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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

"I didn't use to like dogs. When people say they can't change, they can. I'm proof of that." Barbara Rogers

Barbara had always been a horse person, and the dogs in Barbara's family were strictly outside dogs used for hunting. She was so dog phobic Barbara would not eat in a house that had dogs.

That meant she graciously declined all invitations from friends who included dogs as part of their families. And when a pet passed away, she also could not understand the grief.

That was a long time ago. Today, it's a different story thanks to her late husband, Jim. He loved dogs. When he brought home a Jack Russell terrier which he named Jack, Barbara had a fit.

She would have nothing to do with the adorable dog, but in a couple of months, Jack didn't just win her heart, he changed it. The veil was lifted and Barbara began to feel a deep love and connection with him. She began to see the joy in the eyes of other dog parents and now she understood.

Tragically, Jack was killed after only six months of living with the Rogers. Barbara's heart sealed shut with grief, but that didn't stop Jim. He didn't want to live without a dog, so he brought Bentley home, another Jack Russell.

As the little puppy trotted towards her, he expected only hugs and kisses. What he got was tears. Barbara found it difficult to embrace another dog, and she pushed Bentley away. But like his predecessor, Bentley did not give up on her.

It took about three months before he finally won Barbara over. Then he began traveling with the Rogers everywhere. It was on one of those trips that Barbara realized Bentley had been keeping a secret from them.

A large dog in a parked car barked loudly as Bentley and Barbara walked past him, but Bentley kept his head pointed straight, completely unaware of the ruckus. That's when she realized Bentley was deaf! For four months, the dog had lived with them and neither she nor Jim knew. He was a master at hiding it.

Because both Jim and Barbara loved Bentley, they never once considered giving him away because of his disability. They decided instead to adopt another Jack Russell. That's when Eightball came bounding into their lives.

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Loch Haven, PA



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"Harley", our 77 lb. German Shepherd mix is recovering from surgery to repair his torn anterior cruciate ligament. This is the 2nd time he has endured this, albeit on the other knee this time around. Aging has likely contributed to his slower recovery, his lack of interest in eating or drinking immediately afterward, less pushing to be active.

Helen Thomson once said, "Inside every Newfoundland, Boxer, Elkhound and Great Dane is a puppy longing to climb onto your lap." So it is with our Harley, and while I can't arrange that, I can sleep with him on a mattress we've moved into his "recovery room" at home, away from our other dogs.

I am reminded of Sampson, the German Shepherd in one of our feature stories, sorely neglected to the point that it constituted abuse, in my opinion. Yet, his response to his rescuer was that of a loving dog, still hopeful that someone would love him and give him a life other than what he had known. Finally that happened, but his health issues became paramount.

Thankfully, my husband and I can give Harley the care he needs. With Sampson, you the supporters of The Mosby Foundation have helped give him the care he needs. With a dog that waited so long to be rescued and loved, to then succumb quickly to illness, is too sad to contemplate.

We ask that you help us continue helping dogs like those in our feature stories and on our "Gimme Shelter" pages. Donations of any amount help us continue our life-saving and health-restoring work.

We all know the joy of our dogs healing and enjoying life again, and day by day, our Harley is coming around. Thank you for helping make that happen for other desperate dogs.

In honor of all dogs,
Carole Adams
President

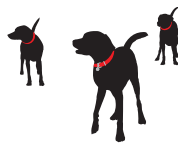


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Nicole Rose hugs Stella
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The Mosby Foundation is very grateful to The BISSELL Pet Foundation for its generous grant to support the expansion of our Spay/Neuter Financial Assistance Program. This program is literally a lifesaver in the rural areas we serve by preventing unwanted litters of puppies from being surrendered to local shelters and pounds. Dog owners who cannot afford even low cost clinic prices reach out to us through this program to help them do the responsible thing and spay or neuter their pets. We couldn't do this important work without the support of generous foundations dedicated to animal welfare like The BISSELL Pet Foundation. We are thrilled to partner with them!

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.

The Little Champ

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Eightball became Bentley's ears: the two sleep very close together. Should Eightball suddenly move, Bentley knows that someone is nearby. He also relies on floor vibrations and reflections in the mirror to alert him to new movement.

Barbara, the woman who once called herself "cold-hearted," has her own "Bentley hand signals" that she uses. And he loves it!

When Jim passed away, both dogs refused to let Barbara go to the memorial service without them. They blocked the door, barking, and pulling her down to the ground.

Barbara got the message. Dressing them in matching rugby shirts, Bentley and Eightball attended the memorial. When Jim's earthly remains were placed, Bentley walked over and lay down in front of them. He stayed there, alone, until Barbara gently picked him up and took him home.

Now 13, Bentley has a liver disease that is controlled by medication, and a diabetes-like illness for which he also takes medication. But the real problem started when Bentley began running into furniture. Chasing his beloved ball became almost impossible.

Barbara could only throw his ball a few feet, and it had to be in a straight line, or Bentley couldn't see it. Going outside and

then coming back in was a problem, too. Bentley confused the closed glass door with the open one.

Barbara's vet diagnosed cataracts in both eyes, but it was the specialist that left her gasping. How was she going to afford such an astronomical amount for surgery?

Devastated, Barbara knew that she couldn't let her deaf dog also go blind. She didn't make a lot of money, but she could not let Bentley down. He had shown her how to open her heart again after Jack's death; she had to do something. That's when she turned to her community and to the Internet for help online.

In the meantime, Bentley's eyesight was getting worse. He still begged for Barbara to play ball with him, but it broke her heart. "I cannot refuse no matter what I am doing," Barbara said. "He can see maybe one foot in front of himself at most." When Barbara slowly rolls the ball, Bentley grabs it. "He acts all proud and spunky."

It was obvious that Bentley was not going to let his blindness get in the way of his fun or his life. Barbara held back tears as she watched him parade around with his ball, and her spirits were sinking. No one had replied to her applications for help, and she didn't know what to do.

This was Bentley, Jim's beloved dog, but he was also a playmate for the kids at her local playground. They would shriek with glee as they watched Bentley push a basketball around the court with his nose.

But now? Now Barbara had to make sure that all furniture remained exactly where it was. She didn't want to frighten or confuse Bentley further by changing his familiar routes.

When The Mosby Foundation received Bentley's application, we were struck as much by Barbara's story as Bentley's. Her honesty and her remorse were a burden she carried. And Bentley was certainly a spirited dog that only wanted to love and be loved.

Just like Barbara, we agreed that a loving dog like Bentley should not have to spend the rest of his life deaf and blind. We wanted to help in a big way. That's why The Mosby Foundation sponsored a fund drive for Bentley.

Much to our absolute delight, our dear supporters felt the same way about Bentley. Your compassion and generosity made it possible for Bentley to have his surgery. As you can imagine, Barbara was over the moon! "I am so blessed and so grateful to have found The Mosby Foundation and all the fine folks who have made this possible."

Before she scooped Bentley up to take him for his surgery, he stood at the file cabinet, barking. He thought it was Barbara. "That's the last time he'll ever do that," Barbara said. And it was.

Bentley came through the surgery like a champ! And even though he had to wear an E-collar to keep him from injuring his eyes, he did it in Bentley style. "He quickly figured out to hold his cone head up high and he runs up all the stair steps," Barbara told us with a laugh.

With his blindness literally peeled away, Bentley was much like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. There were so many wonderful sights to see. The world had opened up to him once again. The richness of life — balls to chase, a backyard to actually see, and a playmate to run with — all came back to him. These common occurrences of everyday life were now treasures.

And of course, there was Barbara, holding Bentley's face in her hands. "If you can imagine a dog joyful, he is," Barbara told us. "We owe it all to The Mosby Foundation and the generous hearts that helped."

The woman, self-described as having had a cold heart, had tears of joy and gratitude streaming down her face.



Gimme Shelter

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



Baron - Hawthorne, NJ
Rescued at the last moment from certain euthanasia at a Georgia shelter, this lovely Husky mix was taken in by A Pathway to Hope. Abandoned, emaciated, and injured, Baron was clearly once someone's beloved pet. A veterinary evaluation found the cause of his limp was a fractured leg that had been repaired, but the pin was broken and the fracture had not properly healed. Also heartworm positive, poor Baron had to complete his heartworm treatment before he would be healthy enough to have the fractured leg repaired. With financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation and others, sweet Baron had his surgery and he has been adopted into a wonderful forever home!



Marlena - Lexington, VA
This lovely little Pomeranian mix ended up in a shelter after badly fracturing her left rear leg. The veterinarian who examined her thought the injury was at least a few weeks old, and the best choice for her would be amputation. The shelter had no funds for this kind of care so the shelter manager approached The Mosby Foundation for help. We made a contribution toward the cost of Marlina's surgery, and we are pleased to report that she was adopted shortly after her sutures were removed.



Titus - Elma, WA
A happy and active Great Pyrenees, young Titus ruptured the cranial cruciate ligament in his knee just by getting up from a nap! Titus' family contacted The Mosby Foundation for help, and through a special fund drive, we were able to make a substantial contribution toward Titus' surgery fee. We wish him a speedy recovery so that he can get back to his farm dog activities.



Phoenix - Prairieville, LA
Emaciated, ill and neglected, Phoenix was picked up by Animal Control and taken to an animal shelter. She was immediately transferred to Red Stick German Shepherd Rescue and taken to a veterinarian, who diagnosed the approximately 10 year old dog with multiple ailments, including malnutrition, intestinal parasitism, ear infections and an intestinal blockage. When The Mosby Foundation heard about poor Phoenix, we offered to help pay for her emergency medical care. We are happy to report that the intestinal blockage resolved without surgery, and that Phoenix is safely recovering in her foster home and will soon be ready for adoption into a forever home.



Percy - Norcross, GA
A 3 year old Chihuahua-Pug mix, Percy was diagnosed with painful stones in her bladder. She needed surgery to remove the stones and relieve her discomfort. The Mosby Foundation made a donation toward the cost of her surgery, and we hope her new prescription food keeps her bladder stone-free in the future!



Canela - Westminster, CA
Canela's human contacted The Mosby Foundation for help when the 11 year old pointer mix developed a rapidly growing mass on her neck. The mass needed to be removed soon. With financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation and others, Canela had her surgery, and we hope she has a full recovery with a good prognosis.



Hobble - Murchison, TX
Poor Hobble was found as a stray dragging his left front leg. A trip to the veterinarian determined that he had injured the leg, damaging the nerve function in the limb. The muscles had atrophied, and because he could no longer feel pain in that leg, he now had a badly infected wound from dragging the paw. The veterinarian advised amputation of the leg and Hobble's rescuer applied to The Mosby Foundation for funding assistance. We paid a portion of Hobble's surgery fee, and we are pleased that the veterinarian neutered him at the same time as the amputation! We hope he finds a responsible forever home soon.



Raven - Houlika, MS
A 4 year-old Rottweiler, Raven was diagnosed with heartworm infection. Her human sought help from The Mosby Foundation to help pay for Raven's treatment. We made a contribution toward the cost of Raven's veterinary care, and we hope she remembers to take her heartworm preventive every month from now on!

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Zeke - Kannapolis, NC

Found lying by the side of road, Zeke had been badly injured after being hit by a car. A Good Samaritan took him to a veterinarian, who diagnosed the 3 year Golden Retriever mix with multiple severe skin wounds and a life-threatening diaphragmatic hernia. A torn diaphragm allowed abdominal organs to enter his chest, putting pressure on his lungs and heart, making it hard for him to breathe. The Good Samaritan elected to take responsibility for Zeke and paid for his initial emergency care and surgery to repair the hernia and skin wounds. As the cost of follow-up wound care continued to pile up, Zeke's new family turned to The Mosby Foundation for help. We made a contribution toward his wound care, and we wish him a full recovery and a long and happy life with his new family.



Dozer - Alpena, MI

Dozer's family contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance, when the approximately 11 year old Labrador Retriever mix developed 2 skin tumors suspected to be Mast Cell Tumors. A potentially deadly cancer, MCT is best treated by aggressive surgery as quickly as possible. When caught early, the tumors can be successfully removed before they spread. The Mosby Foundation paid a portion of Dozer's surgery fee, and we hope he has a complete and uneventful recovery.



Timmy - Fort Worth, TX

This poor little 9 year old Yorkshire Terrier mix was once a loved housepet, but he was surrendered to a "rescue" for re-homing when his elderly owner moved into a nursing home. After suffering neglect during the year that he was in the care of "rescue", little Timmy was adopted by a caring couple who found him in deplorable conditions - flea-infested, with severe dental disease, ear infections that had permanently disfigured his ears and paraphimosis - a persistently protruding penis. Timmy had not been vaccinated or received any veterinary treatment in the year he was in "rescue". Once Timmy's new owners realized the extent of his medical issues, they sought assistance for his veterinary care. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution to his care, and we are pleased that he has found a responsible forever home.



Roxie - San Antonio, TX

Only 1-1/2 years old, Roxie became suddenly lethargic and stopped eating. The Border Collie mix was diagnosed with an immune-mediated hemolytic anemia and thrombocytopenia. Roxie's immune system started destroying her red blood cells and platelets, making her severely anemic. Aggressive treatment with immune-suppressive drugs and blood transfusions was Roxie's only chance for survival, and even with aggressive treatment, her prognosis was very guarded. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward the cost of Roxie's continuing care.



Max - Chicago, IL

Thought to be at least part Border Collie, Max was adopted from a rescue group at 8 weeks old. A very special dog, Max and his human became a Certified Therapy Dog team through Canine Therapy Corps, and together they served the Chicago area for many years working with hospital patients and at an addiction treatment center. At the age of 12, Max continues to be a lively and active dog, and that activity led to a torn cruciate ligament. Surgery was needed to stabilize the knee and reduce the development of painful arthritis. Max's human sought financial help from The Mosby Foundation, and we made a contribution toward his surgery fee. We hope Max has many more good years as a "senior" - even when officially "retired", Therapy Dogs work magic with the people they meet. Thanks to Max and his human for all their years of volunteer service to their community.



Cooper - Richmond, VA

A Good Samaritan found this poor emaciated hound wandering along the side of the road and took her to a local veterinary hospital, where Cooper was diagnosed with Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis, Hookworms and severe malnutrition and dehydration. The Good Samaritan contacted a local rescue group and agreed to foster Cooper until she was healthy enough to be adopted, and she contacted The Mosby Foundation for financial help. We made a contribution toward the cost of Cooper's hospitalization and treatment, and we wish her a speedy recovery and a loving forever home soon.

One Day at a Time for Sampson

St. Louis, MO



It was a year ago when Kati, a volunteer with the St. Louis Senior Dog Project, first met Sampson, a three-year-old German Shepherd. The heat was unbearable, hitting triple digits, and the summer drought had St. Louis praying for rain.

Kati stopped by a local farm to buy hay for her small herd of sheep, but she was immediately distracted by the farmer's German Shepherd. He was constantly whining and crying for attention. Upon closer inspection, she discovered that Sampson was chained to a piece of heavy equipment under a three-sided metal machine shed.

He was desperately thin, weighing somewhere around 70 pounds, and his ears were black with infection. Sampson's coat was filthy, huge clumps of matted fur hung everywhere. There was also a constant river of mucus pouring from his nose. It had dried in layers and stuck to his coat like cement.

In spite of his circumstances, Sampson was a kind and loving dog that just wanted human touch. He wagged his tail excitedly as Kati stroked his head and licked her hand continuously. The farmer had gotten Sampson as a puppy from his cousin to be a watchdog. The dog's runny nose was a problem even then, but the farmer apparently was not concerned.

Kati pointed out that Sampson was not very good at his job of protecting the hay equipment because he begged for attention from anyone. The farmer just shrugged and said that having him there "made a statement." Kati thought it was an awfully poor statement.

Normally, the St. Louis Dog Project focuses on older dogs that need help, especially those that shelters won't take because they are so elderly. But Kati knew this dog could not survive such a harsh, uncaring environment for much longer. Rain, shine, heat, or cold, Sampson lived his life on a heavy chain under a lean-to, begging for attention.

Each time she came back to buy hay, she asked about the farmer giving up Sampson, and each time the answer was no. Kati knew if she did not get Sampson out of there, he would eventually die a horrible death.

Finally, after almost a year of pleading with the farmer, she pulled out her checkbook. It turns out that was what he wanted all along. Compassion had no influence; money did.

But as she said, "I don't regret it as he is as sweet a dog as I have ever met."

So Kati wrote the check and took Sampson to her home to foster. Before his young paws had a chance to hit the ground, Kati gave him a bath, which was just fine with Sampson. He thought he had died and gone to heaven. He loved it!

His coat had never been brushed and there were years of hair and undercoat glued to his skin, which was horrible. Fortunately, with routine brushing and exposure to air, his skin became healthy once again.

Sampson's health continued to improve but his runny nose did not. Still, his sweet, loving nature blossomed under Kati's compassionate care. He got along fine with her other dogs, although, he had more than a passing interest in her chickens.

Kati learned very quickly that Sampson could not smell much. Most dogs trot over to something new and sniff it, but not Sampson. Because of the massive congestion in his nose, he would just stare and stare at the object, trying to figure it out.

Ceiling fans, dog crates, metal food bowls, steps, his collar and leash, even the toilet, all got the "Sammy stare down."

A visit to the vet provided a diagnosis of a fungal infection. But the six months that

Sampson was on the anti-fungal medication, he saw no improvement. Finally, the St. Louis Senior Dog Project took him to a specialist. There it was discovered that he had a very rare bacterium that was also multi-drug resistant.

Sampson's medication was switched and it successfully fought the infection. Thankfully, he got much better. But x-rays showed that one lung had not responded to the new medication. The specialist speculated that the bacterial infection masked an underlying fungal infection, which was the original diagnosis.

Sampson's poor health was confounding and the cost of treatment by a specialist was expensive. The St. Louis Senior Dog Project was concerned about their ability to continue treatment. That's when they did some fundraising of their own and sought help from The Mosby Foundation online.



When we heard about this young dog's plight we wanted to lend a helping hand. And for about the millionth time we asked ourselves, "How can people be so cruel?" We gladly contributed to Sampson's recovery.

Ellen Ellick, president and founder of the St. Louis Senior Dog Project, told us that Sampson no longer looks sick. He has gained over 30 pounds weighing in at a respectable 100 pounds. The problem is that Sampson is sick. As soon as he goes off the antibiotics, the infection comes back, and his nose continues to run in a thick stream.

The next visit to the vet specialist proved alarming. For the first time ever, the specialist gave Sampson a diagnosis of guarded. He had discussed the dog's case extensively with two respiratory disease specialists in other states prior to presenting his diagnosis to Ellen and Kati.

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Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



Thank you so very much! Sequoia went in for X-Rays and there is a foreign body obstruction. I couldn't have gotten the X-rays without your help! Out of the dozens of organizations I called, Mosby, was by far the kindest I spoke with!!! Me, my kids and my Sequoia girl thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Lesley LaFuze, La Mesa, CA



Hello! My name is Gus. I am a Jack Russell Terrier, or Jack Russell Terrorist, depending on who you ask. I recently have been sick as a dog, and my parents didn't have enough money for my care. They applied to some different organizations, one being The Mosby Foundation. With their help I was able to get the care I needed. No one is happier than I am about that, but my parents are a very close second!! We could never say thank you enough to those who helped in our time of need, but we feel the best way is for us to "pay it forward" when we can. Our deepest gratitude for those who have contributed to such a worthy cause, and to everyone at The Mosby Foundation!

Sincerely,
Gus and his "for real" parents, Teena & Michael McGhee, Antioch, TN



Hamilton made it through his surgery and is walking. There is a bit of blood seepage but the vet said it's expected. He is on antibiotics and pain killers. They removed 7 bird-shot pellets from his mouth and probably has more in there but the vet said he will be OK. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!!

I think Hamilton would make an excellent therapy dog for wounded veterans and children with disabilities - let's face it, being hit by a car, shot and left to die in an animal shelter - and still with the will to live - would be quite the inspiration for anyone who doesn't have much of a spirit left in their heart!!

Respectfully,
Tammy Czapl
Dinwiddie, VA



I want to thank you immensely for all the help you gave to us, we came very close to saving Roxy. God bless you and the work you do! I read through the Mosby story, and he sounds like he was the most awesome companion! He reminded me of Roxy with the love he had for all people and animals alike. They definitely touch our lives, Roxy taught me how much one can love a dog, and how much a dog can love you. I will always remember the good you did for us and will always let people know about it.

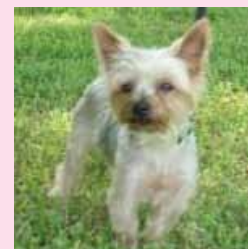
Kay Jett
San Antonio, TX



I wanted you to know Scrapy Do is doing well. He is still not himself but he has been through a lot. Thank you again for your help. We truly appreciate your kindness.

Our old cat Otis (he's 18) has been staying close to Scrapy, he is the boss and has been great with Scrapy. Thank you for giving Scrapy a second chance.

Warm Regards,
Kathy Maxson and Scrapy Do,
Howell, NJ



Surgery went well and Timmy is recovering nicely. We're back on Clavamox for two weeks to combat any infection left in his little gums. He finally got to start his heartworm preventative, has all his shots and is on his way to being a healthy dog. His little ears are nearly clear of infection, but they will never stand up again, but that is okay - it adds to his personality. He gets a bath this week, and a bit of a bang trim. My husband built steps so he can get on and off my desk by himself. He is feeling so much better. He has gained weight, his hair is growing out and he thinks he is in charge of everything. Thank you and the Mosby Foundation for helping him get better.

Cecilia Harsch
Fort Worth, TX

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Kali is doing great. She's eating wonderfully on her own and drinking plenty of water. She is still in "quarantine" from my other dog though because the vet said she will shed the virus for up to 2 weeks. I'm having a yard sale this weekend to raise money for her treatment costs. I ended up borrowing the money from a family member, which I really hate doing, because they were gonna' keep her there and have me pay boarding for each day! Crazy! So we finally somehow managed to round up the money, especially thanks to you and your foundation. I can't thank you enough for your help. It means the world to me.

Ashley Tudor
Chattanooga, TN



Dozer is doing great and is back to his normal self. Your foundation is a God send and it truly made us so thankful. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for EVERYTHING you do. Thank you again, I can't say it enough.

Jessica, Daniel, and Noah Olsen
Alpena, MI



Brick had his hip replaced and is doing well. He looks pitiful right now, but in the end, it will be good. It turns out both hips were bad. I can't thank you enough for your help, it made the difference. What a wonderful organization! It is my hope that I will be able to donate back to you one day. I will send you an update when Brick is better.

Carin
Caldwell, ID



Titus is doing spectacularly well! He's been cleared for rehabilitation and we no longer have to use the sling or coop him up in an exercise pen. He returned to his happy self, wanting to buck and hop and pin his big ears back to run through the house, which is an absolute joy for me to see. He was fully released to enjoy complete freedom on January 2nd. We could not have done this, brought him back to wellness, without your efforts, and we love you for it. Thank you for giving me back my boy!

Lisa Barton
Elma, WA



Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. I'm in awe of how this girl has touched the hearts of people. Phoenix is a special dog who reminds us of the preciousness of compassion and makes us better humans. I feel all the outpouring of love she's receiving is going to make a difference. It's as though the prayers from all over the country are making her stronger. As she gets stronger, eventually, surgery may be necessary to remove the remaining junk in her gut that she's having trouble passing. Thus far it's only a partial blockage, and food is moving through her. This is good, good news as it gives us time to get her strong enough for surgery. She has a long road ahead, but she is making progress. The difference in 6 days in how this dog looks is nothing short of breathtaking. We are so grateful to the Mosby Foundation helping to save Phoenix.

Maggie
RedStick German Shepherd Rescue
Baton Rouge, LA



Surgery went well for Hunter, he is home and able to see. We are thrilled, my dad was so happy he was crying and full of joy....he said this was the best gift anyone could have given his little buddy. My parents want to thank you again for your help and say God bless you. We have seen a change in my dad's spirits since his buddy has been able to see again. We hope they both continue a smooth recovery. We hope to be able to pay this forward to your organization one day.

Rob & Louise Coleman
Edinburg, VA

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What a joy to watch! Bentley is post-operative and should be sleeping and resting. I am instructed to keep him calm. He refuses to sleep! He is afraid he will miss something. He just keeps walking from room to room looking, staring at everything. He fell asleep standing up with his head lying sideways in the cone! He wants to stay outside in the rain. After bringing him in, I wrapped him in a warm blanket in his bed. Thinking I could finally throw the ball for his brother EightBall, Bentley suddenly appeared, went flying by us and intercepted the ball! He's 13! With a new lease on life thanks to The Mosby Foundation and the loving people who cared.

Barbara Rogers
Loch Haven, PA



With all my heart I cannot thank you enough for stepping up to help Cooper. She's doing extremely well. She weighed 24 pounds (should be around 60) when we brought her in, and has gained 1.6 lbs and is keeping food down. All her "plumbing" also is working normally. I am pleased to say she is wagging her tail! Thank you and the Mosby Foundation for your compassion and generosity.

Mari Macky
Richmond, VA



Wanted to say again Thank You So Very Much for so kindly helping with the surgical fees for Bodhi's ACL repair! He's doing fantastic! Thanks for all you do for these amazing service dogs who do so much for all of us & work so hard. We are truly grateful!

Jion Sommer, Prescott, AZ

Great news about Chico. After two months, his pins are finally out! Chico is doing incredibly well. Chico's leg muscle atrophied a bit since he couldn't put weight on it but the bone healed nicely. I'm sure his leg muscles will be strong again soon. THANK YOU and your foundation's wonderful donors for helping Chico. You made the surgery possible and now, two months later, he's healed and back to normal. Chico is so happy...he definitely knows the pins are out.

Fabi, Los Angeles, CA



Max had his cruciate surgery. I wasn't prepared for the size of his cast and that he would drag his leg. So it was a shock at first. I am totally grateful Max did fine with the anesthesia and the surgery went well.

They found arthritis in his knee and scraped it. They also found a tissue mass and a biopsy is being done on it as well as a lump on his leg. So, the final invoice was more than I was anticipating, meaning your generous grant is even more appreciated than ever!!!

The good news is that Max is doing well, sleeping a lot (which is needed) and alert and happy when he's awake. We have a long rehab ahead once he's on the road to recovery! Max & I have much to be thankful for and top of the list is The Mosby Foundation!!! I wish all dogs could be so lucky!

With Much Gratitude,
Pat & Max Morrison, Chicago, IL



Thank you so very much for all your help, compassion, and hard work assisting Mr. Puppy in getting the treatment he desperately needed. He is doing so much better and has a little spring in his step. I am so grateful that Mr. Puppy was able to receive such a generous donation from The Mosby Foundation. I know just how lucky Mr. Puppy and I are to have received your wonderful gift.

Mr. Puppy was cared for by a great team of doctors. None of his treatment would have been possible if it wasn't for your kindness and generosity. Thank you again!

Ali Danze & Mr. Puppy
Los Angeles, CA



It's been over a month since Tootie had her amputation surgery and she is doing better than everrrrrr! She acts like her normal, happy, hyper self. She runs and jumps just like she still has four legs, you can't tell a difference at all. Everyone was so amazed at how well and fast she adapted to it.

So tootie and I would both like to thank you for your help! Without it I don't know where we would be, so again THANK YOU SO MUCH! I will for sure be sending in a donation as soon as I can. Thank you so much for your contribution!! I have spread the word about your organization and it has inspired me and my family to begin volunteering for a local no kill shelter in adopting out dogs. God Bless you and your work with dogs.

Sincerely,
Heather Brooks
Murchison, TX

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It is with great sadness that I send you this email. Max stopped eating and drinking, and I had to carry him outside to the bathroom. The pain in his leg was too much to bear any weight. All the medicine that the vet prescribed was to no avail. The emergency vet's recommendation, to relieve his pain and suffering, was to put Max to sleep. It was the hardest decision I have ever made. I know in my heart it was right. For the past six months, I feel that Max knew he was loved unconditionally.

I wanted to thank you and The Mosby Foundation for all you did. I also encourage all my friends, family and my Facebook friends to donate to your organization. Thank you again for allowing me to have Max for as long as I could. The memories will last forever.

With great sadness,
Jessica Pennington
Versailles, KY

Bravo!

KATIE LORENZEN, a student in the Department of Communication Studies, BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE, BRIDGEWATER, VA, delivered an excellent speech about our charity, what our needs and goals are and what our program services cover. Katie convinced her 22 classmates that The Mosby Foundation was the organization most deserving of their class's monetary collection. We understand from the Instructor, Ben Erickson, that the competition was stiff, but Katie brought the prize home to us! Thanks to ALL OF THE STUDENTS for voting for us and donating your own money to help us help dogs in need. YOU ALL ARE AWESOME!!!

KARIN MAGNO, BEVERLY FAULKENBERRY & CAROLE ADAMS for spending a weekend driving, working and giving a presentation at GREYHOUNDS ROCK, Fredericksburg, VA.

JULIAN PARROTT, for selling our Mosby notecards and raising an astounding \$100!! Julian, WOOOOO HOOOOO!!!!!!!

A big Bravo goes to all of the folks at Greyhounds Rock! Fredericksburg, Va for their generous invitation and donations to The Mosby Foundation! We had a great time helping your group "Take A Bite Out Of Canine Cancer"! KIM FRASER, CONNIE HILKER, GAIL HOLLSTEIN, AND MARY ANN SAPP, you ladies ALL ROCK!!



The LEND A PAW student group at BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE, BRIDGEWATER, VA did a special pet food drive over the holidays collecting pet food and raising funds and awareness about The Mosby Foundation. They collected over 700 lbs of pet food, along with cash donations!

Thank you so much to the following student club members: SYDNEY WEAKLY, TIFFANY SELLS, MEREDITH REYNOLDS (Club President), KIRSTEN ROTH (Club Vice President), CARRIE CARTER, MacKENZIE LASHER, LAUREN SHIFLER, GRACE MENDEL, LISA UMBEL, TASMIN ROUPP, BRITTANY FLINT, AVE JOHNSON AND MICHELLE REED.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! YOU ALL ROCK!!
WOOOOO HOOOOO!!!

FORMER HOMELESS STREET DOG, MAKES IT BIG!



Adopted from Partners!Canines at The Mosby Foundation's Pet Dog Fest in 2008, Hunter, a fluffy white unknown mix has overcome his tough start in life and is now a loved pet and talented performance pooch.

In his first year of eligibility, Hunter missed qualifying for the AKC NATIONAL Agility Championship by 12 points - he needed 500, and he ended the qualification period with an oh-so-close 488! An eager and versatile dog, Hunter has also had success in Rally Obedience, enjoys playing at Canine Nosework, and he works 1 day a month in the Animal Assisted Therapy program at the Augusta Health Medical Center, Fishersville, VA. Hunter is the canine companion of The Mosby Foundation's Secretary and Board Member, Kathryn Dobyns.

WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF HUNTER!!!!

One Day at a Time for Sampson

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Even more confounding, the latest round of tests did not show any bacteria or fungi growing in his lungs. X-rays also showed more mucus in one lung than it had in the previous month.

Nasal samples showed both an E. coli and staph infection. Sampson is now on a nebulizer four times a day with saline, and he has a different antibiotic that

should go after both bacteria. The vet also ran tests on his immune system to see if it was weak.

If that is the problem, then he will eventually become resistant to any drugs that he is given. Right now, Ellen and Kati are both hoping his current medical regime works.

Sampson, of course, is oblivious to his diagnosis. All he knows is this: he has today to enjoy with loving people that care for him. He has a warm place to sleep, good food to eat, and a place to safely run and play.

That's all he ever wanted. That's all he ever needed. And the worry part? He'll leave that to his human friends.

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF PETS

CHASE, from Janette Boyd Martin

SADIE BLUNT, from Henley Gabeau

SONNY & ROVER, our beloved companions who we lost this past summer. Blessings, Sharon, Donny & Ashley Lainhart

MOLLY MOONEY, from Henley Gabeau

BRETTA, a yellow lab, from Hazel & Bruno Giraldi

AMANDA ROSE, miss you always, love Jan

DAISY DEARTH, we all miss you so so much, love Jan

YELLER, from Sheila & Raymond Roeder

JEB, our sweet, big, gentle giant, Alaskan Malamute rescue. We miss our "counter-cruiser", "Wooo Wooo" boy so much! You had us at "Wooo" Jebbie; you had us at "Wooo", love Carole & Johnny Adams

JEB, sweet Malamute, aka son, of Carole & John Adams, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles

JEB, from Middle River Veterinary Hospital

JEB, the Adams' wonderful Malamute, from Vicki Edelmann

JEB, from Mollie McCurdy

JEB, from Ginger Taylor

JEB, beloved dog of Carole & Johnny Adams, from Beverly & Bill Faulkenberry

MOSBY ADAMS, whose legacy of love lives on 10 years later, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles

MOSBY, from Sheila & Raymond Roeder

BEAU & MAGGIE SOLES, so loved Old Sheepdog kids, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles

PUP SOLES, beloved Beagle mix girl, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles

MISSY, from Dave & Rebecca Francis

MILLIE SHUEY, from Pat Harrington

HOLLY TURNER, a sweet Brittany and beloved companion of dear friends Charlie & Toni Turner, from Traci & James Zimmerman

CASSIE PLUNKETT, loving Sheltie of Ed & Charlene Plunkett, from Ron Hiserman & my dogs, Alex & Reggie

MOLLIE, from Cynthia Huston

BENJI, "my special buddy" beloved dog of Vanessa & Bruce Coursey, from Melisa & Robert Byrd

MICKEY, LAYA, BUDDY & RICKI, from Spencer & Ann Taylor

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CC, the beloved dog of Franklin, Tina, John & Kyle Showalter, from Christine Worontzoff

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MY SWEET LOVING ROSIE, from Marilyn Ross

BAYKINS & BLACKIE, my cats I loved, from Mark Cohan

OLIVER, MANDY & ELVIS, great dogs and always remembered, from The Uffelmans

BUCKY, my loyal and faithful friend, from Dianne Field

TESS & PILOT, our beloved pets, from Claude Vincelette

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SASHA, 17 year old Dalmatian, from Sue Solimine

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BETSIE, possibly the Dachshund who lived the longest!, from Pat & Bill Manning

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ROSIE, the dog & CHRISTINA, the cow, two beloved pets belonging to Rita Reynolds, from Beverly Faulkenberry

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BRYCE, my precious Bichon, from Barbara Clark

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ALL BLACK GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS, from Erica & Coffee Stoecker

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CALLIE, from Nancy Burton

LUCY, BILLY, & SAMMY, from Jenny Lee

BEN, MITCH, & JACK, from Ginger Taylor

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DON FRANCE, our much loved forever friend, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles, Colleen Surratt, and Greg & Melissa Surratt

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JOHNNY ADAMS, for all his hard work & dedication and for putting up with all of these WOMEN! From Karin Magno

VICKI EDELMANN, for all of her hard work & dedication, from Karin Magno

JOHN A. MORRA, my dad, who never said "no" to all of the dogs I brought home, from Karin Magno

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ALL OF OUR CLIENTS at MIDDLE RIVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, VERONA, VA. We are truly appreciative of each one of them as they share our philosophy of care and compassion for all pets, from Kathryn Dobyns, DVM and staff

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SANDY KUBALAK, for her ongoing love and support of your valiant mission, from Jennifer Moss

ALL THE GOOD THAT IS DONE through THE MOSBY FOUNDATION, from Bonnie Harris

God Bless our dear DOGGIES! Thanks to THE MOSBY FOUNDATION, a truly wonderful organization. Thanks for caring!, from Ron Hiserman

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