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My health insurance policy
won't cover him as it does me,
but still he has a named account
down at the local pharmacy.

Home counter space for medicines,
pill-splitter of his own to use,
on-call consulting D.V.M.,
health bulletins with canine news,
all blood tests, X-Rays, M.R.I.s,
and remedies for life and limb
that modern science can provide
he has available to him.

While I rely on Medicare
and supplemental coverage
his vet and health care costs are paid
for care right to the cutting edge.

He's worth the money, that's a fact,
so there is nothing more to tell
except I wish my coverage
would cover me just half as well.

by Lee Netzler