



Mosby's Mission

Nationally Recognized for Caring for Dogs in Need

P.O. Box 218, Deerfield, VA 24432 • 540-939-4035 • info@themosbyfoundation.org • www.themosbyfoundation.org

NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

"My life is cool," Regan Dietz said with obvious joy. As vice-president of Mixed Up Mutts, Inc., a non-profit in northwest Indiana, Regan spends half her life saving dogs that are headed for euthanasia in local shelters.

The other half? She's the director of Prison Tails at Westville Correctional Facility, an inmate program that has a two-fold mission. It teaches those very same shelter dogs obedience and household training. In that process, shelter dogs teach minimum security inmates new life skills.

The dual success of the program is reflected in the awards it has received. In 2005, the Indiana Department of Corrections awarded Prison Tails Program Of The Year. The American Kennel Club also awarded the program the first ever Outstanding Program Award from their Canine Good Citizen Program.

To become eligible for the Prison Tails program, an inmate must have either a GED or high school diploma, no history of violent crimes and at least two years left on his sentence.

Once the inmate is on board, he becomes an apprentice for the Department of Labor. Once he has completed 3600 hours in the Prison Tails program, the DOL certifies him as a dog trainer.

Of course, Sweet Sarah, a 45 pound, 4-5 year-old shepherd/terrier mix, being held at animal control, didn't know any of this. Nor did she know she was essentially on death row. With five days remaining on her sentence, she would be put down. Thanks to a small group of very persistent, dedicated animal volunteers, Sarah's

picture was one of many distributed to rescue groups. And that's when Regan saw her.

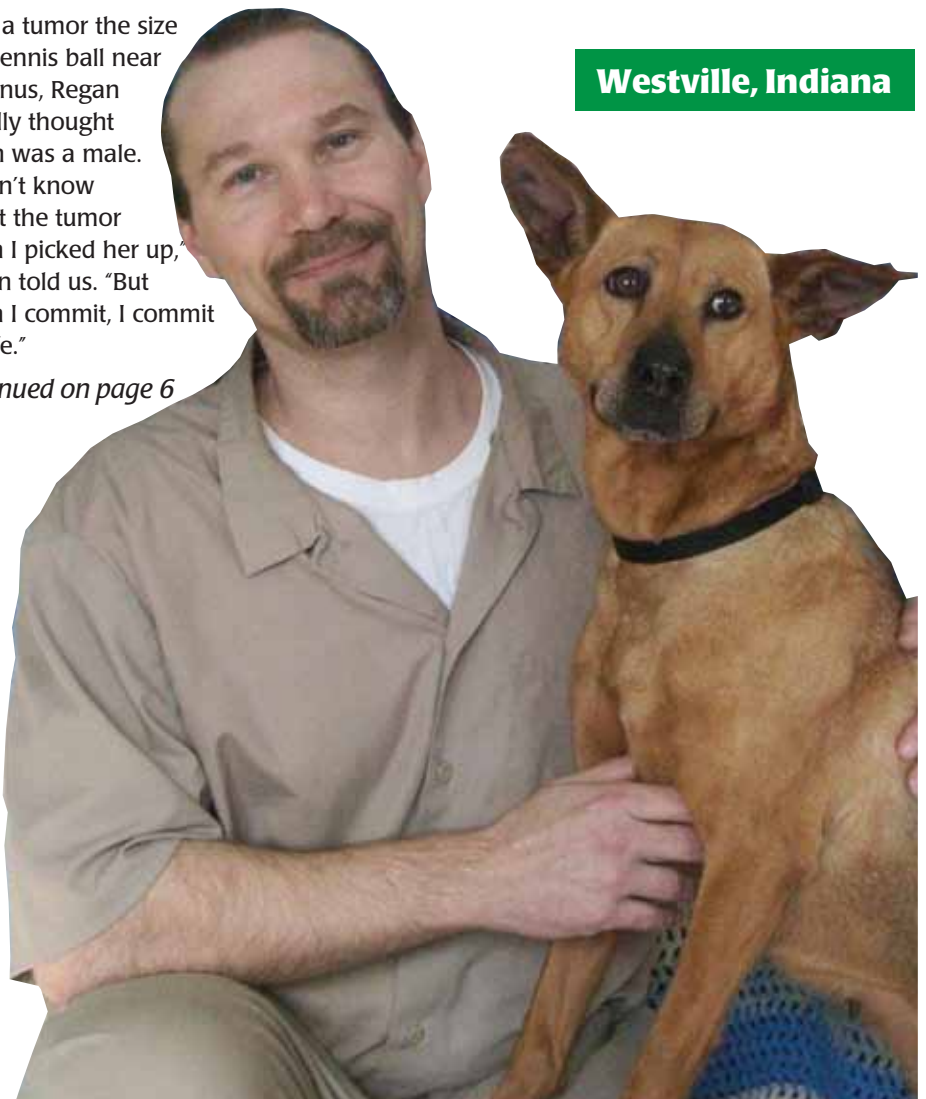
Tied to an empty house, her owners had simply left her there when they moved. The ends of her ears looked like a jigsaw puzzle, either from fly bites or frostbite. And it was obvious she had recently given birth to puppies.

With a tumor the size of a tennis ball near her anus, Regan initially thought Sarah was a male. "I didn't know about the tumor when I picked her up," Regan told us. "But when I commit, I commit for life."

continued on page 6

Sweet Sarah

Westville, Indiana



The Mosby Foundation
P.O. Box 218, Deerfield, VA 24432
540-939-4035



This newsletter is
printed on recycled paper

BOARD OFFICERS

President: Carole Adams
Secretary: Kathryn Dobyns, DVM
Treasurer: Dan Bowman, CPA

BOARD MEMBERS

Kenny Craig
Cindy Craun
David Fitt

ADVISORY BOARD

Dianne Burhman, DVM
Jennifer Kirkland, Esq
Terri Sears, DVM
John Adams
Beverly Faulkenberry

WHO WE ARE

Gail Brown, Bookkeeper
Jennifer Kirkland, Spay/Neuter Coordinator
Beverly Faulkenberry, Spay/Neuter Intake Coordinator
Angela Brown & Jennifer Kirkland,
Rescue Bank Pet Food Coordinators
Marcia Butler, Graphic Artist
Connie Spittler, Calendar Artist
Jennifer Wood Monroe, Webmaster

FOUNDING BENEFACTORS

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| John Adams | Kyle & Alan Bell |
| Bert Brown | Kenny & Phyllis Craig |
| Michael Frost | Barbara Grant |
| Jon Higginbotham | Bonnie Hohn |
| Dorothea McGay | Libby Nutty |
| Stacy Reeder, DVM | Sheli Rhodes |
| Suzanne Kuser | Sue Spivey |
| Joan Olmstead | Ann Hyden |
| Christy & Tad Shuey | Jane D. Cangalosi |
| Dawn Blalock | Bill & Karen Adams |
| Beverly & Bill Faulkenberry | |

FOUNDING SPONSORS

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Henley Gabeau | Harriet Hanger |
| Emily McGay | Patty Sun |
| Andrew Taslitz | Bill & Sandy Goodman |
| Olga Craig | David & Patricia Smail |
| Cynthia & Pat Fehr | Elisabeth Arvin |
| Kelly & Andrew Richardson | |

CORPORATE & SERVICE SPONSORS

Domino's Pizza
Happy Tails Grooming & Boarding
Moose Lodge #1635
Rebecca's Well
Chase Your Tail Bakery

NEWSLETTER

Beverly Faulkenberry, Copy Editor
Carole Adams, Managing Editor
Marcia Butler, Graphic Artist
Kathryn Dobyns & Susan Vincent, Staff Writers

The contents of this newsletter may not be reproduced in any form or medium without written permission from The Mosby Foundation.

The Mosby Foundation

As I compose this letter, I can see fields of new green and flowers of many colors as Mother Earth sends out her message of renewal. In our area of the Shenandoah Valley where winter storms have been known to wreak havoc, we wait for the hope that spring and summer bring, with great anticipation.

As you read our feature stories, as well as the letters from families of some of the dogs we have helped recently, the renewal in the lives of these dogs and their people is just as evident as Mother Earth's. Many, if not most, of these families were desperately seeking a means to help their beloved dogs. They held onto hope that someone would come through for them.

And come through for them you did, dear donors and supporters. You helped when they were most in need. The Mosby Foundation gets the kind thank-you letters, but you are the ones that truly deserve the credit. Without you, there would be no Mosby Foundation. Please consider helping us continue our life-sustaining work by contributing whatever amount you can. When you read those letters in our Mailbag, please know that they are really addressed to each of you.

Spring may be the season of love, but your support is the definition of love to so many of these dogs no matter what the season.

In honor of all dogs,
Carole Adams
President

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
– Mother Theresa*



Jennifer Kirkland wins the BRAVO AWARD from the 2013 Virginia Federation of Humane Societies



Finding a Lost Pet

There is a site called helpmefindmypet.com.

You create a website with photos and info about your dog and if she gets lost, the service sends out a bulletin to a network of pet shelters, groomers, vets and stores within a 50 mile radius of where the dog was last seen.

Members of the network posts flyers, etc.
It costs \$19.

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.

Maxi

The Wonder Dog

Bryan, TX



She was standing in the middle of Highway 21, a thin dog that had obviously been nursing a litter of pups. Patrick swerved his truck to keep from hitting her. Once he got closer to the dog he could see she was a mixed breed, approximately three-years-old.

Patrick put her in his truck and drove around the rural neighborhood trying to find her home, but nobody would claim her. So he decided to take her to his buddy, Philip. He had been looking for a dog.

"I wanted a mostly outside dog," Philip said, "because I work long hours." But the dog in the truck had other plans. She padded her way up to Philip's open door. There, she sat down in his kitchen and looked up at him as if to say, "Is this all right?"

That pretty much ended the whole "outside dog" plan. She stole Philip's heart right then and there. Maxi, as Philip called her, became his closest companion in spite of his long work hours. "She's my best friend," he said.

Since their chance meeting five years ago, Philip has always put Maxi's health at the top of the list. The first thing he did after adopting her was to get her spayed. He also stood by her through heartworms and cancer.

But on a very early winter morning, Maxi would face her toughest health challenge ever. Philip let her out at 5 a.m. to do her business as usual. He grabbed a quick shower then called her.

No response. Philip's yard was fenced so he knew Maxi had to be there. He looked again and finally saw the dog lying on her side. He called her twice more before Maxi lifted her head to look at him.



That's when it registered with Philip. Maxi's ear had been ripped and was hanging loose, and she was on the other side of the fence. When Philip reached her, blanket in hand, his horror grew.

Maxi's head and neck had a 4" x 4" gash with obvious bite marks. Her left back leg had already swollen from the numerous bites her attackers inflicted. Wrapping her in the blanket, Philip carried her inside. He immediately began to stroke her to help calm her and reduce blood loss.

Philip's mind was whirling. He had heard not one single sound during his brief time in the shower. Usually, opossums and raccoons might fight under his home, but there had not been a single sound to alert him to trouble.

He called the emergency vet clinic but they wanted \$1,000 just to see Maxi. That was

not financially feasible for Philip, so he waited until 9 a.m. and took her in to see his vet.

The vet confirmed that more than one dog attacked Maxi; the teeth marks were much larger than domesticated dogs. Although, we'll never know what happened, both the vet and Philip speculate that it was wolves or coyotes that attacked her.

For 24 hours it was touch and go. A hole was cut in Maxi's ear the size of a quarter to drain infection, and her back leg had swelled to double its size. Fearing the worst, the vet prepared Philip for the possibility of amputation of both the ear and her back leg.

But if Maxi could survive near starvation before her life with Phillip, she was

continued on page 10

Gimme Shelter

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



Black Bear - Grayslake, IL

This 1 year old Labrador Retriever suffered a serious gunshot wound to the face. He received initial emergency care in Missouri, then was transferred to a specialty clinic in Chicago for advanced care, where a portion of his fractured lower jaw was removed and a temporary feeding tube was placed. The rescue group requested financial assistance for Black Bear's surgery and extended hospitalization. Thanks to generous Mosby Foundation donors, The Mosby Foundation was able to make a substantial donation toward Black Bear's recovery. We are thrilled to report that Black Bear is recovering well, and that he has found a forever home with a family member of one of his veterinary nurses at the Emergency Center that treated him!

Calvin - Greensboro, NC

Poor little Calvin was rescued from a puppy mill, where he had languished in a cage for weeks with TWO broken front legs! The left leg healed well, but the x-rays taken shortly after his rescue showed no healing in the right front leg. The surgeon estimated the fracture to be at least 6 weeks old at that point, and he advised surgical repair with implantation of a (tiny!) bone plate. With help from The Mosby Foundation and others, Calvin had his surgery, and the little Papillon-Poodle mix is expected to make a full recovery.



Shaburb - Lynchburg, VA

This adorable 13 year old Toy Fox Terrier had developed severe dental disease. She needed to have several teeth extracted to relieve her pain and allow her to eat comfortably again. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward Shaburb's dental care. We wish her a speedy recovery and many pain-free meals!



Sissy - Hawkins, TX

When she was rescued from her previous home, this 2-1/2 year old Yorkshire Terrier mix weighed only 3 lbs and was infested with fleas. Despite loving care in her new home, Sissy failed to thrive, and blood testing revealed a portal-systemic shunt - a birth defect that diverts blood away from the liver before it has been properly detoxified. Sissy's condition could be partially managed with a low-protein diet and medication, but she needed surgery if she was to have a chance at a normal life-span. Several generous Mosby Foundation donors responded to the call for assistance, and we were able to fund a large portion of Sissy's surgical fee. She has recovered well, and is now acting like a normal feisty little terrier!



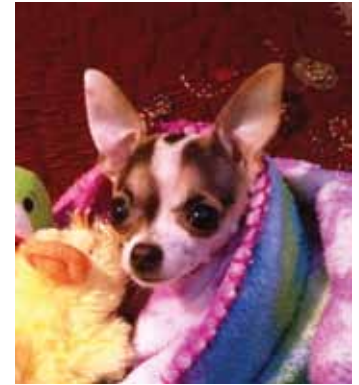
Captain - Louisville, KY

An approximately 5 year old Labradoodle, Captain tested positive for heartworm infection, and his veterinarian determined that he was an excellent candidate for treatment. His owner approached The Mosby Foundation for help, and we made a donation toward his medical expenses. We hope Captain remembers to take his heartworm preventive every month from now on!



Tasha - Glorieta, NM

Severely beaten as a puppy, Tasha was rescued from a trash bin at 6 months old. With many years of love and gentle care, Tasha overcame her fears and learned to trust her family to keep her safe. Now 12 years old, Tasha was diagnosed with a severe bladder infection and bladder stones. Her family knew she needed to have the bladder stones removed right away to prevent more serious complications, and they turned to The Mosby Foundation for help. We made a donation toward her surgery fee, and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.



Chuy - Cranberry Township, PA

Poor little Chuy the Chihuahua developed an embarrassing problem - he could not retract his penis into the skin sheath where it belonged. Chuy's guardian had to clean and moisten the tip of his penis daily to prevent infection until he could have surgery to move the skin of the prepuce where it would cover the penis normally. With financial assistance from generous Mosby Foundation donors, Chuy has had his surgery and he is much more comfortable now!



Sara - Lima, OH

Sara, an 8 year-old mixed breed dog had a pacemaker implanted in 2011 to control an irregular heart rhythm that caused her to faint multiple times a day when her heart stopped beating for a few seconds. While the pacemaker is expected to last 7 years, it needs to be checked and calibrated by a cardiac specialist once a year. Sara's owner contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance, and we made a contribution toward Sara's veterinary fee.

Gimme Shelter

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



Napoleon - Fort Collins, CO

A 7 year old English Mastiff, Napoleon developed bone cancer. He had a front leg amputated to remove the primary tumor, and he needed a series of chemotherapy treatments to slow the spread of the cancer to his lungs. The Mosby Foundation agreed to make a contribution toward Napoleon's ongoing treatment and monitoring, and we wish him a long remission.



Heidi - Waynesboro, VA

Poor Heidi was in the very wrong place at the very wrong time when she was struck by a train, which caused multiple severe injuries, including broken ribs, loss of part of her tail and amputation of her left front leg. She required extensive intensive care and surgery to repair the wounds. With financial assistance from our generous Mosby donors, the 6 year old Golden Retriever is back at home and steadily recovering from surgery.



Miles - Syracuse, NY

A 4 year old Shetland Sheepdog, Miles fractured his right hip when he was just 4 months old. Unable to afford surgical repair at that time, Miles family kept him confined and tried to treat the injury medically, but the fracture healed badly and after a few years, the arthritis was causing him constant pain. Miles' veterinarian advised a surgery called a femoral head ostectomy, where the ball part of the hip joint is removed, eliminating the source of the pain. With help from many generous donors, the Mosby Foundation was able to make a significant contribution toward his surgery. Miles is now back at home and healing well - we wish him many pain-free years!



Skids - Wilmington, OH

A 12 year old Terrier mix, Skids had developed multiple skin tumors that would bleed when he scratched at them. With financial assistance from the Mosby Foundation, Skids had the bothersome tumors removed, and he had his teeth cleaned up too.



Missy - Lexington, VA

Missy, a beagle mix, found herself at the New Kent (VA) Animal Control facility in December after being brought in as a 'stray'. She got adopted but the people brought her back because their kids weren't being nice to her. Missy was on her last few days at the end of January, when someone sent her story around. Her new mom saw the photo and read Missy's plight and decided to step up, but Missy would need to be spayed before she could leave the animal shelter. That's when The Mosby Foundation stepped in, paid for Missy's spay and the repair of her cherry eye!



Cambridge - Denver, CO

Cambridge's owner contacted The Mosby Foundation for help when the 10 year old Schnauzer mix was diagnosed with severe dental disease. The veterinarian needed to extract several badly infected teeth to relieve Cambridge's pain and prevent the spread of the infection to other parts of his body. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward Cambridge's dental care, and we wish him a speedy recovery.



Nero - Newport News, VA

This 5 year old German Shepherd was rescued from Animal Control in mid-December. His foster mom was told he had an "abnormal" gait, but that turned out to be a severe spinal abnormality. Despite his awkward gait and "roached" spine, Nero tried valiantly to play and act like a dog. Nero needed to see a neurologist and have an MRI performed to see if there was a spinal injury that could be treated. Unfortunately, while The Mosby Foundation was gathering funds from many generous donors, Nero developed a sudden life-threatening accumulation of fluid in his abdomen. With his rapid deterioration, Nero's foster mom made the difficult decision to have him humanely euthanized. We extend our deepest sympathy to all of the special people in Nero's life. We know he is running and playing on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.



Liberty - Loudon, NH

Affectionately known as "Libby", this 4 year old Cocker Spaniel needed medical management of a variety of problems, including chronic vomiting, colitis, ear infections and seizures. With financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation, Libby is now receiving treatment for her seizures and other problems.

continued on page 7

Sweet Sarah

continued from page 1

And life it was. Named for the founder of Mixed Up Mutts, Sweet Sarah left that day, prison bound with her new owner. "Sweet Sarah has such a wonderful personality," Regan said. "She's so affectionate and wants to say hello to everyone."

But before Sarah could start her training, she had quite a few health issues to resolve. The tumor around her anus, of course, but she also had a hernia and heartworms.

The surgical cost was considerable. If Sweet Sarah was to have a new life, Mixed Up Mutts needed financial help. The group contacted several organizations asking for that help, but it was The Mosby Foundation that responded.

We immediately pledged our financial support. With our help, this sweet dog had her spay and tumor surgery. Unfortunately, the ball-sized tumor near Sarah's anus was diagnosed as cancer. Worse, this specific form of cancer had a 50% chance of returning.



Mixed Up Mutts decided to wait three months before starting heartworm treatment to see if the cancer returned. In the meantime, Sarah finally began her training. She was thrilled that she could once again sit down without pain, and she finally began to relax and started to play.

"Lives that were considered throwaway for both man and dog now resonate with hope."

Now she easily slides onto someone's lap, looking for the love she has so long been denied. And the inmates give it to her gladly.

But if dogs like Sarah learn obedience skills, how does the program change the lives of the inmates who train them?

"The dogs bring everyone together," Regan said. Apprentices soon learn that the program is about breaking old habits and ingrained beliefs for both man and dog. To change a dog's life, the apprentice must be willing to change his own.

Apprentices attend daily classes on animal health, vaccination requirements, animal training and customer service. But the biggest lesson? Learning to work as a team.

If an apprentice is having difficulty interpreting his dog's behavior, he must tap into the experience within the group, to get a different perspective on the challenge at hand. For both man and dog to grow, the new handler must learn to ask for help from more experienced handlers. In time, these men begin to see the value of a seasoned voice and seek out that wisdom.

Inmates gain a sense of responsibility and accomplishment during the eight-week training program with their dog, often training two dogs at one time. Even after they have completed the program requirements, some inmates remain on as mentors, training personally owned dogs.

One former inmate, released 18 months ago, is now a kennel manager at a local shelter. With a dog training business on the side, he has no less than 15 dogs at his house at any one time.

And that's the real strength of this program. It uncovers talents and nurtures a man's goodness. These dogs give inmates a reason to believe in their own moral integrity. Lives that were considered throwaway for both man and dog now resonate with hope.

A dog like Sweet Sarah was just waiting for someone to embrace all the goodness she had to offer. "These dogs are in shelters through no fault of their own," Regan said. "There are so many out there. They just need homes."

Handlers were looking for a way to channel that goodness. Shelter dogs provide that bridge that safely allows inmates to explore and accept their own talents and to challenge their own beliefs.

Given Sweet Sarah's uncertain health, who knows if she will be adopted? But one thing is for certain. She will always have a home at Prison Tails.

As these dogs graduate from the program and get new adoptive homes, their handlers have the pleasure of meeting the new dog parents. They get a glimpse of their dog's new life.

Regan is so proud of this program, and well she should be. "I could throw these guys anything and they take it in stride," she says. "They are always willing to help out."

That's a good thing because she's bringing in a litter of eight puppies.

Gimme Shelter

continued from page 5



Tippiie - Rocky Mount, VA

This 7 year old Black Labrador Retriever mix tore the cruciate ligament in his right knee and needed surgery to stabilize the damaged joint and reduce the stress on his good left leg. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward Tippiie's surgery fee, and he is now back at home and recovering well.



Weyers Cave, VA

A local man contacted us when his mother Chihuahua died the day after giving birth to 5 pups. He was successfully bottle-feeding the pups, but needed assistance buying puppy formula. We made a contribution from our Pet Food Program, and the pups seem to be growing nicely.

Snickers - Madison, VA

A 7 year old Toy Schnauzer, poor Snickers had developed a nasty drainage under his left eye, which the veterinarian diagnosed as an infected tooth - the tooth root abscess had ruptured through the skin. Snickers needed to have the infected tooth extracted, and with financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation, he was able to get the dental care he needed.



Chester - Decatur, GA

Chester's owner contacted The Mosby Foundation for help when the veterinarian advised surgical removal of the large tumor growing on the 11 year-old Beagle's side. We made a contribution toward Chester's surgery fee, and we wish him a full recovery.



Rocco - Trussville, AL

A 2 year old Pitbull Terrier, Rocco needed surgery to repair a cruciate ligament rupture and torn meniscus in his knee. Rocco's family reached out to The Mosby Foundation for financial assistance, and we made a contribution toward his surgery fee. We wish him an uneventful recovery!



Butch - Sturgeon Lake, MN

Struggling with the daily trials of homelessness, Butch's owner scraped together enough funds to have the 11 year-old Shepherd mix examined by a veterinarian, who advised surgical removal of an infected tumor. With financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation and others, Butch had the tumor removed and we wish him and his human a brighter future ahead.



Charlie - Danbury, CT

This 9 year old Boxer developed a recurrence of excessive gum tissue growths 4 years after he had 14 of these growths removed. Common in Boxers, the hyperplastic gingiva is not cancerous, but it does lead to severe dental disease, and Charlie now had developed infections under all that excess gum tissue. With financial assistance from The Mosby Foundation, Charlie had his dental procedure and gum surgery, and he has an excellent prognosis.

Bravo!

KENNY CRAIG for working a Saturday, event at Tractor Supply and spreading the word about what we do. THANKS KENNY!!

GIRL SCOUT TROUP 452, GLEN ALLEN, VA., TASHA, CORINNE, DIANA, HANNAH, ISABELLE, KENDALL, BRIDGET, ALEXIS, MEGAN, MAGGIE and their leader MARTY MORITZ for raising an incredible \$200 dollars to help us help dogs in need of critical medical care. YOU GIRLS ROCK!!

WILLIS NORTH AMERICA and SHARI NATOVITZ with SILVERSTEIN PROPERTIES, NY, NY for sending us a check for \$640! Each year the council participates in a football pool. At the end of the NFL season, the winner donates the funds to the charity of their choice. SHARI & MILES, we simply can't thank you enough!

Our locally owned DOMINO'S PIZZA! Words can't express our deep love and appreciation for this wonderful team of people who always give so generously to help us help dogs in need. YOU ALL ROCK!! Thank you especially, RAY SELLERS AND HEATHER CONRAD!

CAROLE ADAMS for receiving a wonderful letter from Senator Warner congratulating her for her work on behalf of dogs. WOOF!!

SUE BERNTSON, one of Mosby's (our namesake) favorite people when he "worked" in her store in Staunton, VA, for giving us such a very generous donation! Sue, YOU ROCK!! WOOOO HOOOO!!!

LORI GANO-OVERWAY, Ph.D, BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE, and THE DAISY GIRL SCOUTS who collected 52 pounds of pet food and \$15 for the Pet Food Pantry. You girls are AWESOME!!

DIANE CLUTTEUR, a wonderful dog rescue volunteer who has gone MANY extra miles to save dogs from a backyard breeding situation. The dogs and we all agree that you are AMAZING!

Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



Locally Owned



Caring for the Community

I just want to reach out and once again, thank you and congratulate The Mosby Foundation for all the wonderful things you do to help others'. There are organizations that truly make a difference in others lives. Clearly, The Mosby Foundation is one of those.

Please accept this donation with "Thanks" from the Domino's team!

Have a great day!
Ray Sellers, Owner
Staunton, VA

Chuy is doing quite well! It's amazing they even make a little cone in his size. He is on day 6 of recovering and everything has gone smoothly! I can't wait for him to be able to run around and play like a normal puppy!

He gets his stitches removed on the 24th. After that he should be good as new! I am so thankful for all the help I received from your foundation. I couldn't have done it otherwise! Thanks again!

Erica
Cranberry Township, Pa

Thank you so much for your help to get our little Chihuahua Noah fixed. He was named after one of the children who were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School a few weeks ago. Your work is so important to all the animals. Again, thank you for your kindness to our Noah.

Sherrie, Larry, & Noah
Shoemaker



Thank you guys again for helping save Alma's life. You personally really brought up my spirits when times were tough! There was a day we wouldn't even consider bringing Alma for a hike with us. Now it's hard to keep up with her! Thank you guys. We love you! I'll be doing another fundraiser in the Spring for you guys!

April, Ben & Lyric
West Halifax, VT

Sissy did ok with her surgery, she had a difficult shunt and they said she wouldn't have lasted much longer. She is trying to move around now and ate a little. I can get her tomorrow! She has a brand new lease on life now! I'm so grateful to The Mosby Foundation! You helped save Sissy's life!! Sissy is eating and going potty so it's looking good. However she has a long road ahead of her. Her little tummy is bruised and sore but she still wants to run and play. God willing, she will fight just as hard as everyone involved has fought for her!

Another update on Sissy.....I just wanted to give you an update on Sissy, she is doing fantastic! She is putting on weight now and has begun eating about 3 times what she used to. I couldn't be happier with that. She is only on 2 meds now. Spironolactone is to regulate her BP in her liver, she may have to take it for life. Lactulose is to pull toxins from her body. We have one month to go before they run a test to check her liver functions. I think its gonna be good.

Her hair is growing long and her activity level is incredible so that is a sign that her liver is working. Thank you all so very much!!

Laura Ross, Hawkins, TX
Pat, Greenville, SC



Dear Wonderful Angels who made Zeus97's recovery possible, First off let me apologize for not sending you pictures sooner but unfortunately between school, the holidays and all the recovery attention Zeus97 has required, I had not had a chance to sit down and write to you. In spite of that you will be glad to know that since we last exchanged emails Zeus97 has seen the vet for his two week follow-up, got his stitches taken out, and is healing very nicely! We have been following all of the doctor's orders to the T and are seeing some great results. Zeus97 is up to 15-20 minute walks, 3 times a day, doing in-house physical therapy with massages, flexing/extension exercises, and he is beginning to put a little bit more weight on his leg during his short walks.

We know we are not in the clear yet and still have a long road ahead but we are also optimistic that over the next few weeks, as he continues to strengthen his leg more, he will regain full stability and we hope that in a few months he will be back to running!

Once again, we cannot thank you enough for all your support, and attached you will find some pictures of his surgical site and him smiling despite the E. collar as he was being massaged. We hope you like the picture we got of him on Christmas morning at Grandma's house.

Sincerely,
Gracie, Ernesto, and happily recovering Zeus97
Santa Ana, CA

We just got back from Richmond. Shaburb had 6 teeth removed and Ruby 15. The visit went well but we got some sad news about Shaburb. I just cried, as did our 3 daughters, who were with me. We sat in the car and just let our emotions out, dried our eyes as best as we could before getting lunch together. They found a large tumor under her tongue. This is what was making it hard for her to eat and swallow. They said that many dogs live with these tumors without removing them as long as they can eat on their own. I was so upset because I knew that she was really struggling to eat on her own and now I have to research how to care for her or put her to sleep. I fed her tonight because of her mouth being sore but am not sure of the final outcome. She did eat very well though.

I have prayed to shrink her tumor so she can eat on her own or allow her to die in her sleep. I really can't handle seeing her suffer so we have to make some hard decisions. I can't thank you enough for all the help you have been to me. You have a very gracious, caring manner that is very helpful for those of us going through a tough time. I will let you know how things go. Did you say the Foundation does fund raisers? If we had known about the tumor we most likely would have just had her laid to rest and you would have been able to save that money for another dog. However, we appreciate your help immensely.

Blessings,
Rebecca
Lynchburg, VA

Hello dear people who care so much about animals,

I don't know why I have missed knowing about your foundation. I saw the news on WVIR, channel 29 about a sad injured dog, Heidi, who needed treatment. I love animals much more than many people I meet, so I looked you up.

I loved the story of Mosby, written by "the old grouch". I doubt that he is much of a grouch! What wonderful work you have done. Thank you for setting this up.

I'm enclosing a small check for Heidi or the next dog that might need it.

Thank you again for your charity,
Mary Daniel, Troy, VA



Thank you SO MUCH for helping with Missy's vet bill! She had complications after her surgeries, and had to have additional surgery and an extended stay at the vet, but I was finally able to bring her home Monday.

She is still having some issues with her eye, but is on meds, and hopefully will be better soon.

Thanks again, I truly appreciate it!!

Laurie Moore
Lexington, VA



My dear friends,
Piccolo has had his overnight stay at the hospital for his 2nd set of injections, and is doing well. I am so impressed at how well he tolerated everything. It was tough for him, and he did not like any of it, but he is very tolerant and obedient to the rules he must follow during this time. I am so proud of him!! Piccolo will go back to the vet for an ivermectin injection, which is minor in comparison to other injections. He does not have to be monitored or anything for that injection. Then, a short time later (2-4 weeks), Piccolo will be retested and WILL/should be clear of the heartworm. Then we will be able to get back to monthly preventatives, and never have to do this again! Thanks again for your help!

Gratefully,
Mary E. Stoken & Piccolo



On behalf of "Chester Flynn" we would like to thank you very much for your recent donation in his time of need. Your generosity & donation will never be forgotten. Sadly Chester lost his battle following surgery. We are so lost and empty without him. Every day is so hard without him here. I have read the story of "Mosby" and have to say I am as broken-hearted of his tragic loss as if he were my own. His memory will live on forever through your organization, which is the most beautiful tribute any pet could ask for. He has given so many animals a second chance on life. May Mosby & Chester be together and rest in peace knowing they were so truly loved and their unconditional love will live on forever.

Thank you again,
Marcia Flynn,
Brockton, MA

PS Once I am on my feet again, I hope I am able to support and help Mosby as you have helped me.

Murphy came through surgery with flying colors. He had double cataract surgery, as well as laser treatment for glaucoma. He wasn't happy with the "Elizabethan collar" and finally managed to destroy it!

He's doing great and is back to full vision. He has a bright prognosis! Everyone at The Eye Care for Animal Center has been wonderful and we would heartily recommend them.

Thank you for going to bat for us!
Nancy Mills
Winchester, VA

Thank you so much for the monetary donation given towards Snickers dental surgery. He had 19 teeth removed and is recovering nicely. I am grateful and thankful for your kindness and generosity. May God continue to bless you.

Patricia Johnson & Snickers
Madison, VA

continued on page 10



Thank you so much for the donation you gave towards Jake's surgery. Everything went well. He is home, happy and ornery as usual!

Thanks Again,
Jake Hixenbaugh's Family
Washington, PA



Thank you so much for helping Cinderella. You have no idea what this means to us. Thank you. How blessed we are that you and The Mosby Foundation are there to help.

With my utmost gratitude,
Emma Walters and her beloved Cinderella
Croton, NY

Thank you SO much for your contribution & fund-raising efforts for Mile's surgery – words can not adequately express how grateful we are for your kindness & generosity. We are so thankful and are looking forward to Miles having the quality of life he deserves. So blessed!

Jeremy & Kelsey Kotash and Miles too!
Syracuse, NY

Maxi, The Wonder Dog

continued from page 3



determined to survive this. Philip had given her what every dog needs to live life fully, love. Maxi wasn't about to let go of that.

In the meantime, Philip had to find help for Maxi's medical care. His friend of many years, Caroline, got to work navigating the online world of financial help for dogs.

And that's when she found The Mosby Foundation. When we talked to Philip, we were incredibly touched by his love for Maxi. It was obvious that he took his pet parent responsibilities seriously.

The pictures of Maxi's attack were atrocious. Her shock-ridden eyes told us of a pain that few, man or dog, experience. Definitely we would help. Caroline was also able to get some donations from her family and friends as well.

Although the vet feared the worst for Maxi, an angel sat on Maxi's shoulder. Within 24 hours, her leg reduced swelling by 90% and the hole in her ear began to heal.

"They told me I was going to have a dog with three legs, one ear, and a big scar around her neck that wouldn't grow hair," Phillip said with a relieved smile. "So far, she's kept her ear and her leg and the scar around her neck is growing hair."

Is it any wonder both the vet and Phillip call her Maxi, the Wonder Dog? Ever protective of her, Phillip keeps Maxi in his home while he's at work. A neighbor comes over and lets her out for a bit.

Phillip has to be very careful not to let her roll in the grass or she could undo all the reconstructive healing. "I'm just grateful that The Mosby Foundation was there for me," he told us. "I had no idea that such an organization existed."

For us, the gift was seeing the bond between these two, how deeply both cared for each other. With a love like that, it's no wonder Maxi pulled through. She wasn't about to let go of the only love she'd ever known.

Love is always the great healer, isn't it?



Thank you so much for your immense generosity toward Chance and me.

Chance is recovering exceptionally well from his procedure in New York City. I truly cannot thank you enough for sticking with us through the lengthy journey to correct Chance's liver shunt.

Neither of us would have been able to make it through this adventure without your help and assistance.

All the Best,
Christine Douthwaite and Chance
Nashville, TN

continued on page 11

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF PETS

MIMI FAULKENBERRY, It was an honor to have known you sweet girl, you were a good, good girl. Love, Carole & Johnny Adams

MIMI, our beloved "super mom" who was a great mother not only to her own pups, but others as well. Now, she can mother needy pups on the other side of The Rainbow Bridge. Much love from Beverly and Bill Faulkenberry

NOAH, Mike's loving companion for 15 ½ years, from Sheila & Ray Roeder

LOTTIE, Loyal, loving, low to the ground and a little lazy, Lottie will be missed a lot by Joyce DeWitt, from Barbara Ferguson

GOLDIE, who was loved & cared for by Vicky Garrison. "Another Golden star is in heaven" From Linda Link

LILLY, beloved Basset Hound of Beth & Greg Mikolajczyk, from Jane & Rick Smith

LILLY, a wonderful, sweet Basset Hound, who so loved her family and vacationing at Silver Beach, from Josie Maynard

ARGOS, my very good Doberman, in my heart forever, from Ellen Miller

TESSIE, KEMPER, & PEPPER, from Eleanor Butner

NIKE, SIMBA & OSLO, from Donald Wright

CASEY, our beloved dog, from Barbara & Jim Bradley

GUINNESS HOWARD, from Charles Reynolds

RINGO KITTY, from Flower & Ed Vankan

MAKITA ANDERSON, from Bruce & Crystal Vandercook

JEB, from Jennifer Sampson

ROMEO, my most affectionate cat, from Alice Correll

SPRIGS JACKSON, who is now duck hunting with James. From Tom & Barbara Amatucci

HANS, my cat who passed away Jan 3, 2013, from Linda Wiggins

IN HONOR OF PETS

ADOBE, beloved dog of Linda & Chris Fleet, from Dave & Jane Cangalosi

HEIDI, from Chuck & Sue Grossmann

QUELL SORANNO, from Thomas Penn

ALL BLACK GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS, from Erica, Ted & Coffee Stoeker

PACO, my loyal companion, from Ellen Leckar

ALL MY FOUR LEGGED KIDS, past and present, from Bonnie Smith

LUCY, best dog ever, from Jenny Lee

CODA, thank you! From EmilyMasters

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

BEN GRAESSLE, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles & Family

ELLEN SCHAFFER, the Ides of March was when we met 46 years ago. I miss you more than ever. Always and forever, Mikey

BILLIE MYERS, mother of Marynell Eyles, from Rory & Jaymie Cutaia

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

\$43 in honor of the 43rd Battalion of Partison Rangers, Mosby's Rangers, for the dog that got run over, or any dog in need, from Sarah Agnes Marshall

HENLEY GABEAU.....Happy Birthday! From Keedie Leonard

KATHIE LONG, from Virginia Jones

To celebrate DEB AND JEN'S engagement! From Barbara Breitbarth

NOMAR, for saving Bear/Mickey – You're really such a special person – Bless You, from Jan Johnson

CAROLE ADAMS, how wonderful that Mickey never has to worry again . You're the Best! From Jan Johnson

KARIN MAGNO, from Jennifer & Ryan Hildebrand

MAGGIE McCLAIN, from Kristy McClain

Happy 14th birthday, SAVANNA. You are a sweet girl, from Wendy Teeter

YOUR WONDERFUL WORK! From Janet Winstead

MELISSA BAHLEDA & PARTNERS! CANINES, from Patty Whitmer

THE MOSBY FOUNDATION, I admire all the work you all do. Blessed be to all creatures great and small. Sincerely, Janet K Schlosser

BRAD ELKINS, from John & Sharon Edwards

MELITA McCULLY, from Nancy Burton

JULIA BORTLE, from Michael & Lora Hamp

DIANE & BILL RHOADES, from Mariah & Steven Dodds

The marriage of BARBARA BREITBARTH & GUY HONORE, from Fredi Levitt & Jeff Rosenblum

Mosby's Mail

continued on from 10

To the kindhearted people of the Mosby Foundation, and Karin whom I talked to most, I can't express how grateful I am for your donation towards Copper's surgery on 3-4-13. He is slowly recovering. He had his stitches removed and is healing very nicely. He remains in high spirits and remains playful and energetic. Although he often carries his leg up as to not hit the ground or put any weight on it, at times I can laughingly say that he can now go pee and lift his back right leg like before without tipping over onto his head!! So we are getting there. It's nice to know there are such nice people in the world that care so much they give directly from their hearts. So from Copper & myself- we thank you from ours!

You are blessings
Copper & Janine Gray
Stanley, VA

Skids had his surgery today and he is now home. All went well and a full recovery is in the making. He had quite a few tumors removed and looks a little bit like a patchwork quilt, but I know he will feel so much better. My granddaughter, Laci and her little girl, Salena, came to my house and waited with me while he had his surgery. The baby kept looking for Skids when they were here. We are all so thankful for your assistance in making his surgery possible. You are truly one of God's angels.

Once again, Thank You,
Carol Lacy, Skids and the rest of the family
Wilmington, OH



The Mosby Foundation
 P.O.Box 218
 Deerfield, VA 24432

Non-Profit Organization
 US Postage
 PAID
 Permit No. 218
 Deerfield, VA 24432

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"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

Donors List

Aldridge, William and Nickie
 Amatucci, Thomas and Barbara
 Ambrose, Ralph
 Angle, Sharon
 Armstrong, Debbie
 Armstrong, Judith
 Armentrout, Erin
 Basmajian, Nancy
 Bertrand, Sherri
 Bortle, Julia
 Bradley, Barbara and Jim
 Breitbarth, Barbara
 Brown, David and Gail
 Browning, John and Susan
 Buchanan, Bruce and Aimee
 Butner, Eleanor
 Cangalosi, Capt. Davis and Jane
 Coiner, Lisa
 Conlon, Timothy and Corinne
 Correll, Alice
 Coyner, T. Peyton and Carol
 Cutaia, Jaymie
 Daniel, James and Mary
 Faulkenberry, Beverly & William
 Ferguson, Barbara McDonough
 Fleet, Christopher and Linda
 Foster, Donna
 Gabeau, Henley F.
 Garver, Jane and Mark

Gatti, Richard and Eileen
 Grant, B.H.
 Grigg, Arlena
 Grossmann, Charles & Susan Tice
 Grunsted, Valerie
 Harris, Robert and Louise
 Hildebrand, Jennifer and Ryan
 Hitchcock, Peter
 Hokoana, Gail J.
 Honaker, Nancy
 Hughes, Rachel
 Humbert, D.D. and A.L.
 Hunt, Patrick
 Jackson, Carol
 Jackson II, Roy and Nina
 Jesielowski, Ronald
 Johnson, Alice Mae
 Johnson, Janet
 Kiser, William
 Kroh, Charlotte
 Kubalak, Sandra A.
 Leckar, Ellen
 Lee, Jennifer
 Leonard, Elizabeth
 Link, Linda
 Lisle, C.
 Lutz, Webb
 McClain, Kristy Beth
 McCurdy, Mollie
 Makuh, Katelyn
 Marshall, Sarah Agnes
 Masters, Ben and Emily
 Miller, Ellen

Moccia, Robert and Louise
 Olmsted, Joan Adams
 Penn, Jr. Thomas
 Pitts, Lois
 Powell, Jr., Roy and Karen
 Raybin, Wilma and Paul
 Reynolds, Charles
 Riddle, Carrie
 Roeder, Sheila and Raymond
 Ross, Marilyn
 Ryan, Wayne
 Sampson, Jennifer and Keith
 Smalley, Gregory
 Smith, Jane
 Smith, J. Mark and Bonnie
 Soles, Lon and Vicki
 Sprouse, James and Joan
 Stender, Heather
 Stidham, JP and PG Williamson
 Stoecker, Erica
 Swisher, Joyce
 Tanzer, Deborah, Ph.D
 Teeter, Wendy and Larry

Terrill, Barbara
 True, Wendi
 Turnbull, M.E.
 Turner, John and Judy
 Van Es, Karen
 Van Kan, Flower and Ed
 Wallace, Renee
 Watson, Thomas and Sharon
 Whipple, James & Jacqueline
 Winstead, Janet
 Wright, Donald
 Commonwealth Pizza, Inc
 DGI Plumbing & Heating
 Happy Tails
 Kindness Animal Healthcare Inc
 Merck Partnership for Giving
 Network for Good
 PETA
 Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts
 Program
 The Bindery at the Villages of
 Staunton
 Zeta Associates

Rattlesnake vaccine for dogs

There is now a vaccine for dogs specifically to reduce the effects of the bite of a western diamondback rattlesnake. The vaccine is produced from the snake's inactivated venom. It does also offer some protection against copperheads, timber and other types of rattlesnakes. If you have concerns for your own dogs, please discuss this with your veterinarian.