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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION



When Jim and Kathleen heard that a local woman wanted to rehome her dog due to health issues, they never expected to see a dog in such a critical condition.

Ms. Tala, a Siberian Husky between three and six years old, was tied to a tree with very little food or water. Frail and thin, she was close to death.

Even though she was extremely malnourished and weak, the dog came willingly to their vehicle, jumped inside, and sat on Jim's lap all the way to her new home. Any life was better than the life she had.

Unnerved at the sight of such a neglected dog, Jim and Kathleen knew one thing for sure. They were going to give Ms. Tala the life she deserved. They set up a doghouse in their fenced in backyard and began feeding, brushing, and caring for her.

But after spending most of her life tied to a tree, Ms. Tala was confused with all the space a fenced in yard offered. Terrified of her newfound freedom, she spent much of her time hiding in her doghouse. It would take a month of love and good nutrition before Ms. Tala's health would improve enough that she could get her vaccinations. However, once the vet performed a medical exam, he found that the dog had not been spayed—contrary to what the couple had been told — and that she had a massive heartworm infection.

In fact, the vet had never seen a case so severe and recommended euthanasia. But Jim and Kathleen refused. They had seen firsthand the miserable life the dog had endured. If there was a chance, even a slim one, she could have a good life, they wanted to give it to her. Heartworm medication was expensive and their budget was tight, but they were committed to Ms. Tala regaining her health.

So began the yearlong heartworm treatment and what a grueling year it was! Kathleen and Jim set up the Husky in a spare bedroom and kennel trained her. But as the medication took effect and the heartworms died off, Ms. Tala became very weak, so weak she could not walk, and her appetite waned.

Jim would gently pick her up, take her outside and hold her while she did her business. Then bring her back inside. As you can imagine, the couple became extremely worried that maybe the dog would not make it. Had they done the right thing? They prayed every day that Ms. Tala would get through this awful ordeal so she could live a good life.

But as the couple looked into her sweet eyes, they saw a dog who had plenty of fight left in her. Ms. Tala was just as determined as Jim and Kathleen that she would get through this. It would take six long months, but she finally turned the corner and beat the odds.

Overwhelmed with relief and gratitude, the couple gave thanks that Ms. Tala could finally live a good life. As the dog's health happily rebounded and her personality blossomed, they discovered that she had no concept of play.

So Jim would get down on the floor and mimic puppy play. Ms. Tala soon learned to model that behavior. What a joy it was to see her express her happiness!

All of it, the unfolding of her personality, was a wonderful thing to behold. "She is the loveliest dog!" Kathleen told us. And she bonded quickly with the couple's Dachshund and tabby cat. The three became inseparable. Now, she not only had human friends who loved her, but animal friends, too!

Now that she was through with the heartworm treatment, it was back to the vet to finally get her vaccinations. But once again, the couple was blindsided. Ms. Tala's medical exam suggested that she had a large mass on her kidneys.

Jim and Kathleen were stunned. How could this be? Ms. Tala was just beginning to enjoy being a dog and her newfound family. The two did not want to put her through more trauma but they loved her

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



This is our 17th year helping dogs stay with their forever families! Carole's vision to focus on the established bond between dogs and their people has allowed our foundation to help over 5,000 dogs and their people. At a recent event, we met a woman whose dog was spayed through our program 13 years ago. She found a pregnant

stray dog. She helped mom and all of her pups get spayed/neutered and into good homes. She kept one of the puppies and they are still together 13 years later! It was wonderful to see that our efforts have supported this long term friendship.

Both of the stories we share in this newsletter are stories of rescue and the bond between guardian and dog. Anyone who has ever had a dog knows the bond and commitment runs both ways. As 2021 comes to a close, I'm glad we can share stories of love, determination and the joy that dogs bring us. We hope your 2022 is full of love and fur!

In support of canines, David Fitt, President







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deeply. They knew in their hearts they had to take her to a specialist, so they did.

The specialist confirmed the mass, and once again, euthanasia was recommended. Jim and Kathleen simply could not do it. They looked into Ms. Tala's loving and now trusting - eyes and could see her desire to live, to be a part of a family. Jim and Kathleen told the specialist, "No." They had come too far to lose her without a fight.

With the expense of heartworm treatment and now facing cancer surgery for their dog, Jim and Kathleen knew they needed financial help. When The Mosby Foundation received Ms. Tala's application, the foundation knew we wanted to help. She had faced a lifetime of abuse and deserved every chance for a healthy, happy life!

Again, the couple knew they were facing an uphill battle. The surgeon explained that the procedure would be exploratory. If there was something she could fix once she opened up Ms. Tala, she would do it.

Jim and Kathleen agreed, and then anxiously awaited the outcome of the surgery. They knew there was a lot going against Ms. Tala. The couple prayed long and hard that their sweet dog would finally get the life she so richly deserved.

Incredibly, Ms. Tala once again achieved the nearly impossible. She beat the odds. A tumor larger than a grapefruit in her reproductive area was pushing on her kidneys. The surgeon successfully removed the massive tumor and spayed the dog at the same time.

Jim and Kathleen were moved beyond words and extremely grateful. Finally, Ms. Tala would have the good health she deserved. "We so appreciate not only the financial support from The Mosby Foundation but the emotional support, too," Kathleen told us. "There were days when I didn't think Ms. Tala would make



it. The Mosby Foundation was a listening ear. Thank you for everything!"

Three times in a lifetime, Ms. Tala faced down death—her former living conditions, heartworms, and cancer--and each time, Jim and Kathleen were there to surround her with the power of love, the greatest healer of all.

Now Ms. Tala enjoys boundless energy, loves watching Lifetime TV movies with Kathleen, eating ice cream, and spending time with her best bud, Jim.

Thanks to Jim and Kathleen, Ms. Tala finally got the life she deserves – the life every dog deserves. 🏖



Gimme Shelter

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



LINA, Acworth, GA

Eating an ice cream cone is enjoyable but wearing a cone around your neck is another issue. Little Lina's post-surgery from knee repair required wearing this apparatus. "Thanks again for the part The Mosby Foundation is playing in Lina having a better quality of life."



HOWIE, Hopatcong, NJ

Howie is doing fantastic thanks to support from The Mosby Foundation. His oral melanoma radiation treatments have been completed, giving him the chance he needs to fight even more. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, and we sincerely appreciate you."



ATHEENA, Evans City, PA

Atheena is not only a goddess of wisdom, she is also a very fortunate Boxer mix. Being able to perform surgery immediately resulted in removing cancer in her muscle with the possibility that she won't have future problems. Back to sharing Mommy and Atheena time 24/7.



POE, Mars Hill, NC

It's so much easier for Poe to eat and drink without a mass on his lower lip. Receiving news that the mass was benign is really something to smile about. Stitches are out and pretty Poe is ready to pose. Cheese!!

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HANK, Richmond, VA

Toys are no longer being ignored now that Handsome Hank has healed up and is back to his active self again. English Bulldogs are prone to screw tail which can cause discomfort and pain. After a successful surgery, Hank has been pulling out his toys. Thanks to support from The Mosby Foundation, "I'm excited for Hank's new, happier lease on life." Let's play ball, Hank!



ACE, Essex Junction, VT

A diagnosis of a mast cell tumor meant a much needed surgery for Ace. But an "ace was not in the hole" for this sweet boy, just yet. Unfortunately, another procedure was necessary. His family was heartbroken since they had just spent most of the savings to get Ace the medical care he required. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Ace, a Pit mix, is now cancer free. "Words can't express how thankful we are for The Mosby Foundation!"



EDDIE, Apache June, AZ

Eddie, a miniature Jack Russell, is no small package when it comes to fighting for his life. He is in full remission from Lymphoma. "Never say never" is his new motto.



FENWAY, Sioux City, IA

Can it be? Cancer free news for Fenway? Absolutely!! This little beagle beat the odds and is recovering nicely. He will be back to his playful, active self in no time.

Letting Go of Tomorrow
San Clemente, CA

Just 10 weeks old, a French Bulldog was on the short list with a breeder to go to a puppy mill, living out his life as a breed dog in miserable conditions. His only crime was that he was deemed unsellable. But a rescue stepped in and saved him from a life of horror ending in premature death.

The puppy's name was Eben and Renée's boyfriend, Mike, wanted to adopt him. The adoption was in the works when Mike realized his roommate wouldn't want a dog in the house. That's when Renée volunteered without giving it a second thought.

Even though she had never seen the puppy and didn't even know the breed, something inside her tugged hard at her heart. She knew she was meant to have this dog.

A graduate student in counseling working multiple jobs at the time, Renée felt so strongly about it that she gave up a studio apartment she had agreed to lease because the landlord said, "No pets." Instead, she camped out on her parent's couch for a while until she could find other housing.

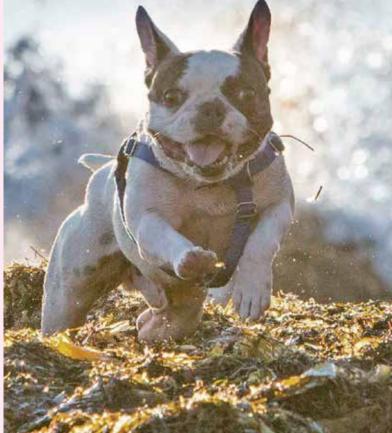
When the two finally did meet, it was love at first sight. The rescue told Renée that Eben was a special Frenchie, sensitive and loved the outdoors.

Basically, Eben was the perfect dog for Renée and Mike who also loved the outdoors. A professional travel and wedding photographer, Mike was on the road a lot, often taking Renée and Eben with him in his van, hiking while traveling. Eben loved it!

Right from the start, Renée was committed to keeping Eben's diet as clean and as healthy as possible. He ate raw food and she included additional vitamin and mineral supplements.

Financially, it wasn't easy, but Eben was her whole world, and she would do anything to keep him healthy and happy.





For the next decade, Eben, the laidback Frenchie, lived a full and wonderful life, traveling with his pet parents, taking long hikes, including Mt. Ballady, Mt. Tallac, and the Trans Catalina Trail. Eben, along with his pet parents, also volunteered at the United Cerebral Palsy Center, a day support program for persons with cerebral palsy.

The participants of the Center adored Eben. His sole job was to let people pet him, and he did so with a wide, happy grin on his face. Stiff arms and wobbly hands gladly reached to stroke this gentle little dog.

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They loved touching him because so many of these participants were not allowed to have a pet at the group home where they lived. On holidays at the Center, Mike and Renée dressed Eben up for each occasion. At Christmas, Mike was Santa, Renée was Mrs. Claus, and Eben was an elf. Everyone loved it!

When Eben wasn't lending a helping paw at the Center, he spent a lot of time hiking. Mike and Renée hiked many miles in California and across the country, and Eben was right by their side, loving every minute of it. continued on page 7

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Eben's life was full and wonderful, so different from the life he could have had if he had not been rescued. With each passing day, the bond between Renée and Eben grew tighter. "He's my family," she told us.

But in 2019 when Eben was 10 years old, Renée felt a lump on his throat. A horrible feeling came over her. Eben had been attacked earlier and grabbed by the throat by another dog, and she tried to reassure herself that the lump was a possible infection.

Immediately, she took her beloved dog to the vet, expecting him to allay her fears, but he didn't. In fact, her vet wanted Eben seen by an oncologist right away.

Fear and anxiety washed over Renée. Deeply depressed, she grappled with the possibility that she could lose the one being

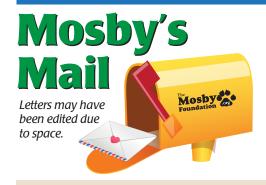
that meant the most to her in all the world. Now a grief counselor and massage therapist, Renée, like Eben, lived her life in service of others.

She did not have a lot of money, but she never once waivered in her commitment to her dog. She took him to a specialist. A biopsy confirmed that he had thyroid carcinoma. The good news was that it was caught very early. Renée was wild with hope!

Surgery was performed in the fall of 2019 and Renée fervently hoped that the surgeon could cut away the tumor, giving she and Eben more years together. The surgeon did exactly that and took half of the thyroid, but because of the tumor's location he could not cut wide margins.

In fact, the surgeon said it looked like the cancer was trying to spread. Renée told her friends she thought she should do chemo







I am writing to sincerely thank you for all the award of \$400 to go towards my dog, Jade's surgeries. I am so grateful that you have awarded us these generous funds.

Your financial support will help make it possible for Jade to get the surgeries she needs and live a higher quality life than she has been experiencing these past couple years during her struggles with recurring tract infections.

Without your financial contribution, I would not be able to give Jade the medical care that she needs and deserves. You cannot imagine (or maybe you can) the strain I have been under trying to find the funds to get Jade her surgeries, and your award has dramatically alleviated a part of the strain. Jade means everything to me.

So once again, I would like to thank you all for our kind and generous support.

Jennifer & Jade Madigan Pullman, WA





Max's surgery went well. We will know more about tumor and if they were able to remove all of it in 7-10 days. I will let you know what the results are when we receive them. He has a good 2 wks of non active recovery and then hopefully stitches will come out and bandage will come off

We were able to bring him home last night around 9:30 pm. We were blessed that he was doing so well with his recovery at the hospital. Thank you again for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

Terri Dickerson



My family and I cannot express our gratitude enough. During an extremely hard time for not just myself but for my father The Mosby Foundation stepped up and gave Chevy the help that she needed. Chevy is sweet, wholehearted, and is so loved by the entire family. We would simply not know what to do without her, especially with my father's situation. She not only keeps my dad at peace and is great company but she also provides so much love. Thanks to The Mosby Foundation Chevy can live a longer, happier life. You guys truly help people in need and when they need it the most. We are forever grateful go your contribution.

Cali Grafing Titusville, FL



Thank you so much for the donation. We are so incredibly grateful. All the information you have is correct and Chon's next appointment for chemotherapy treatment is on 10/14 at 9am. I have let the Oncology Service know to expect a donation from the Mosby foundation.

Attached is a photo of Chon after his first treatment last week. He is doing so well and we are very hopeful. I cannot express how grateful we are.

Thank you again, Abby, Danny, and Chon



The helping hand that you have held out to me in the form of your donation will be forever remembered with much gratefulness. I wish to say thank you over and over again.

Your donation allowed me to spend another birthday with my Roscoe.

All thanks to this amazing foundation. Angelique

Mosby's Mail

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Just want to tell you a quick update. Zee is doing great and today it's his first time back to the beach since his surgery. You can see in his beautiful face he is so happy. After we got home a bath was in order, a bowl of food and then a well deserved nap.

Thank you for everything. Carmen, Jeff & Big Zee



Ash is doing great! She had her surgery. The surgeons examined all of her organs for damage and all organs are healthy, including her liver. The shunt was very unique as it wrapped around and the port was actually above her stomach. The CSU surgeons were fantastic and believe after the shunt closes, she will be 100% and get to live a long healthy life.

Without the assistance and donation from The Mosby Foundation this would have never been possible. I am so grateful for the foundation's generosity, and patience as I secured funding. Because of The Mosby Foundation, Ashlyn will be a part of our family for so many more years to come, thank you from the bottom of my human heart.

Danelle Yocum Arvada, CO



Please send my thanks from me and Flash to you and your team helping fund his treatment yesterday! We appreciate it very much. He's doing really well thankfully.

Andrea and Flash Carvajal



Mila is home and a happy little pup :) I've attached a picture right after getting home.

Thank you! Kirsten



Thank you guys so much! Fenway had surgery yesterday and it went fantastic! No major issues. He was able to come home today and is recovering!

Thank you again for everything, Sarah Gamache



While wearing the cone, Lina felt like eating and her meds kept her comfortable. The discharge nurse was very thorough and we have a list of instructions for the next two weeks. Thanks again for the part the Mosby Foundation is playing in Lina having a better quality of life.

Warmly, Carolyn Strah



Hi, we want to thank you and your donors for all your help. Rusty is doing well. Thank you so much

Polly & Elvin Ayers



I have always made donations to charities but never have I had to use one. I am so grateful to your foundation. I could not have done this without you all. My son and I both thank you for helping give her a second chance at life. She is recovering fast. Daisy is enjoying the sun like she did before the accident. Thank you so much and God Bless you!!

Mindi Little

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as a backup, but no one was supportive of this measure because of the expense. In fact, many were rude in their comments to her.

Maybe her friends were trying to be helpful, but their lack of compassion cut deeply with Renée. She knew she was massively in debt from the medical bills, but she also knew she couldn't lose her dog. She had to do everything possible to protect and save the love of her life. Discouraged and saddened by the views of her friends, Renée turned away from them and listened to her heart.

For five months, Eben underwent chemotherapy, and it was a great success. Incredibly, during that time, he never experienced any side effects of the treatment. For that matter, Eben never showed any symptoms of thyroid cancer! This amazing dog willingly, happily did a 13-mile strenuous hike with his pet dad, Mike! In fact, he did many long hikes during his stint with chemotherapy.

For an entire year, Eben was cancer-free, and Renée thought Eben was home free. She continued holistic treatments with her dog, but, out of the blue, he began suffering with acid reflux. Her dad recommended she get an ultrasound to ease her mind which she did.

At the same time, both Mike and her dad had cancer scares."I really thought Eben was going to be the only one to have a good report," Renée told us.

But Eben was the only one with a negative report. Relieved that both her dad and Mike were healthy, Renée was devastated that Eben's cancer was back. "Thyroid cancer is a slow growing cancer, but I was scared because if it metastasized, it would go to Eben's lungs," Renée told us.

Unfortunately, the ultrasound confirmed Renée's fear. There was a small nodule in his lung. Renée could not believe it. The emotional upheaval of Eben's first diagnosis, the massive amount of medical debt she accumulated and eventually paid off little by little, it all came back to her.

"I thought I'd thrown everything at cancer, that it wouldn't come back. The thought of going through this again financially and emotionally, I just didn't have the bandwidth to deal with it," she said.

Renée shared her deep concerns with the oncology center. They recommended several organizations to help her financially, one of which was The Mosby Foundation. When we read Eben's story, we saw an incredible dog that lived life to the fullest and enjoyed giving to others. We definitely wanted to help.

"I'm so grateful to The Mosby Foundation for helping me with Eben's chemo treatments," Renée told us, and we're happy to help.



The good news is Eben's latest scan shows that the thyroid cancer and the spot on his lung have not grown. While Renée is relieved, she also knows that it could all change on a dime. "I carry grief with me all the time. It's always present," she said.



Memorials

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

David and Debbie Hughes Anniversary, from CE and Sandy Dull

John and Carol Warren's 50th Anniversary, from Judy Warren

Royce and Pam Gibson, from Mike and Susan Cromer

William and Jane Lobb, from Miles and Helene Willett

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Lois G. Sloan, from Alice Herbst

Linda Livick, from Anne K. Avery

Tommy Eavers, from Malinda K. Eavers

Joshua Bishop, from Dean and Allison Humbert

IN MEMORY OF DOGS

Melvis and Spanky, from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Gus and Honey, from C.A. Burton

Harley – Carole and Johnny Adams' dog, from Mollie McCurdy

Sparkle – my dear old beagle, from Mollie McCurdy

Sami – my beloved, sweetest most loving girl I've ever met, from Angela Schulte

Lucy and Lucky, from C.L. Childress Barna, from Donna Foster

Chester – beloved cat, from Jim and Barbara Bradley

All my beloved Bouviers, from Nancy Burton

Paige, from Darcie Martin

Taniwha, from Tara Wyrick

Yeller, Nigel and Noah, from Raymond and Sheila Roeder

Bart, from Wayne Mohler

Ollie, 14 year old much loved dog of Sally and Doug Wiggs, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

Juni, pup of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gable, from Alice and Sue

Britany, Squire and Cookie, from James Klemic

Marley, from Judy Armstrong

Molly, pup of James and Leta Floyd, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

Oliver "Our protector" pup of Doug and Sally Wiggs, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

Hero Spicka – A rescue from Afghanistan War-"A victory of the Afghanistan War-" pup of the Spicka family, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

Scout- Forever in their hearts. Sweet little beagle girl of Marci Jo, Dave and Grace Wisman, from Lisa and Rob Byrd

Wente McKinnon-Sotak, from Nina Jackson

Hero Spicka, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

PIA, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

Molly, from Jeanne T. Hoffman

Sky, dear friend of Chuck and Sonya

Eberly, from Renee Wallace

Leo, from Miles and Helen Willett

Dominic and Yeti missed by Angela and Bert Brown, from the Teeters

In memory of all dogs, from Rick and Jane Smith

Harley, big, lovable and loving dog rescued by Carole and Johnny Adams. He had a wonderful life on their farm in Deerfield, and now, may he be playing in cool creeks on the other side! With love from Beverly Faulkenberry

Honey, sweet, beautiful, rescued cocker spaniel of Sylvia Shirey who gave her a loving home for 16 years. Much love from foster mommy and foster daddy, Beverly and Bill Faulkenberry

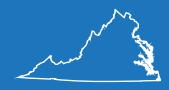
Louie, sweet, affectionate, adorable little dog with Papillon ears rescued from the street and given a wonderful home by Carol Jackson and Jayne Freed. You left us too soon, Louie. With love from Godmother, Beverly Faulkenberry.

IN HONOR OF DOGS

Tundra our grand dog, from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Our Dachshunds – all 4 of them – our little loves, from Betty Shirley and Cynthia Beng

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Letting Go of Tomorrow

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Every touch, every funny look, and wag of his corkscrew tail is a gift so remarkable that she has no words to describe their deep meaning. Cancer has taught Renée to unwrap each day and enjoy all the moments. She has had to let go of tomorrow.

She puts her arms around Eben, the kindest Frenchie she's ever known, and gives thanks for yet another day of love. &



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

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