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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

Just Another Day

Newton, Ga

"Just another day" means something entirely different for Ashley and Stacy's family than it does for you and me. Since he was three weeks old, their son Keigan (pronounced KEE-gan), has been fighting childhood leukemia. Now two years old, his life has been a series of chemo treatments, oncologists, and respiratory therapy for a partially collapsed lung.

Ashley doesn't really talk much about Keigan's cancer. As she said, "We've been dealing with it since he was three weeks old. It's just another day. Time to put on your big girl panties and deal with it."

Then Ashley's husband, Stacy, brought home an old pillowcase he found along side the road with four newborn Blue Heeler puppies inside. Their eyes were not even open and someone had thrown them away like trash. Three of the puppies just weren't strong enough to survive, but one did, Chubby.

Although Keigan and his five-year-old sister, Ayla, wanted to keep Chubby, Ashley was firm. "I'm a cat person. I just couldn't see having a dog," she said. Ashley's plan was to continue to bottle feed Chubby, take her to the vet for deworming, then take her to the pound.

Dr. Greenberg, their vet, just shook his head when Ashley told him of her plans. "She will be euthanized. They just don't have time to give her the extra care she needs."

His words had a profound effect on Ashley. She looked down at the tiny puppy that never asked to be born. "Forget it," she said. "We're keeping her."

And that was it. Over the next few months, Chubby grew into a small, but

healthy young pup. While she loved the whole family, it was evident that Chubby had a special bond with Keigan. Whenever Keigan got sick, Chubby never left the toddler's side. It seemed that Chubby was the one who had the power to "make it all better" for him.

It was the same for Keigan's chemo treatments. Because Keigan was a baby, he received his chemo after normal business hours when no one else was there. Chubby always went with Keigan, jumping up into the chair next to the little boy. As long as Keigan could reach over and stroke Chubby, he would never pull out his IV's.

At home, Ashley was very strict about kids and dogs having proper supervision in their fenced in yard. A parent had to accompany both children and the dog. This day was no different.

Ashley watched as Ayla scooped up the small Blue Heeler and held the puppy in her arms while Keigan played nearby. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a Pitbull appeared and started barking

at the kids. Without provocation, the dog jumped the fence and headed straight for Ayla. Grabbing the 6-month-old puppy by the throat, he snatched Chubby from the child's arms, shaking her like a ragdoll.



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The Mosby Foundation

Summer brings three holidays where we remember the birth of our nation and heroes that have changed the course of our history. We frequently experience a different kind of hero: those who speak for the ones who cannot speak for themselves. Our feature stories illustrate such people, those who take discarded dogs and give them love and seek treatment for them when necessary. In Page County, VA, a nearby community, recently over 130 dogs were rescued from the deplorable conditions of life in a puppy mill.

The workers and volunteers of Animal Rescue Corps (more information on page 10), law enforcement personnel and the Page County Animal Shelter who put their "boots on the ground", number among our heroes. Not all of us can do that, however, so we are especially thankful for their efforts and accomplishments in saving lives of severely neglected dogs. At the same time, we also applaud supporters of those individuals and groups who make their work possible. They too are our heroes since helping dogs in need is our reason for being. Your contributions made it possible for The Mosby Foundation to contribute to the cost of veterinary care sorely needed by these dogs.

The dogs in our feature stories and in our "Gimme Shelter" section were also helped because you have supported the efforts of this Foundation. These wonderful creatures, some of whom were sorely neglected and discarded, are now getting the treatment they need. We could not help them without your support. We ask that you contribute any amount to help in our continuing efforts to save more lives and restore more dogs to health. You too are our heroes.

In honor of all dogs,
Carole Adams
President

*"I asked God for love and purpose,
He threw me to the dogs"*

— Author Unknown



(l to r) Karin Magno and Carole Adams
with a rescued Puppy Mill dog



PETCO
FOUNDATION

and



On behalf of all the wonderful dogs that will benefit and on behalf of the people that love them, The Mosby Foundation extends deepest thanks to the PETCO FOUNDATION and BLUE BUFFALO for their very generous grant to our Armani-Schaffer Cancer Treatment Fund. Cancer is now the leading cause of death in dogs in the U.S. With this grant, we will be able to assist in the treatment of canine cancer in many more dogs, and as a result, save many more dogs' lives. Thank you, Petco Foundation and Blue Buffalo for caring so deeply and helping so many dogs and their families!

Mosby's Mission

The Mosby Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, to assist in the care of critically sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs through financial support and public education. We are a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

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Incredulous, Ashley froze for only a moment, but then quickly recovered. She grabbed a shovel and a ladder and began to beat the dog over the head to get him off of Chubby. As quickly as it started, it ended. The dog bolted, scaled the fence once more and was gone, never to be seen again.

On the ground, Chubby lay clinging to life for the second time in six months. Ayla was crying hysterically, while she and Ashley carefully picked up their broken dog and rushed her to the vet.

The news wasn't good. For starters, Chubby's attacker had broken her front left leg at the shoulder. The back right leg was so badly mangled it would require two plates and a rod to repair the damage. Her lung had been lacerated and Chubby's stomach and chest area had been torn apart.

For two days, it was touch and go before the puppy's condition stabilized. Ashley finally let Ayla call Dr. Greenberg to ask about her dog, and the vet felt comfortable reassuring the young girl that Chubby was indeed improving.

At home, Ayla relived the event over and over, crying for several days. While Keigan kept saying over and over again that he wanted to see "my Chubby."

Ashley's fears were of another sort. "My biggest fear was not being able to get the surgery Chubby needed to live," Ashley told us. Every cent they had and then some, went towards Keigan's fight with cancer. That meant she would have to raise the money somehow. With precious little time to waste, she went to work.

Ashley applied with numerous non-profits but was consistently turned away. Then she got the call from us. We definitely wanted to help! Ashley's gratitude was obvious. "We have been turned away by everyone else and I was starting to lose hope. It makes me cry just thinking about losing my beautiful angel."

Once we pledged our support, other "people" organizations followed suit. The Cancer Treatment Center Of America donated, followed by Keigan's oncologist, general practitioner, and respiratory therapist. They all donated to help save Chubby's life. When Dr. Greenberg found



out about Keigan's cancer, he gave the family a discount of 25% and offered them a payment plan.

It was clear. Everybody wanted the same thing for Chubby: to come home and do the job of loving Keigan through cancer.

Chubs came through the surgeries just fine, but later had to go in for one final surgery because her bladder began leaking into her stomach. Still, Dr. Greenberg saw no reason why she wouldn't make a full recovery. There was only one problem. Chubby refused to eat.

When Keigan asked to see Chubby, Dr. Greenberg warned Ashley that Chubby wasn't responding to anyone. It certainly wouldn't hurt but he didn't want the family to get their hopes up.

"Boy and dog got the confirmation they needed. Love had not gone away."



But love's a funny thing. At two years of age, the world is a place that is very much here and now. With Chubby literally out of Keigan's everyday world, he needed to see for himself that his dog still existed. At six months of age, Chubby had much the same worldview.

When Ashley opened the cage and placed Keigan beside Chubby, the dog immediately lifted her head. They both had that magical look of, "You're still here!"

Chubby wagged her tail and struggled to get up, pulling her IV's with her. The next thing Ashley knew, Chubby had flopped her small body on the boy's lap and Keigan's arms folded around her.

Boy and dog got the confirmation they needed. Love had not gone away. When it was time to leave, Keigan cried and Chubby whined, but she started to eat. Dr. Greenberg released Chubby the next day. He knew the best medicine for the Blue Heeler was at home.

Chubby continued to improve surrounded by his loving family and his very best friend. "You have no clue how much you have really done," a tearful Ashley told us. "Chubs is their puppy, our baby...Thank you again and GOD BLESS you!"

For a dog that was nothing more than a piece of trash in a pillowcase, Chubby beat the odds twice in her young life. Each time it was her will that got her through, stoked by love.

It's so hard to imagine that somebody threw away that kind of devotion, isn't it? Now for Ashley's family, a world without Chubby is unthinkable.

Gimme Shelter

We are helping so many dogs, we do not have space to list them all!



Pepper - Chicago, IL

Pepper's family contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance when the 4 year old Pit Bull Terrier mix was diagnosed with Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia and a urinary tract infection. IMHA is a potentially fatal disease that occurs when the dog's own immune system starts killing off the red blood cells needed to carry oxygen throughout the body. We made a contribution toward Pepper's follow-up care, and we wish her a successful treatment with a long remission.



Crash - Nashville, TN

Poor Crash was taken in by a family member after his owner died unexpectedly. Crash's family could only afford the most basic care, but the 2 year old Schnauzer mix had developed severe dental disease, and he needed to have several badly diseased teeth extracted. With a contribution from The Mosby Foundation, Crash had his extensive dental procedure, and we are sure he is feeling much better now.



Rowdy - Knoxville, TN

This 4 year old Fox Terrier-Shetland Sheepdog mix developed a rare disorder called Chylothorax, where fluid builds up in the chest cavity, interfering with normal breathing and putting extra stress on her heart. Surgeons at the University of Tennessee Veterinary Medical Center found and closed the leaking vessel in Rowdy's chest to give her a chance at a normal life. The Mosby Foundation and others provided financial assistance and we wish her a speedy recovery.



Abbey - Williamsville, NY

Shortly after adopting Abbey, a 1 year-old Husky-Retriever mix, her family noticed her odd gait in her back legs. Further investigation revealed that Abbey had severe dysplasia in both hips. Abbey's veterinarian advised referral for total hip replacements to give her the best chance for a normal, pain-free life. With help from The Mosby Foundation and others, Abbey received her news hips at The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center.



Daisy - Grayson, KY

A 6 year old mixed breed, Daisy needed surgery to stabilize her luxating patellas (dislocating kneecaps). The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward Daisy's surgery fee, and she has an excellent prognosis.



Stormy - Sugarloaf, CA

Stormy's human companion approached The Mosby Foundation for help to continue to treat the 4 year old Shepherd-Collie mix for a rare liver disorder called Copper Storage Disease. Stormy had already been diagnosed through extensive blood testing and a surgical liver biopsy, but she needed a special diet and medication to keep her healthy and happy. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward the cost of Stormy's continuing care.



Ella - Bethlehem, GA

Ella was sick with pneumonia, when she was adopted from a rescue last summer. Ella's new 10 year old human companion nursed the 10 year old German Shepherd through her illness, but even after recovering, Ella's breathing was always noisy. A few months later, she was diagnosed with Laryngeal Paralysis, while she was anesthetized for a dental cleaning. Ella's larynx did not open properly, making it hard for her to pass air into her lungs. Since the disease would continue to progress until Ella could not breathe at all, it was critical that she receive a "tie-back" surgery, where the larynx is sutured permanently open. With financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation, Ella had her surgery at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Ella can breathe much easier now and her human can concentrate on managing Ella's other health conditions. For more information about Ella, check out her website at www.graymuzzles.com.



Bella - Palm Harbor, FL

Bella's family contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance when her eye became suddenly red and painful. The 15 year old Labrador Retriever had been blind in that eye for a while, but now the eye needed to be removed. We made a contribution toward her surgery fee, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Gimme Shelter

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Max - Versailles, KY

An 8 year old German Shepherd mix, Max was taken in by a family member, when his original owner could no longer care for him. Max's care had been neglected. He was taken to a groomer to be shaved and bathed. When the matted fur was removed, she found a large mass on Max's neck. A veterinarian determined that the tumor was probably benign, and he hoped that surgical removal would be successful to improve Max's quality of life. The Mosby Foundation contributed a portion of Max's surgery fee and wish him a speedy recovery.



Shadow Bear - Little Lake, MI

We received a request for assistance from Shadow Bear's human for treatment of the 8 year-old German Shepherd's cancer. Shadow Bear's veterinarian diagnosed him with a rare and potentially malignant cancer called Histiocytic Sarcoma. The encouraging news was that Shadow Bear's tumor appeared to be localized to his left elbow, so amputation of the leg followed by several courses of chemotherapy could potentially offer him another 1 to 3 years with a good quality of life. Shadow Bear received a grant from another organization that covered his surgery fee, and The Mosby Foundation provided financial assistance for his initial chemotherapy treatments. We wish Shadow Bear a long and comfortable remission.



Nathan - Riverside, CA

This 9 year-old Airdale Terrier developed a large mass on his neck that needed to be removed. The veterinarian did not know if the mass was cancerous, but it was fluid-filled and at risk for rupturing, so surgery needed to be performed as soon as possible. Nathan's family contacted The Mosby Foundation, and we made a contribution toward Nathan's surgery fee. We wish him a full recovery and a good long-term prognosis.



Lucky - Midway City, CA

A 10 year old Pomeranian, Lucky was taken to the veterinarian when he suddenly stopped eating. The veterinarian suspected an intestinal obstruction and advised surgery right away. The Mosby Foundation paid a portion of Lucky's surgery fee, and we are pleased to report that the aptly named pooch is recovering nicely after having a variety of foreign material - cotton, burlap and even an artificial flower (!) - removed from his gastro-intestinal tract.



Petie - Lyndhurst, VA

This 2 year old mixed breed dog suffered a fractured right femur. Originally thought to be a hit-by-car injury, x-rays revealed that Petie had been shot, and the fracture was severe enough to possibly require amputation of the leg. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward her medical care, and we are pleased that a neighbor has since adopted Petie, and we hope she stays safely at her new home!



Blacky - Pulaski, VA

A 7 year-old Labrador Retriever mix, Blacky developed a large tumor on his chest that needed to be removed. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward Blacky's surgery fee, and we hope for good news on the biopsy report!



Percy - Norcross, GA

Poor Percy, a 3 year old Chihuahua-Pug mix, was diagnosed with painful bladder stones and needed surgery right away. Percy's family applied to The Mosby Foundation for assistance, and we made a contribution toward Percy's veterinary care.



Bailey - Staunton, VA

A 9 year old mixed breed, Bailey jumped out of a 2nd story window while she was left alone for a short time. When her humans found her, they immediately rushed her to the emergency clinic, where Bailey was diagnosed with a fractured leg. Bailey's family contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance, and we contributed a portion of her surgery fee. We wish her a full recovery!

Misty Bianca - Oceanside, CA

Poor little Misty Bianca was taken to her veterinarian for evaluation of persistent ear infections and a progressive cough. The veterinarian diagnosed the 14 year old Maltese with a Collapsing Trachea and a heart murmur. Unable to afford the cost of a full cardiac evaluation, Misty's human applied the The Mosby Foundation for financial assistance, and we made a donation toward the cost of her cardiac evaluation.

A Fighting Chance

San Francisco, Ca

Diamond's owners knew there was something physically wrong with her. A Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix, they posted the seven-month-old for sale on Craigslist for \$100.

Melissa loved small dogs and responded to the ad. The owners told Melissa that Diamond had "a little problem" with urinating, but that it wasn't a big deal. Neither was true. Diamond could pee just fine, but defecating was a nightmare.

They also told her that Diamond was shy, but the truth was the dog was terrified of the world. It would take nearly a year for the little dog to adjust to Melissa's friends. And then there was her tail or the lack of it. It was odd, but Melissa didn't think much about it. Later, she would learn why her sweet, but terrified companion had so little appendage.

Before actually buying the dog, Melissa checked out Diamond's vaccination history and found that she had not yet gotten her second round of shots. Anxious to unload the dog, the couple waived the fee because Melissa "seemed to really care." Instead, Melissa used the money towards Diamond's next round of vaccinations.

At the time, Melissa worked full-time and did not want Diamond to feel lonely in her apartment while she was at work. So she signed her up for daycare. But for little Diamond, the world was just too big and loud to handle. She would cower in the corner all day long, shaking, until Melissa picked her up in the evening.

Finally, Melissa realized that Diamond would not outgrow her shyness. The best thing she could do was to leave the dog in her apartment while she was at work. Diamond settled in and finally began to relax, and as she did, her sweet personality took center stage.

Melissa bought Diamond her own small doghouse so that she could retreat to her own safe haven. The little dog loved it! Melissa also bought a Rubbermaid mat that looked like grass to potty train Diamond.

Diamond caught on quickly and would pee in the "grass," but defecating was a whole different story. It started out with



whimpers but rapidly progressed to screams. The pain of a bowel movement was just too excruciating.

From Metamucil to pumpkin, Melissa tried every remedy she could think of to eliminate her companion's discomfort. The results were either little to none or extreme with diarrhea all over the apartment. Not only was the very act of defecating painful but the poop might not completely release. Diamond would try to pull it out with her teeth, then she would run around the apartment in pain. Or, she would scream and jump up on the bed, finally releasing the poop.



Melissa's family suggested a very good veterinarian in Mexico and offered to take Diamond to him, which they did. When the vet examined Diamond, he was incredulous that she was still alive.

Born with a congenital defect called atresia, the dog had no direct path from her colon to her anus. It also explained why Diamond did not have a real tail. To compensate for the defect, her body had created a fistula, an unnatural connection to make some kind of exit hole. In this case, her body created a path through her vagina.

For her whole short life, Diamond was pooping through her vagina.

Stunned at the diagnosis, Melissa was also grateful to learn what was really wrong with her dog. The vet wanted to operate on Diamond but Melissa did not speak Spanish. Concerned with the language barrier, she opted instead to find a veterinarian in San Francisco.

However, Melissa also lost her job at the same time. With a \$5,000 price tag, surgery was out of the question. Instead, she kept the dog in diapers. It was the best she could do given the circumstances.

A year would pass before a solution would appear. Through casual conversation with friends, Melissa found out about Care Credit and grants from non-profit animal groups. This was a whole new world for Melissa. She had no idea such options were available.

With renewed passion, she dove in, applying for help everywhere, including a loan with Care Credit. Finally, there was hope!

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Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



Daizi passed with my arms around her from a possible heart attack in her bed. I know you truly understand what I'm going through. The pain of losing Daizi is deep, very deep. She has left a large gaping hole in my heart which I don't think ever goes away, but can get covered and still remain.

Maybe another dog at the right time can do that, never to replace Daizi, but to help cover the hole & ease the pain. I will know when the time is right, no one can tell me, but I will know. I will follow my instincts and listen to my heart. Daizi gave me more love than any human I've ever known. And I couldn't wait to reciprocate. She was the truest, dearest, closest most incredibly loving partner a person could ever know. She was more than extra special.

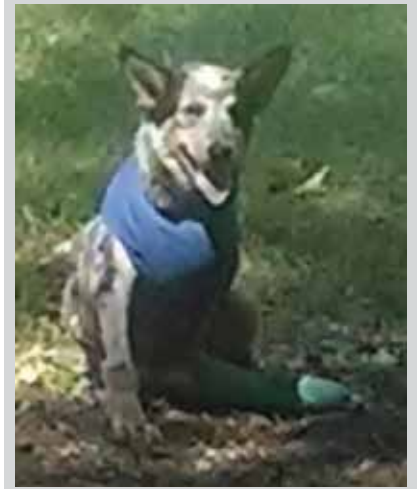
She was cremated with a private viewing and is on my mantle watching over us. I will always remember and be grateful for your efforts to make Daizi's last days more comfortable. Please know that what you did for my dog, you did for me.

I wish you all and your furry babies the best.
Sincerely,
Lisa Shipper
Long Beach, NY



Cooper had his follow up with the surgeon yesterday and he said he has never seen such progress with this type of surgery. Colorado State is the pathology expert so we wait. I have an appointment with the oncologist a week from tomorrow, we want to hopefully have a diagnosis by then. Cooper has been very depressed so I begged the surgeon to allow walks. He is used to 5 mile walks each day and we took a 1.5 mile walk today. I need 5 root canals desperately due to old chin trauma but another \$500.00 went for Cooper today and I would do it again. So, the surgery is healing very well, no biopsy yet, relief at good ultrasound and appointment with oncologist. Will keep you updated, was great to see him enjoying his walk today. Still praying for stage 0 or 1. I know they don't do Palladia unless stage 2 or 3.

He is still beautiful to us, face fur coming back in fast and white whiskers 1/2 inch already. Thank you for caring!
Cindy Mericle
Annapolis, MD



Chubby came through her surgery fine, thank you for all the help and prayers. We had been turned away by everyone else and I was starting to lose hope. It's making me cry now just thinking about losing my beautiful angel. You have no clue how much you have really done. We have maxed ourselves out to the point of financial crisis. Chubs is our puppy. Our baby.

When Keigan is sick she never leaves his side! She seems to be the only one that "makes it all better." As soon as we get to see her, we'll send after surgery photos.

Thank you again and GOD BLESS you!
Ashley White
Newton, Georgia



Angie's surgery went well although she had some brain swelling so she was on an EKG machine last night as a precaution. The timing worried them since it was when they were near the brain. They didn't want to take the chance it was just the anesthesia. We hope to visit her this afternoon, I will send further updates.

Thank you so much,
Carolyn Duncan
Lincoln, RI



Hi, just letting you know Vito did great. He had a ton of huge stones so he was probably in a lot of pain and I want to thank you for your help.

Vito Consolo
Highland Heights, OH

Daisy did fine with surgery. She has some pain tonight but that is normal. Hopefully in the next few days she will get up and move around. I took her out to potty but she just sat down. I am hoping she will use the puppy pads tonight. If not, it won't be the first time I have had to mop the floor.

I really appreciate your help and I am sure once Daisy is healed up she will also.

Thank you so very much for all you do.
Cathy Caudill
Grayson, KY

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3 year old Dolly was going to get surgery to remove what was feared to be a cancerous mass, but once an X-ray was taken, it was discovered that the malignancy had spread to her lung.

We are happy to report, however, that Dolly's Dad, William, reports that the tumor has shrunk and Dolly is doing very well!!! Here is a current photo of Dolly, her daddy, and "brother" Brucie! William Crenshaw Staunton, VA



To all my family, friends, doctors and to The Mosby Foundation, without all of you I would not be feeling so great. I am grateful for your support and the much needed donations. I appreciate your generosity. Mosby Foundation, your compassion for pets is amazing. I am so lucky to have come across your organization.

Thank you with love,
Yvette and Tigger,
Anchorage, AK



Good news today, all xrays and everything for Thor showed OK and they removed the pin from his leg. They said no more crate and he can start getting back to normal. So in a couple of weeks we are going to do a play date, I am so happy and relieved. Thank you for all your help as none of this would have been able without your help.
Todd Branch
Colonial Heights, VA

It's been about a year since Max finished his chemo and I am happy to report he is going strong! I can't thank you and your foundation enough for helping us at such a crucial time. Max did suffer some liver damage from his treatment, but within a short time he was feeling pretty good. He did have to remain on the liver supplement for almost a year because he had one blood value that remained high indicating some kind of assault on his liver. He now has all normal liver function and NO return of the cancer.

I wanted to thank you again. I think it is great that your organization can help in situations like mine. I ended up losing my business. My house was foreclosed on and I am now receiving disability because of my legs. I would not have been able to finish Max's treatment without your help and he is here today because of you and your wonderful organization. Thank you, thank you and thank you. I just wanted to send you an update.
Deb Kaschner
Boise, ID



Thanks again for everything. Gabriel has no side effects from the chemo at all and is frisky, eating well, and happy. We, of course, hope this is a cure after his surgery where all margins and all lymph nodes were free of disease.
Nancy Coates
Mission, KS



I am grateful for the help with Nathan's surgery. It is awesome to know that a foundation such as Mosby exists. Thank you for your generosity! We are extremely appreciative for the help that you have given.
Miguel & Christine Tello
Riverside, CA

Without your help I don't know what may have happened to Crash. I thank you so much for your compassion for a dog so far away that you never met and yet you reached out to help. My daughter has passed on, but I will still have her dog Crash to comfort me during the lonesome times.

Thank you.
May God bless you all for what you do,
Dennis Lowery
Nashville, TN



This is our "Coco Bean" almost a month after surgery to fix her heart. She is doing well and active. I can't hear her heart now even if she is laying on my pillow! Thank you to all of you who made her surgery possible. I have decided that she has a forever home with me. I couldn't imagine letting her go!
Devra Bailey
Cary, OH

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Hobble is doing so wonderful!!!! He is absolutely the best dog and we love him dearly. He fits in very well with our family. He does not allow his disability to slow him down at all. He runs with the rest of the dogs with no problems. Thank you!!
Heather Brooks
Murchison, TX



Just wanted to send you an update on Hailey. She is almost 1 month post surgery and doing GREAT!! She is walking like normal and back to her old happy self.

Thank you and your foundation again for your help with her medical bills!!

We are both forever grateful!!!!
Renee Valentine
Raeford, NC



I just wanted to give you an update on Daisy. She is doing great! She had a fever and the drains were delayed coming out so they changed her antibiotics. I was worried about her but after a few days she got better. Her staples were removed and she is looking great and acting like herself again. I am so thankful for your help! She still needs the other surgery for her torn ligament, but they told me she needs to lose some weight before they will do it. So that is something we will have to continue to work on. But I really want to thank the Mosby Foundation for your help! I couldn't have had her surgery done without your help. I am sure she is much more comfortable now without that big old lump on her shoulder! And I am so relieved it was nothing more serious. Thank you and God Bless!
Diane Lundberg
Martinsburg, WV



Just a follow up note to let you know how grateful we are for your generous donation towards the tumor removal surgery of our dog Lacie. The tumor was quite large, but thankfully not cancerous. She is recovering well and will be back to normal and walking normal soon too.

You have been a Godsend with your generosity and we thank you SO MUCH!

Blessings to you all that care so much for the animals!
Most Sincerely,
Dave & Sue Solomine
Whitleyville, TS

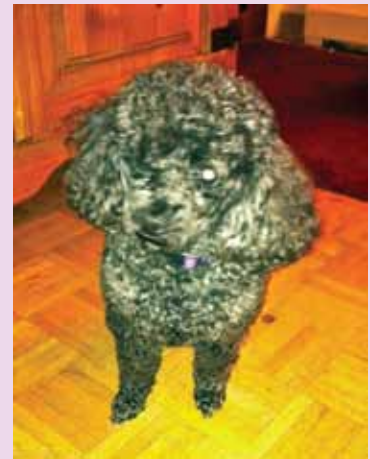
I just want to say "thank you" to you and The Mosby Foundation for your generous grant toward Kobie's bladder surgery. I honestly would have had to postpone his surgery without your help, which may have been a big problem as I just talked with Dr. Rauch and was told that Kobie had many stones. It could have blocked him from urinating and the bladder could have ruptured.

He is out of surgery, has done well and I have to pick him up later today. I am truly thankful for your help and support.

Kobie is a member of my family and being on disability and staying home most of my time, he is such a huge part of my life and has brought so much love, joy and happiness.

God Bless you, members of the foundation, and the people who generously donate to those in need!!!

Sincerely,
Laurie Durango
New Providence, RI



I am sending an email to all the wonderful people who donated money for Katie's recent surgery to let them know that she is now healed and doing very well. She is happy and healthy. She needs her teeth done, but that will have to happen at a later date.

Thank you very much for your kind donation, it is deeply appreciated.
Diane Seelig
Scituate, MA

A Fighting Chance continued from 6



When The Mosby Foundation received Melissa's application, we were concerned about Diamond. But when we saw the video of her screaming in pain while trying to pass a small fecal knot, we were in tears. The pain and the anguish on that little dog's face were just too much. We couldn't make fundraising flyers fast enough!

Thanks to the compassion of our wonderful supporters, we were able to be a part of the team that helped Diamond get her life-changing surgery.

Melissa was overwhelmed with gratitude. "This is just unbelievable. Thank you so much for your hard work!" she told us. But the news got even better.

Through Care Credit, Melissa finally found a veterinarian in her community. Shocked at Diamond's health condition, Dr. Vassilev, of B Street Veterinary Hospital, wanted to perform surgery immediately, promising to keep the cost of this complicated surgery as low as possible, and he did.

By the time Diamond had her surgery she was three years old. She did very well but it's possible that she has megacolon, which is an enlarged colon due to the longevity of her condition. That means additional surgery to shorten it, but that option is not in the foreseeable future.

Dr. Vassilev wants to give Diamond plenty of time to adjust to her surgery results. Although, she's not pooping on her own yet, Diamond is on stool softeners. "I don't hear a peep," Melissa told us. "She's also on a new medication. So hopefully that will help."

The unbearable pain and the strain are gone for Diamond. "I am so grateful to The Mosby Foundation. Without your help, none of this would have been possible," Melissa said.

While we were the catalyst for getting Diamond's surgery, it was Melissa who chose not to give up on her. Instead of opting for euthanization, Melissa looked into the eyes of a very frightened dog and resolved to give Diamond a fighting chance for a normal life.

In our book, she's the real hero.

Bravo!

HILL TOP BERRY FARM & WINERY, NELLYSFORD, VA for all their support these years! We are so honored by your donating to our cause with a portion of the sale from each purchase of your "Little Heeler" dessert wine! CHEERS!

SHELI RHODES, owner of LOVE ON A LEASH, for donating so much great dog food for pets in need. WOOF!!! WOOF!!

MIDDLE RIVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, VERONA, VA for all the donated pet food, calendar sales and donations! You ALL ROCK!

COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY CLINIC, WAYNESBORO, VA for all of the donated pet food and calendar sales. ROCK ON!

MARY PENN SORANNO and her husband BILL SORANNO for helping us help senior citizens get the pet food they frequently can't afford. THANK YOU!!

RUTH ANN NOBLETTE, for handling the busiest pet food donation bin we have, at Kroger's Grocery Store, Staunton, VA. She picks up all the food and delivers it to the Verona Food Pantry almost weekly which is quite a lot of loading and unloading. YOU'RE AWESOME!



OPERATION LIBERTY DOGS



Scotlund Haisley, Carole Adams, Karin Magno and Tim Woodward with the check for ARC



Jill Rinaca and Karin Magno with happy Puppy Mill dogs.

Recently, Animal Rescue Corps, a grassroots organization that helps rescue animals from situations like puppy mills, was a major player in rescuing 132 dogs (and 4 parrots!) from a puppy mill about 2 hrs. west of Washington, DC. They assisted the Page County Sheriff's Department, animal control, and the Page County Animal Shelter, as well as countless volunteers in this major rescue mission. All of these animals were living in deplorable, neglectful conditions, in desperate need of veterinary care. The Mosby Foundation was happy to be able to help support this wonderful organization in this effort. Thank you for making our contribution possible!! For the entire story please visit www.animalrescuecorps.org or their Facebook page. They are an awesome group!

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF PETS

DAJA, a rescued German Shepherd of Ginger Taylor, from Judianne Rinker

DUCKY, beloved kitty, from Barbara & Jim Bradley

JAMI "Joyboy" FAULKENBERRY, Your presence on this earth made us all happier and better people. We will all miss your big smile and happy nature, from Carole & Johnny Adams

JAMI, much loved Setter mix of Bill & Beverly Faulkenberry, from Bob Johnson

JAMI, beloved dog companion of Bill & Beverly Faulkenberry, from Carol Jackson

JAMI, "Joyboy" Faulkenberry, whose love, exuberance and goofy grin are missed everyday, from Bill and Beverly Faulkenberry

JAMI, may you rest in peace, sweet boy, from Susan & Neili Aronson

JAMI, from Mollie McCurdy

JAMI, much loved dog of Bill & Beverly Faulkenberry, from Ginger Taylor

JAMI FAULKENBERRY, from Karin Magno

EMBERLEE, from Mollie McCurdy

GASTON, from Karin Magno

YELLER ROEDER, from Sheila & Raymond Roeder

SOPHIE ROSE, from Barbara Elvin

DUFFY, from Lynne Gilbert

MOSBY, on the 11th anniversary of your death. We love you Mose!! You are with us in our hearts forever, from Carole & Johnny Adams

MOSBY ADAMS, love from Jan Johnson

MOSBY, love Alice Mae Johnson

WINSTON, beloved dog of Jane Hammond, from The Printy Family

SWEET ROSIE, from Marilyn Ross

MOLLY, from Diane Livick

TOM BAKER, a previous senior foster dog of mine, who went to his awesome forever home about a year ago. Sadly, he bloated and died several weeks ago. His family adored him and are heartbroken. I'm heartbroken. TOM BAKER was a gentle and loving and devoted boy who loved to talk!, from Janie McCutchen

RIPTON, my sweet Husky-mix who shared her love of life with so many as a therapy dog with Augusta Health for 7 years. Her retirement was full of nose-work fun, until a vicious cancer struck her in December 2013. She lived life to its fullest and stoically tolerated surgery and chemotherapy but lost her fight with cancer in April 2014 at the age of 13, from Kathryn Dobyms

LISKI, my most loyal companion-my one true dog, from Kathryn Dobyms

SHARPIR BOYLEN, a French sorta' Black Lab import who was one of the kindest, sweetest dogs I have ever known, from Jean Hoffman

MOLLY, beloved Goldie, from Shirley and Dan Holler

CASSIE, golf-loving companion of Sid & Jo Smith, from Jane & Rick Smith

CHOU CHOU, my beloved Poodle, from Yvonne Clement

PRECIOUS, my sweet Golden Retriever who lost her war with mast cell cancer, from Linda Link

PRECIOUS, beloved dog of Jim & Linda Link, from Ruth Ann Armentrout

CHARLIE, our 18 year old cat who died of cancer, from David & Sue Solimine

WHISKEY, and best friend to Laura Reith, from Pat Harrington

AMANDA ROSE JOHNSON, I miss you and you're always in my heart, love Jan

AMANDA, love Alice Mae Johnson

DAISY DEARVA, I miss you so much, love Jan Johnson

DAISY, love Alice Mae Johnson

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

JULIAN PARROTT, whose life was taken way too soon. Julian, we will always remember your giant smile, your love for ships & dogs, and especially The Mosby

Foundation. You were always our best salesman, selling all of our note-cards with great gusto. You will never be forgotten by all of us here at The Mosby Foundation

DR. W.E. ARMSTRONG, who loved dogs as much as I do. For Barney, Brutus, Titus and Zack, from Deborah Armstrong

COLLEEN SURRETT, from the Brian Barwick family

COLLEEN SURRETT, from Carolyn & Roger Davis

COLLEEN SURRETT, from Jean & Stuart Smith

COLLEEN SURRETT, from Barbara France

IN HONOR OF PETS

BUSTER, from Diane Livick

ALL BLACK GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS, from Erica Stoecker

SPIRIT, beloved Chesapeake Retriever companion of Christine & Richard Raab, from Jane Smith

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

RALPH DEY, from Pete Dey

GAY DEEL, from Pat Grizzel

DAVID FITT, who helped keep my yard under control while I was recovering from injury, Thank you for all you do!, from Kathryn Dobyms

JUDITH G. ARMSTRONG, my wonderful mother, from Deborah Armstrong

DR. STACY REEDER, ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF WAYNESBORO, who fought our war against cancer with our beloved golden Precious, from Linda Link

ALYSIA STERN, on her birthday! From Kathy Mason

THE STAFF AT MIDDLE RIVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, VERONA, VA, from Sharon Angle

THE MOSBY FOUNDATION, thank you for all you do for so many families who are in need of support! We enjoy reading your success stories in the newsletter; keep up the good work. Many families & their four-legged babies are grateful for what you have organized. Sincerely, Adam & Kristen Printy



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"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."
 - Unknown

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