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### NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

# Diesel's Big-Hearted Love

Littleton, CO



The dog came out of nowhere, limping across an open field, heading toward the three men hired to work on the small town's sewer lines. Stray dogs were a big problem in this part of southern Colorado, but the appearance of this dog was enough to make anyone cry.

Severely emaciated—he had lost half his body weight—the dog had scabbed over wounds and scars across his face and chest. His neck and front legs were hunched, evidence he had lived his life on a heavy, short chain. All of his teeth had been filed down to prevent him from fighting back. A bait dog, Rob thought, one of the men hired to work the lines.

Considering he had no real teeth, it meant he was slowly starving to death. Without a word of encouragement, the dog got in the work van and stayed there the entire day, but he always seemed to keep an eye on Rob. The men gave him some water but didn't really know what to do with him.

Finally, the trio decided to take him to the local shelter. There, Rob was told the dog had three options. He could be surrendered to the shelter, but within 72 hours he

would most likely be euthanized if no one came forward to claim him.

Rob could release the dog back to where he found him which would mean certain death, or Rob could adopt him. It took about two seconds for Rob to call his fiancé, Amanda, and to send her a picture of the dog. She wholeheartedly agreed that Rob could not leave him there.

The dog climbed into Rob's diesel truck, and for some reason, seemed to really like the noise of it. So Rob named him Diesel. Curling up on the seat, he was a perfect angel all the way back to Littleton.

What Amanda wasn't prepared for was Diesel's physical condition. Even though Rob had sent her a picture, it wasn't the same as seeing him. She lost it. As she bent down to stroke his head, she noticed a scar on either side of his neck. Later, the vet would confirm that he had been shot. "It was horrifying to me that humans could treat an animal like this," she told us.

Besides severe malnutrition, the vet also found a heart murmur. However, he felt there was a good chance it would disappear once Diesel returned to normal weight.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer! We have been busy in the office. So far this year, we have helped over 160 dogs get the medical treatment! Bladder stones are removed, broken legs are repaired, tumors are treated and dogs are spayed and neutered thanks to you and our grant partners. We couldn't do it without you!

Thanks to a volunteer, our website has been updated! Please take a moment to check out our new website at [www.the-mosbyfoundation.org](http://www.the-mosbyfoundation.org). It looks great and our applications are more user friendly.

Our calendar contest is up and running! Have you voted yet? As always, we have a lot of great photos awaiting your perusal. The contest runs through September 13th. Winners announced on September 15th.

You might have noticed that this edition of the newsletter is a bit shorter than normal. We have "slimmed down" for summer since we are all busier and outside having fun this season. This reduces our publication costs. Not to worry! We will be back to our regular newsletter in the Fall.

We appreciate your continued interest and support in our mission. Please consider a donation to keep us moving forward in Mosby's memory.

In support of canines,  
David Fitt, President



Office Mascot

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Office Greeter

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## THE CARES ACT

*Did you know?*

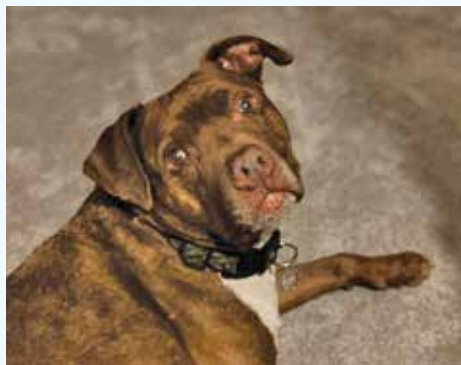
The CARES Act allows donors to claim more of their donations as deductions at 2021 tax time.

- Single taxpayers who do not itemize can take a one-time deduction of up to \$300 for gifts made to charitable organizations.
- Married-filing-jointly taxpayers will get an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600.



## Diesel's Big-Hearted Love

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At home, Diesel's response to his new housemates was to lie down and let the two rescue greyhounds and female Pitbull smell him. There was no fight or aggression in Diesel. He was simply grateful to have a loving home. He was, however, very protective of Rob.

As you can imagine, Diesel had no idea what it meant to play with the other dogs. He didn't understand that when his sister Pitbull was playing with Rob, she was not hurting him. Still non-aggressive, Diesel would posture, and Rob would have to show him that it was okay.

Although Diesel's exact age is unknown because his teeth have been filed down, it's estimated he's between 7-10 years old. Most of that life was spent being beaten and beaten down, cruelly tormented for the enjoyment of others. And yet, here he was, a completely loving dog that held no grudges. As you can imagine, it took a while, but Diesel finally began to understand the concept of play.

Finally, Diesel put on weight and appeared to be a normal, healthy dog except that the heart murmur did not go away. That's when Rob and Amanda consulted with a cardiologist. He performed an echocardiogram and an EKG. Both showed Diesel had a heart murmur, but it also

showed a more serious condition, second degree AV, atrioventricular, block.

One portion of his heart was not producing the right amount of electrical charge to fire properly. At any moment, he could literally fall over and die. A third degree AV block would be terminal with no treatment intervention possible. The good news was the second degree AV block could be corrected with a pacemaker.

Time was literally ticking away. This condition simply could not wait. The problem was the couple were still paying on their Care Credit account for the treatment of a previous pet that had died from a rare form of cancer, and Amanda had been laid off from her job due to COVID.

The couple had been dipping into their savings until Amanda could return to work. Still, they didn't let their circumstances stop them. Their vet made the referral to Colorado State University's veterinary teaching school, and a surgery date was set up.

In the meantime, Rob and Amanda took more money out of savings to put toward the surgery, and they began applying for financial aid grants everywhere. When we heard about Diesel's heart condition, we knew without a doubt we would help. He deserved a chance to live the life of a well-loved dog.

Amanda told us, "Without the donors of The Mosby Foundation, Diesel's surgery would not have been possible. We would have lost our dog by now. The grant made a world of difference when we were struggling. We can't thank you enough."

Diesel successfully had his surgery, but the tricky part was recovery. The dog could literally do nothing for two months, no jumping on the couch, no running or playing. For two months,

while his heart healed with the pacemaker, Diesel had to be very still.

Off from work, Amanda watched him like a hawk during the day. At night, Rob would sleep with Diesel on the couch with a harness leash to make sure he stayed still. For two months, the couple watched every move Diesel made. The plan worked.

The dog who was days away from euthanasia now had a loving family and a long life ahead of him. But even that isn't the most incredible part about Diesel. He should have been a dog that hated people, but he wasn't. He should have hated other dogs; he didn't.

Rob and Amanda gave him the gift of a loving family. Now Diesel licks the faces of his siblings, and he plays with them! The dog that lived with hatred only has love in his heart.

Now he gets to show it. Every day. Rob and Amanda made it possible to not only save Diesel from further abuse but to actually let Diesel live the joy of being a well-loved dog.

"He's one of the happiest dogs I've ever met. He appreciates life ten times more than my other dogs. Because of The Mosby Foundation—and people with great big hearts—we are able to give Diesel the life he deserves."

For Diesel, that's running through the yard ears flapping and tongue wagging. For Rob and Amanda, it's total bliss. 🐾



## Gimme Shelter

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



### Athena, Ocala, FL

Adorable Athena needed immediate medical attention. This pregnant pit mix tested positive for heartworms and was suffering from a fractured front leg and broken back leg. She was found on the side of the road and rescued by a caring family who was able to have her original owners relinquish rights to them. Love and determination were there but money was needed to get Athena the proper care she desperately required.

Athena's casts have been removed and she is learning how to use her back leg again now that her joints have fused. Once she has finished nursing her pups, she will begin heartworm treatment. Affectionate Athena is now enjoying going for long car rides and short walks with her new family. She is the center of attention and deserves to be after all she has been through.



### Tater Salad, Barstow, CA

Potato salad isn't just a yummy side dish. To a one-year-old Boxer's family, it is a gorgeous girl named Tater Salad. She was rescued from a puppy mill, unable to walk because she was kept in a cage. Not only was she taught to trot her stuff, Tater Salad was on her way to train as a service dog.

Her life just kept getting better and better until she was diagnosed with bladder issues that caused chronic urinary tract infections. It was possible to have her bladder reconstructed but funds were lacking. With The Mosby Foundation's help, a special fund drive was set up. We are happy to report that Tater Salad is back to her silly self and helping her mom who has mobility issues. Tater Salad isn't a side dish, she's the main dish in this family.



### Trigger, Craigsville, VA

Names often have symbolic meanings, so why not name two brothers that are hunting dogs Trigger and Gunner? Every day was a new adventure for them, especially when they were on an exploration. But the fun would come to a halt when Trigger appeared to be in pain. Not being able to relieve himself meant a trip to the emergency vet. Pain medication was only a temporary relief.

Sixty-five-pound big baby boy Trigger that thought he was a lapdog had a hernia, causing him to be in agony. To have it removed required expensive surgery. After asking for assistance, friends recommended that the family contact The Mosby Foundation. Trigger and Gunner are back to being best buds running, playing, and looking for that next great quest. Happy trails and wagging tails for both of you.



### Zues, Parsons, KS

There was a time when Zues, a miniature Schnauzer, spent his days visiting the neighborhood. Hugs and random treats let Zues know he was welcome. All this would come to an end when Zues met up with someone who would rather shoot the trusting fellow than appreciate his friendliness.

A neighbor found injured Zues trying to make it back to his home. A compassionate police officer rushed him to the vet. The mighty mini-Schnauzer needed to have screws inserted in his leg that are permanent. Noises scare him and he is still skittish, but his loved-ones are helping Zues overcome his trauma. Now when friends want to see Zues, they visit him in his safe, secure, fenced-in yard. As long as they bring pats and pets, Zues is happy to soak up their attention.



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# Gimme Shelter

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## Gabby, Plymouth, MN

Inverted screw tail doesn't sound pretty...and it's not. The malformation of one of several vertebrae in the tail can lead to bacterial infections which require daily cleanings. It can cause painful, itchy skin folds and unbearable odors due to an obstruction of the anus. This was the fate for Gabby, a fun-loving Boston Terrier. Her procedure would be challenging but it was unavoidable. Life was uncomfortable for her and difficult for her family. Gabby is on the road to recovery and no longer needs around-the-clock cleanings.



## Quieffers, Wichita, KS

Quieffers provides love, relief and comfort to reduce anxiety and depression while she is completing her training as a PTSD service dog. Would this still be possible after having a leg amputated? This precious Pit Bull was an innocent victim in a drive-by shooting. A bullet entered her left femur and came out the right leg. Quieffers's left leg couldn't be saved but her life was. She seems unaware that anything has changed. Quieffers can continue preparation in her training to sense when an anxiety attack is coming on. This works both ways because when the family is happy, Quieffers is happy.



## Bailey, San Antonio, TX

Some say the grass is always greener on the other side (of the fence), but maybe it's safer to stay put. Bailey found this out the hard way. She managed to escape from her secure yard, only to wander onto a road and get hit by a car. Bailey had a broken foot and paw. The course of treatment required surgery with pins inserted to repair the injuries. Reaching out to The Mosby Foundation and receiving the financial assistance they desperately needed put a "paws" on their worries. Beautiful Bailey's on the road again, but this time it's the road to recovery.

## Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



I want to let you know how grateful I am that you were able to help me with my Chihuahua, Wendy. She had a minor setback during surgery but came through it fine. She had 20 teeth removed. Some had already been missing. She has 10 left which may or may not need to be removed in the future.

Having organizations like yours around makes it so much easier for people to care for their beloved pets.

Thank you very much..  
Cathy Mallette  
Auburn, MA



I want to thank Mosby Foundation and Pet Assistance Inc for making my Ebis surgery possible. His quality of life has already improved in just a short time after his surgery that removed a large lipoma that was impeding his walk and agility.

We will never forget, and plan to give back when I am able in order for others to benefit from your charities!

Amy Banuelos  
Austin, TX



Rivers surgery went very well; much better than anyone expected for how large her tumor was. Her biopsy confirmed that it was hepatocellular carcinoma. It also provided us with great margins. He will need no additional treatment at this time. She will have to follow up imaging every 3 months for the first year.

She could have died from a rupture at any moment, and because of the help from The Mosby Foundation, she was able to get her surgery and has been given years back. We are so grateful for your help during this difficult time.

Thank you again!  
Stacy  
Warren, MI

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# Mosby's Mail

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I just wanted to let your foundation know how much I appreciate your kind donation towards Buddy Cortes' surgery. To be able to perform bladder stone removal surgery has greatly impacted his well-being. Thank you guys from the bottom of my heart.

Kind Regards,  
Christina Wells, DVM  
Scott County Vet Clinic



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help towards Meika's surgery. Words cannot express how appreciative and grateful I am. The surgery went well. The surgeon said he got great margins on both tumors, and removed 3 additional benign bumps for safe measures. She is on bed rest until we get her sutures out. Luckily, her appetite hasn't changed at all and she seems to be doing great considering the severity of her surgery. The incision makes walkly difficult so we are using a cart to go outside.

We hope her histopathology results come back low-grade so that no further treatment is needed. Thank you again so much for helping us. You have made such an impact on our lives.

Lisa Renard  
San Diego, CA



Dear Mosby Foundation...It's taken me a long time to write this letter to you. I get a lump in my throat when I think about what you have done for me. The procedure my little Tika needed was so expensive and it would have put me into a cycle of debt that I'm not sure I could have gotten out of. Following her surgery was the first time we ever got to hear her heart beat! Before it was just a whirling mess. I really believe that this procedure will double her life and I am forever grateful!

Our lives have been changed because of you and your sweet Mosby. My heart broke when I learned more about your story but I think what you have created with Mosby's memory is so incredible. I promise to continue you work and Mosby's memory in my life.

Thank you  
Terra, Cadence, Tika and Barkley  
Napa, CA



Thank you for your generous donation towards our Luna girls mass removal surgery. Without your help this process would have taken much longer. Luna is at home with us resting and recovering. We can't thank you enough and we are forever grateful.

Love,  
Brittany, Derek and Luna Artz



I just wanted to let you know that Bruiser did really well in his surgery yesterday. He is home and resting now. His face is a little swollen but he was still happy to eat breakfast this morning. We have a recheck in two weeks and I will update you on his progress. Thank you for everything you and The Mosby Foundation did for us, we truly appreciate it!!

Thank you,  
Emma and Bruiser  
Isanti, MN



This is Gizzy the day after her dental surgery. She's ready to play again already. Thank you for making it possible.

Geri Hart  
Burney, CA



I wanted to give a small report of Bruce three weeks post discharge: he is doing amazingly well! We are still feeding him upright but have had no regurgitation at all since the surgery! He is now back to running, jumping, playing and having fun and we can already see a huge difference!

Thanks again for your help, it was a scary process but also a real game changer.

Julie Chombois  
Chicago, IL



# Memorials

## IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

Judy Warren and Freddy, from John and Carol Warren

Angela Brown, from Anne Frank

Stacy Reeder DVM, Dr. Reeder provided excellent care and comfort for my beloved Collie, Daisy who passed in March, from Renee Harrell

Stacy Lam, for her birthday, from Dean and Allison Humbert

Patrick and Brigit Hughes, from Scott and Peggy Ballin

Cole and Judy Reap, from Dave and Gail Brown

Cylina, love you sis, from Pricilla Awkard

## IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

A. Thomas Lane Jr., much missed by his wife, Becky, Mother, Mildred and Sister, Cathy, from Mildred Lane

Harry Scheur, Harry took his love of dogs to another level when he established a non-profit rescue service for Great Pyrenees complete with an elaborate dog barn to house them, from Amy Scheuer

Darlene C. Lane, from Sharon A. Whisten

Janet Kirkland, from Janice Rankin

Bill Toby, from Karen Van Es

Ralph J. Grady, from Beverly Grimes

Donna McVey

From Patsy Root and the family of Casey N.

Moris

From Lisa Carter

From Pricilla Awkard

## IN MEMORY OF DOGS

Yeller, Nigel and Noah, from Raymond and Sheila Roeder

Harley, much loved by Carole and Johnny Adams, from Sara and Shannon

Bessie, from Gloria Van Kan

Barnaby, from Donna Foster

Bessie, from Virginia Anslinger

Melvis and Spanky, from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Pixie Pipes-Hoffman,

One of my favorite pups-a rescue dog, a noble protector, she never she was dog. Much loved by Adrian and Diane.

From Jeanne T. Hoffman

She crossed the rainbow bridge on April 18. Rest In Peace sweet Pixie, you will be sorely missed, from Cynthia Whalen

Stella, a sweet 16 year old black lab loved by Ted and Dana, from Jean Hoffman

Ellis, from William Harrell and Thomas Arbaugh

All my fur babies who are gone but forever loved, from CJ Jackson

Daisy,

Beloved collie of Renee Harrell and Ed Piper. They rescued her just when she needed them the most. Ed will always be famous for "Driving Miss Daisy", from Beverly and Bill Faulkenberry

Much loved by Renee Harrell and Ed Piper, from Dr. Stacy Reeder

My Beloved Bouviers, from Nancy Burton

Mickey, from Scott and Peggy Ballin

Greta, loving companion of Susan and Raymond Clark, from Pamela and Steven Jacobs

All our dogs, from S.C. and Ramon Dunlap McKinley and Adobe Fleet, from Christopher and Linda Fleet

Tucker, the beautiful black and white rescued cocker spaniel of Diane and Braxton Nagle. He took their love with him, from Beverly and Bill Faulkenberry

My beloved Sammie, the sweetest most loving girl that I've ever met, from Angela Schulte

Greta, our faithful, happy, much loved German Shephard, from Susan and Raymond Clark

## IN HONOR OF DOGS

Tundra, our grand dog, Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Bailey our "grandpuppy", from Carol Childress

My beloved pets, from Barbara Bradley



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

## Mosby's Mission

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

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