouldn't be so hard to cover if he didn't have so many other meds and supplements and a special veterinary diet, along with the other 2 cats, one of which has kidney failure. After the first 12 weeks, he will go in every 6 weeks for more medication and labwork. That part I will be able to handle. It will be hard, but I can do that part.

I really cannot thank you enough for getting back to me so fast when I first e-mailed you and for actually providing some funding. Without your help, Horus wouldn't have been able to get any radiation at all. You've made such a huge difference in our lives. I love my guy so very, very much and to have him around longer is such a tremendous gift that you've given us.”