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## NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

# The World To Me

## *In Loving Memory of Miracle Molly*

Greenville, VA

In 2008, a community opened its heart to a local family whose house burned to the ground. The couple, Eddie and Sandy Smith, survived but three cats perished, and their dog, Molly, almost lost her life, too.

With her curled up in a heap, singed and smoking, firefighters saved the three-year-old brindled Pitbull's life. Molly had third degree burns on her nipples and the pads of her feet. Her lungs and esophagus were also scorched. Plus, her eyes were damaged from the heat, smoke and fire.

Dubbed Miracle Molly because of her incredible survival, it was a long road back to health. But make it back she did. Molly was on hand when Eddie and Sandy welcomed a baby boy, Jesse.

With a new charge to occupy her time, the young dog rebounded. Sweet and utterly devoted to her tight knit family, for the next 8 years, Molly would enjoy all the perks of a happy family.

They took her with them to a lot of places. And when they did, it was the same story for everyone who met Molly. They instantly fell in love with her. Molly knew why she was here; it was to love, and the whole world was invited.

Sandy often said Molly made a Scooby face. She would cock her head to one side with one ear up and one down. "I swear it looked like she was getting ready to laugh," Eddie recalled.

When it was time to go potty, Sandy would ask, "Ready to go outside?" Then they would wait. Molly would make this noise that sounded like "woo-woo," which meant, "Yes, I am!"

The whole family would roll with laughter. Molly, with her sweet, gentle nature and goofy gestures, made even the hardest day a little easier.

Then a year ago, her vet discovered a tumor the size of an eraser. It was located on her abdomen towards her back legs. Molly was happy and energetic. She appeared to have no pain. Because the vet



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## Mosby's Mission

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## The Mosby Foundation

All dog lovers have experienced the pain of losing a beloved canine family member; yet, who would want to forego the wonderful years we have with them, even knowing their lives will end much too soon? Our feature story does not have the long-term happy outcome we all hope for every time we help a dog who has a serious condition. In fact, it is a heart-breaking story in so many ways.

Still, it is also a story of carrying on, of persevering when life sends devastating blows. It is a story that those of us at The Mosby Foundation also know painfully well. No matter how many dogs we have loved and lost over the years, it never gets easier. We feel, however, while Molly's story is certainly one of painful loss, it is also a story of sustaining love, the love between family members and their dog in the face of multiple tragedies. This family did everything possible to try to save their beloved Molly. Because of our wonderful supporters we were able to contribute majorly to that effort, and a small window of time together resulted. This family is grateful for being able to have a little more precious time with "Miracle Molly."

## Bravo!

CAROLE ADAMS, CAROL JACKSON, PAT GRIZZEL and BECKY ARCHER for rescuing sweet little Beau! And to Kathryn Dobyns, DVM and ANGELA BROWN for his vetting and kenneling. Plus, to all of our donors who helped with his medical care. Sometimes it takes an army to help a dog! WE LOVE ALL OF YOU!!!

#### COMING THIS SUMMER!

Beau's story will be  
in the next newsletter.



Before



After

BILL & BEVERLY FAULKENBERRY for fostering and running Beau back and forth to the vet and giving him the best care any dog could ever ask for! PAWS CROSSED THIS BECOMES A PERMANENT HOME!



Carole with (l to r) Willie, Maggie and Harley

Naturally, we all wish it could have been longer. Our dogs give us unconditional love, and we try to help them in whatever way possible. We hope you will continue to support our work with a donation of any amount so that dogs like Molly can be given a chance. For this family and others like them, it will "mean the world" to them.

In honor of all dogs,  
Carole Adams  
President and Founder

VIRGINIA VETERINARY SPECIALISTS, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA for taking such good medical care of our little man Beau when he so badly needed it. We LOVE you guys!!!

CAROL JACKSON, for also fostering Beau!  
Woooo Hoooo!!

MIDDLE RIVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, VERONA, VA, COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY CLINIC, WAYNESBORO, VA and TO ALL OF YOU who donated to Beau's extensive surgeries, we simply couldn't do this without you!!

Especially we want to thank KIMBERLY TALIAFERRO who covered the entire cost of one of Beau's multiple surgeries. WOW!!!

NATURAL BRIDGE HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS, NATURAL BRIDGE STATION, VA for helping so much with sweet Molly. Please be sure to read Molly's story.....

SAM HOUSTON RURITAN CLUB, LEXINGTON, VA for stepping up to the plate for this sweet dog Molly and her family. You guys ROCK!

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thought it was a fatty tumor, it was decided not to take any invasive action.

Molly was now 9 years old, but as Eddie said, "...she is full of spunk and will still run with our other dogs all day long."

And then all hell broke loose. Eddie's wife, Sandy, died in February 2015, leaving her husband and child in shock. As a father and a husband, he had the impossible task of looking into the tearful eyes of his seven-year-old son. He had to try and explain why his mommy wasn't here with them, why she would never be with them again.

Eddie's heart was an open wound, trying to figure out how to pick up the pieces of his life and move on. His mother volunteered to come and stay with Eddie and Jesse for a while, which was a huge relief.

Then Eddie noticed that Molly's tumor had started to grow in a very big way. In a month's time, the tumor that was the size of an eraser grew to the size of a grapefruit.

That's when he took Molly to Natural Bridge Hospital for Animals. "My wife passed away on February 1st and

things have been really hard," Eddie told us. "I couldn't imagine losing Molly, too."

The staff was amazed at how cooperative Molly was. She never once complained, allowing the vet and staff to examine her. "Molly is a sweet, happy dog," staff member, Trisha, told us.

Truly, if sweetness could have a name, it would be Molly. It was obvious to the staff that Molly, Eddie, and his son, Jesse, were tight. They would look at each other as if to say, "You're the world to me," "I'm here for you. What do you want me to do?" It was an unbreakable bond you could almost feel.

Natural Bridge set a date for surgery the following week. When Eddie brought her in, the vet was incredulous. The grapefruit sized tumor had grown to the size of a cantaloupe. The tumor was hard, extremely red and warm to the touch; Molly's leg was also swollen.

The tumor was so big that Molly had difficulty walking. She could not sit or lie down comfortably. Yet, she remained as sweet and easygoing as ever. It was time for a specialist and surgery needed to happen quickly.

That's when Natural Bridge Hospital for Animals alerted us to the situation. With the loss of Eddie's wife, Sandra, at such an early age, life had dealt this family a severe blow. And now, a month after her death, Molly was facing a showdown with her own mortality. Yes, we definitely wanted to help!

We weren't the only ones that offered a helping hand. The Sam Houston Ruritan Club in Lexington heard of the family's plight and also made a donation toward her surgery.

Natural Bridge Hospital for Animals made arrangements with Virginia Tech to have Molly admitted, with The Mosby Foundation funding her surgery. Molly's surgery went well. When Eddie and Jesse were allowed to see her, she tried to jump up to greet them, her face a classic Scooby happy face.

What could possibly be wrong? Her family was with her and that's all that mattered. And Molly was right, of course. When she came home, Eddie had everything set up in her own spot. The healing touch of home allowed Molly to get stronger. She did have to wear the protective Elizabethan collar, but as you can expect, she wore it with grace.

In the meantime, the results of the biopsy came back and the news wasn't good. Molly had mammary osteosarcoma and a suspicious spot on one of her lungs. Although the mass had been removed, her prognosis was poor. The vet was unsure if chemotherapy would be of benefit to her.

Some dogs live for a few months; others live as long as a year. Because Molly had already had so much surgery, she needed time to heal before even considering chemo. As long as her quality of life was good, that was the most important consideration.

And it was. Molly loved hanging out with Eddie's three other dogs. Even though she wore the E-collar, she had a blast. She was with her family. Life was good.

Over Easter weekend, Eddie's mother, returning from an errand, drove the pickup truck into their driveway.

No one really knows how it



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# Gimme Shelter

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



## **Ariel - Lake Mary, FL**

A 9 year old Labrador retriever mix, Ariel was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer called a spindle cell sarcoma. These tumors are very invasive, so Ariel's veterinarian advised surgery and follow-up chemotherapy to improve her chances for a cure. The Mosby Foundation used our Canine Cancer Fund to make a contribution toward the cost of Ariel's cancer treatment.



## **Coco - Silver Springs, MD**

A 10 year-old Shetland Sheepdog, Coco needed surgery to remove painful bladder stones and to have her teeth cleaned. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward to cost of Coco's bladder surgery and dental procedure.



## **Billy - Benson, AZ**

A rescue organization contacted The Mosby Foundation for help with one of their rescue pups. Ten year old Chihuahua Billy had been treated for a fracture in his right front leg, but after the leg failed to heal, it was determined that he would need the limb amputated to relieve his pain. The Mosby Foundation contributed to the cost of his surgery, and we are pleased to report that he is happily bouncing around on 3 legs now. Unfortunately, the biopsy showed an aggressive cancer in the bone that might show up again, but for now he is pain-free and enjoying life.



## **Little Man - Holly, MI**

An approximately 4 year old Yorkshire Terrier mix, LittleMan was found wandering the streets as a stray. LittleMan's rescuer took him to the veterinarian, where he was found to have a severely damaged left eye that would need to be removed, and he also needed to be neutered. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward the cost of LittleMan's surgeries, and we hope he has a long and happy life with his new family.



## **Camo - Camden, NC**

Camo, a 4 year old Great Dane, tore the cruciate ligament in his knee and needed surgery to stabilize the joint. The Mosby Foundation contributed a portion of his surgery fee and we hope he will be back on all 4 paws soon!



## **Willie - Key Largo, FL**

Willie's human companion contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance when the 7 year old Miniature Dachshund was diagnosed with cancer of the thyroid gland. Willie also had evidence of cancer spread to his lungs, so the specialist advised a combination of chemotherapy and radiation treatments to extend Willie's life. We used our Canine Cancer Fund to pay for one of Willie's treatments.

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# Gimme Shelter

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## Rosie – Cooperstown, NY

A 6 year-old Brittany-Pit Bull Terrier mix, Rosie needed surgery to treat a painful bulging intervertebral disc in her neck. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward the cost of her surgery, and we wish Rosie a full and speedy recovery.



## Sammy – Michigantown, IN

Poor Sammy was severely attacked by a wild animal, probably a coyote. The 8 year old Shiba Inu survived the initial attack, but after 11 days in intensive care, he was still not healed enough to go home. Sammy's family could no longer afford to keep him in the hospital, yet he was not well enough to go home, so they were faced with making the decision to euthanize him if they could not raise more funds for continued treatment. The Mosby Foundation made a contribution toward Sammy's hospital care, and we hope he stays very close to home and away from dangerous wildlife!



## Isabella – Cottageville, SC

Isabella's family contacted The Mosby Foundation for assistance when the 6 year old Shepherd mix needed surgery for a ruptured cruciate ligament in her left knee. We made a contribution toward the cost of her surgery, and we wish her a full recovery.



## Blitz – Bridgewater, VA

At only 6 weeks old, little Blitz vomited every time he tried to eat. An otherwise happy Australian Cattle Dog puppy, Blitz was diagnosed with a birth defect called a Vascular Ring Anomaly - a blood vessel near his heart grew around his esophagus, making it impossible for him to eat solid food. His esophagus was just too narrow, and he would need surgery to free up his esophagus and allow him the chance to grow into a normal puppy. He was referred to the Teaching Hospital at Virginia Tech College of Veterinary Medicine for surgery, and The Mosby Foundation paid a portion of his surgery fee.



## Stella – Woodstock, GA

Stella's family applied to The Mosby Foundation for assistance when the 3 year-old Hound mix was diagnosed with a benign, but invasive, tumor in her lower jaw. The tumor had already disrupted several teeth, which would need to be extracted when the tumor was removed. We donated a portion of Stella's surgery fee, and we wish her a speedy recovery and excellent prognosis.



## Snoopy – Oklahoma City, OK

Poor Snoopy was suffering from a painful injured hip for several days after the 1.5 year old mixed breed dog was hit by a car. The Mosby Foundation agreed to pay a portion of the treatment cost to have the injury diagnosed and treated. Radiographs showed a dislocated hip and after so many days, the only option was to surgically remove the dislocated ball part of the hip joint to relieve Snoopy's pain and allow her to use her leg normally.

# Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



To all at Mosby,  
What a great, caring job you do! So many families and their 'best friends' lives made easier, and in many cases saved by what you do. I am proud to donate to your organization. Mosby must be so proud also!

Thanks,  
Mike Reday  
Mt. Crawford, VA



I wanted to say thank you again for helping me pay for Dakotas surgery! She is doing pretty good since I picked her up.

Thank you again!  
Samantha  
Manhattan, KS



How great and wonderful is humankind. I have a renewed hope that people care about others and are interested in helping me but most importantly Joy! She really deserves it but what pet doesn't when their only desire is to love and please their owner. Seems like an unfair exchange, but they think we give them more with just our attention. It always been my desire to help others in need and now I am the recipient. I am eternally grateful and thankful. Never assume your work is in vain or unappreciated.

Abigail Nelson  
Decatur, GA



We would like to THANK YOU for helping with Molly and the others. The help you provide truly changes the lives for the pet as well as the owners. Your foundation is a BLESSING !!! We met Mr. & Mrs. Smith & Jessie 3 years ago. All they are going through adds a larger personal impact to them and our staff as well. They are a very caring and deserving family. Watching how devoted "Molly" is to Jessie and Mr. Smith makes your heart melt. She is a sweet heart !!!

THANK YOU again for everything,  
Trisha Jeffries  
Natural Bridge Hospital for Animals  
Natural Bridge Station, VA

I pawned my wedding ring to get the rest of the money for the surgery and was just looking online to try to figure out ways to raise more money. I can't explain how much this means to me. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to promote your foundation! It is so heartwarming to know there are people out there like you.

Thank you so much, again.  
Marissa & Rosie Davidson  
Cooperstown, NY

I wanted to let you know that Coco's surgery went well and she is recovering at home. She had a rather large stone in her bladder and they had to extract 4 teeth.

As you know she is a rescue pet and also my therapeutic support dog for my PTSD. I had no idea that her health was not the best. But I love her even more.

Thanks again for your support Mosby Foundation.  
Aaron & Coco  
Silver Springs, MD



Thank you SO MUCH! This is such an incredible gift and we are beyond grateful! This is such an incredible miracle at a time when we really needed one. You have our deepest gratitude. Please advise on how to proceed and THANK YOU from the bottom of our furry hearts! We cannot thank you enough!

Kaki and JoJo  
Lakewood, OH

I want to thank all the fine people at The Mosby Foundation and their wonderful sponsors and contributors for helping my dog London. She is a 10-year-old rescued Golden Retriever my husband and I adopted from Dallas-Fort Worth Golden Retriever Rescue two years ago.

London is the sweetest loving girl anyone could have as a companion. She loves kids and all animals especially the small ones.

London is not my pet rather we are her humans and proud of it. She had a mass in the front of her mouth and had six infected teeth that needed to be removed. London was having a difficult time eating and was in pain.

Had it not been for the generosity of the The Mosby Foundation we would not have been able to afford to have the mass and teeth removed. Now she is doing great and can eat without any problems and acts like a puppy.

We can tell she feels much better and enjoys playing with her sisters: Mija, a Chihuahua, and Misty, a Pekingese, who are also rescued dogs.

Once again thank you from our heart and soul!  
Mark & Laura Richardson  
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX



Zoey is feeling so much better after her dental surgery. We appreciate the generous pledge from The Mosby Foundation more than you know. We hope we will be back on our feet soon and we can make a donation back to your foundation so you can help another family going through a difficult time. Please accept my apologies for the delay in thanking you. It's been a little crazy and I've been looking for work.

Thanks again!  
Kim & James Sutton,  
Ramona, CA

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I want to tell you that Tori is doing well. She had several teeth extracted so her mouth is tender. She is enjoying soft food for the 1st time in her life. She's adorable in her plastic cone which is awkward but necessary for 14 days.

I cannot thank you and The Mosby Foundation enough for your goodness and wonderful service in making it possible for people like me to get financial assistance to save our sweet furbabies. You were so very kind and I felt you really cared about doing your best to help. What a relief! Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Vanessa and Vicki Cluff  
Norfolk, VA



I thank THE MOSBY FOUNDATION, I am so grateful for the help that I received for ChaCha. Thank you for working with me through the process. Without your financial assistance I would have not been able to afford her surgery. She looks beautiful without the tumor in her mouth. I know once the pain goes down and she starts feeling well Chacha is going to be so happy.

Thank you, thank you,  
Carla & Chacha Garcia  
Torrence, CA



First let me thank you again for The Mosby Foundation's generous grant to help with Billy's surgery. Surgery took an hour longer than they had anticipated, but went very well. Billy came home last night and even though on medications was whining a lot during the night. (We have him in a kennel in the bedroom with us to keep an eye and ear on him.)

He drank and ate last night and again this morning. I was able to give him pills (antibiotics and pain meds) in a few pieces of cheese...so that was taken care of without stressing him. I sit and talk and sing a silly "Billy Billy" song to him. He tries to wag his tail but the discomfort stops him after a moment. Breaks my heart.

Before we went to the hospital yesterday, Billy knew something was up and was very nervous the whole way there as if he could tell something different was up. After the surgery, which I am glad is over, I am expecting pathology results within 5-7 days from the University of AZ Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. Hold a good thought for this poor baby.

Sybil  
Benson, Arizona



This note is Thanking You for the donation you sent to help pay for Cooper's surgery. He is 8 days post-op now and is doing pretty well. Of course still having pain but he is doing very well considering.

Our entire family sends our thanks in this very trying time, he is after all part of our family and not just an animal. Your help was greatly appreciated and we wanted to let you know how he is doing. Again, Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Kim, Kurt, Brianna and Brittani Johnson also  
Cooper James, Lola Grace, Bubbles, Oliver and  
Mr. Boo.  
Richfield, MN



We rescued Moxie about 5 years ago. We had recently put down our 14 year old husky and it had come time to say goodbye to our 35 year old pony. Two devastating losses in such a short time. I always had large dogs, but this time I was looking for one my young daughter could cuddle and find comfort in. I combed thru Petfinders and saw Moxie's face and knew immediately that she was the one. We drove 3 hours to the shelter to meet her. And I was right, she has been exactly what I was looking for. Moxie has an infectious personality and you can't help but be happy in her presence. Everyone she meets falls in love with her. About 4 years ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer. During my Chemo treatment our Rottweiler was diagnosed with bone cancer. Moxie knew exactly what she needed to do to get us thru this difficult time! I was heart broken to find out that Moxie is the one who now needed our help. She was in heart failure and needed a very expensive surgery to fix her PDA or she would die. After all Moxie has given to my family, I couldn't let that happen. Thank you to The Mosby Foundation. I can't thank you enough for your help. I honestly can't say what would have happened if not for your help. Thank you for doing what you do! I am happy to tell you that Moxie had her surgery and is doing very well. She is once again the happy little dog I have known for so long. We are looking forward to many happy years to come.

Sincerely,  
Kathy, Laurel, Moxie and Jax  
Birdsboro, PA

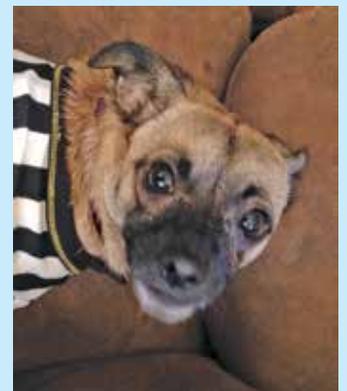
I just am overwhelmed by the support you are providing!!

I am a perfect stranger to you and yet you all at The Mosby Foundation have decided to help me. To say Thank You hardly seems like enough, but I don't know how else to express to you how very meaningful this is to me.

Please know that my darling little Captain will benefit so greatly from this much needed Rehab and will go on to live the best life ever!! He means the world to me as I am disabled and home alone most of the time. He is my constant companion and my biggest supporter. Providing me so much love, fun & humor.

I promise to give him a great life and make this rehab and surgery count!! Thank you again.

With Most Sincere Gratitude,  
Julia Beckley & Captain  
San Diego, CA



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I want to sincerely thank you The Mosby Foundation for support to us in our darkest hour. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness. We heard from the head surgeon that he'd like to delay Boston's amputation to see if there might be very slow healing happening. There is still a chance for amputation in the future but, since it doesn't need to happen now and the surgeon agreed to only charge for materials, we will not be needing your donation. We would like to release/return the gift so that it can be used for another needy fur-baby.

I have taken your generosity and support to heart and plan to add you to my annual list of charities that I support. This year will be difficult for me because of the financial hardship of funding the first three surgeries but, when I am more fiscally stable, I hope to donate and help you in helping other families like ours.

Best regards,  
Liz Mitchell  
Santa Cruz, CA



Oh, what a relief. I just took such a deep breathe. And cried. My heart is endeared. Thank you all at Mosby so very much.

Much much gratitude and love,  
Michelle Laplante and Aletris Gerlach, NV



We are so thankful and overwhelmed by The Mosby Foundation. The gift of life from total strangers is just breathtaking and restores one's faith in humanity as a whole. He isn't just a dog, and you believe in him, and us. We are clearly on the right track. I said it before, THANK YOU ISN'T ENOUGH!!

Kristy Rodriguez  
Maumelle, AR



I cannot thank you enough for processing my request so quickly. Tomorrow she has her surgery, positive thoughts, I know all will go well. Once again your foundation is my angel.

Take care, fondly,  
Joanne & Maggie Buron  
Atlanta, GA



Cali is doing good. :) She is still in some pain, but I have noticed her using her leg a little more than she has in the past 6 months. I am sure once we go for her follow up to get the sutures out and get exercises she will be back to normal in no time.

Thanks so much for helping us!!!! We could not have done it without the Mosby foundation.

Ashleigh & Cali Wagner  
Staunton, VA



I wanted to give you an update on Mandi. The surgery went well, and she is recovering nicely. The incision is large, the tumor weighed 3 pounds. They also took out a very small one just starting. After a rough first night, she has improved a great deal each day, and has been wagging her tail, and looking longingly at the bed, normally her favorite place to chill out. It is blocked off as is all the furniture until she gets the ok to jump again. I was home with her the first 5 days, and was very worried how she would do while I was at work, but she did just fine, no problems. In fact, she has gotten so rambunctious when I get home I have to make her calm down.

Again, I am so very thankful to you and your foundation for making this happen for us. I realized when she was in surgery, just how much I came to think it would not happen, and I'd have to let her go. Between time spent looking for help, and the tumor growing by the day, I expected that they wouldn't be able to do the surgery. But it all went well, you saved the day, her life, and I cannot thank you enough!

I will be in touch soon, Thank You!!!

Sincerely,  
Karin & Mandi DeMichele  
Cambridge Springs, PA



Nala's surgery went very well. No complications. We did find out her other leg will need surgery eventually, but we have some time to save up for that since it's barely stage 1 and won't need an operation until late stage 2 or stage 3.

She was in a considerable amount of pain, as was expected, for the first 24hrs, but is doing much better. We have her on some medication and she is getting daily laser therapy sessions to help with the pain and swelling. We have a really good rehabilitation plan starting shortly.

We just got a dog rehabilitation/lift assistance harness to help her make the transition to using that leg again and help her move around until she can.

I will be sure to update you on the rehab and when she is walking again.

Thank you so much!  
Jenna & Nala  
San Antonio, TX

Blitz is doing amazing and healing quickly after his surgery for pulmonary ring anomaly. He's still eating milkshakes for his food until we make his food soft, not liquid, so we are excited about that. There is a good chance he will be able to eat normal again! Thank you again for everything! !!!

Amy Crews & Blitz  
Bridgewater, VA

Valley Village, CA

## Cancer Survivor: Just In Time



Emma, a twelve-year-old Golden Retriever, was Melanie's steadfast companion. She had been with Melanie through some of the toughest situations that life had thrown at her. When her marriage ended, Emma was the one who felt her tears.

The week her divorce became final, Melanie's father also passed away. Again, it was Emma who gave her the love and companionship she needed at such a dark time.

Emma, too, had her share of challenges. An undiagnosed inflammatory bowel disease nearly cost the dog her life until her vet finally figured out the problem. Facing the bill for a two-week stay, Melanie

never thought twice about selling her car to pay for Emma's treatment. "My friends thought I was crazy," she said. That didn't matter to Melanie. She just wanted her dog to pull through, and she did.

Emma has also had some downright inexplicable medical conditions. Once, she developed a tumor on her spine, which Melanie could clearly see on the x-rays. Within a few weeks, it disappeared suddenly. Another time, Emma developed white spots on her eyes, became blind and deaf. Those conditions eventually faded, too, much to everyone's surprise.

But when Emma recently became sluggish, Melanie thought it was her arthritis kicking up. She didn't think too much about it until Emma literally slid down the stairs. Concerned that she might have hip dysplasia, Melanie took her to the vet.

Dr. Blake found that Emma had two golf ball sized tumors in her throat, which turned out to be T-cell lymphoma, the most aggressive form of cancer. Devastated and struggling to pay her bills, Melanie applied for Care Credit but was denied. Not knowing what else to do, she used her rent money for Emma's first chemotherapy treatment. For her

second treatment, she borrowed money. Her neighbors also pitched in with a yard sale. Still, it wasn't enough.

Then she learned of organizations that would help with funding. Immediately, she began submitting financial aid applications. Each time, the money would arrive just in time to pay for a chunk of Emma's treatments. As soon as we received Melanie's application, we knew we wanted to help. As you can imagine, Melanie was grateful beyond words to hear from us.



However, Emma did not respond to treatment for six weeks. Dr. Blake was down to two last chemo drugs to try. If they did not work, Emma would be out of options. Finally, Emma's system did respond and she began to rally.



Emma's cancer is now in remission, and we can't say we're really surprised. Emma has a habit of beating the odds. Now she bolts out of the door to go for walks. Her eyes are bright and happy. Everything about her says healthy and happy.

"I didn't think I would make it because I didn't have the money," Melanie said. "I am so grateful for The Mosby Foundation and all the funding that I've received." And as we all know, gratitude is what makes big changes in life — just in time.



Louisville, KY

## Cancer Survivor: Ping

A successful marketing executive, Kim became disabled when two tractor trailers totaled her car and smashed her spine. Through it all, Ping, a black Shih Tzu, was right by her side. Now since she is on disability, Ping saw her through three painful spinal surgeries, nudging her along toward recovery. "He's a gem," she said simply.

Ping was also there for her very young niece, Allyia, who had a chronic illness. Unable to use her arms, her thin hands were placed on his fur and she would squeal with excitement. Ping was also her official bodyguard. All of the healthcare workers had to pass his inspection before he would let anyone near her. To the end of Allyia's short life at



the age of nine, Ping was her steadfast companion.

It was also Ping who lay at the feet of Kim's friend, who was dying of stage four lung cancer. The man looked to Ping for comfort and joy until he passed away.

Yes, in the 11 years that Kim and Ping had been together, they had witnessed a lot of sorrow. But what made her life a joy through it all was Ping. He adored her and neither liked to be separated from the other. As part



of their time together, the two took a daily walk. That's when Kim noticed that Ping was urinating more than usual and his stools were loose.

Thinking he had a urinary tract infection, she took Ping to the vet. It would take many more tests at the expense of wiping out Kim's small savings account, to learn the horrible truth. Ping had retroperitoneal spindle cell sarcoma, a slow growing tumor.

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happened. Eddie said that the cone prevented Molly from clearly seeing the truck. Mrs. Smith didn't see the dog, and Molly ran straight toward the front of it.

Mrs. Smith was in shock, especially when Molly stood up. She had blood in her mouth but otherwise appeared unharmed. Eddie grabbed her up and took Molly to the emergency vet.

During the 20-minute drive, Molly sat beside him and never once whimpered. The vet took x-rays and miraculously found no broken bones or internal bleeding. Her tooth was broken, which caused the blood. It was extracted and Eddie was instructed to follow up with their vet on Monday.

Around 6 a.m. on Monday morning, Molly was sleeping in the house. She suddenly began to have seizures and



crossed the Rainbow Bridge without waking. Eddie broke down.

The dog that had survived a house fire, cancer surgery, and an automobile accident, now left her earth-bound family. It wasn't like her to make a fuss. Her one desire was to always give love.

And she was. Molly was, first and foremost, a lady whose life was dedicated to service and to love. And a lady always knows how to leave quietly.

Eddie buried Miracle Molly in the yard. When you look out the kitchen window, you can see the forever spot where her body is buried. Her spirit shines down on her family now, warming them, as always.

And if you close your eyes, just for a moment, you can almost hear her beckoning her family to an eternity of love of play.

***\*The Mosby Foundation thanks Sam Houston Ruritan Club for their generous donation. We also thank Blue Buffalo and Petco for their grant to help dogs fight canine cancer. Without them, we could not have helped Molly and her family.***

## Cancer Survivor: Ping

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The shock of the diagnosis and Kim's inability to pay for the surgery were paralyzing. The dog that had been the source of joy in heart wrenching times was now in desperate need. Kim would not let him die without trying to do everything she could to help him.

Her life became a blur as she applied for financial aid for her beloved companion. When she heard from The Mosby Foundation, she was overjoyed. Kim told us frankly, "I could not have had the surgery without The Mosby Foundation's help."

And we could not have helped her without a grant from Blue Buffalo and

the Petco Foundation. We were delighted to be part of the team that offered Ping the financial support he needed!

Ping's surgery removed the mass, but the finger-like projections that wrapped around the portal vein, the main vein that allows dogs to eliminate waste, could not be removed without significant risk to Ping.

Although, it wasn't the news that Kim wanted to hear, it still meant that she and Ping have significant more time together. "What you have given us is so far beyond financial support. You have given us more time together and there is not enough money in the world to equal that!"

We love hearing that.



## Memorials

### **IN MEMORY OF PETS**

GEORGE, the best orange boy, from Rachel Hughes

DEXTER HOFFMAN was probably the sweetest, smartest, and most sensitive Border Collie God ever created. We will be in tears for a long time. I hope this donation will help a deserving family and dog. Sincerely, Jean T. Hoffman, (Mother & Grand Ma)

DEXTER, Jean T. Hoffman's beloved friend, from Henley Gabeau

BUSTER, beloved kitty of Mike & Judi Salvino, from Patty Whitmer

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ZIGGY, beloved companion dog of Katy & Dalton Ford, from Peyton & Carol Coyner

LUCY, beloved cat of Paula & Ferron Sherrill, from Peyton & Carol Coyner

IVY, from Janardan Pandey & Family

DAKOTA, our dear exceptional Granddog, from Dave & Gail Brown

DAKOTA, from Patty & William Morrell

MOLLIE & SHADOW, from Webb Lutz

SUSIE, our little beagle was 17 years old and crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Dec 17th, 2015, from Walter & Annetta Blankenship

LUCY, my beloved cat, from Robin Clement

OTIS & LOUIE, from Nancy MacWelch

AMANDA ROSE, we miss you so much, love, Jan and Alice Mae Johnson

CASSIE, a sweet Sheltie, from Rosemary Brady

NIKKI, a super K-9 officer, who was a retired member of the Harrisonburg, VA Police Department. Unfortunately Nikki died of canine cancer on 3-18-15. He was a much loved family member of Shawn & Karen Morris, from Becci Harmon

BAXTER, our beloved Chocolate Lab, from Kelli & David Stone

SOPHIE, from Janice Ballinger

LACY, JAZZ & KYLE WINKLER, from Sheryl & Fred Winkler

ALEX HISERMAN, from Charlene Plunkett

ALEX, beloved heart-dog of Ron & Reggie, from Ron Hiserman

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ALL OF OUR LOVED ONES, from Ronald Steven Yucas

BELLA, beloved dog, from Barbara & Jim Bradley

### **IN HONOR OF PEOPLE**

DEBORAH McNAUGHTON, from Henley Gabeau

THE MOSBY FOUNDATION, thanks for all you do for animals in need, from Claire Jacobsen

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- Unknown

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