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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

New Haven, CT

Two Weeks. Two Months. Two Years.

"Please, Pat. If you don't take him, they're going to put him down." A two-decades long rescuer and foster of coonhounds, Pat was certainly no stranger to dogs that had suffered abuse. But this phone conversation with the volunteer from the New Jersey Black and Tan Coonhound Rescue had her worried.

There was a long list of negatives about the dog but the one that stood out the most was his aggression towards a little girl. He had bitten her, and that had caused his removal from the naval family living on base. Now the dog was living on borrowed time.

Pat had grandchildren. How could she take on a dog who was aggressive towards children? But then the volunteer uttered both a challenge and a prayer. *"Please, Pat. Please."*

Finally, she said, *"Okay, I'll take him."* And then she wondered what she had gotten herself into. Emotionally fragile, two-year-old Scrappy had suffered immeasurably at the hands of just about everyone.

Tied outside during the day, children and teenagers would taunt and tease him. At night when he was brought inside, he had to defend his food from another family dog. To this day, he carries those scars on his face.

The husband also physically abused the young dog. Even the little girl in the household taunted him, resulting in the biting incident that led to his expulsion from the base. It was clear that there was not one moment in his short life that had not been filled with anguish.

Pat's own initial experience with Scrappy was also scary. She put her head too close to his and he growled, taking her whole face in his mouth. He never broke the skin, but as soon as he asserted his dominance, he immediately released the grip, slinking into a corner.

"It was my fault," she said. "I should have known better for a dog that has lived in an abusive situation his whole life."

But did that action prove a point? Was it simply not possible for a dog who had suffered so much abuse to come back from it? It seemed everyone thought he was a bad dog. No hope for him. Even the best dog trainer in Connecticut told Pat he wasn't worth saving. He did, however, tell her he could find plenty of homes for him.

Pat knew exactly what he meant. Life as a chained guard dog. Meager meals, poor health, and more abuse. This young dog would grow into a truly vicious animal, a convenient way of discarding him without pulling the trigger.

It made Pat's blood boil. Everyone blamed Scrappy for being a bad dog. Not Pat. She saw him as a victim. His whole life had been a living hell. That's when Pat made a resolve. *"Two weeks. Two months. Two years. Whatever it takes. I'm with you on this."* Then she changed his name to Chance because she was going to give him a second chance at life. A real life.

This remarkable woman kept her promise. It was not easy, especially in the early



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



I hope everyone is having a great summer! At my house, we are enjoying the great weather and spending lots of time outdoors. What could be better than soaking up the sun with our pups?

To me, watching our dogs enjoy their time outside is a great break from the worries of the world. That is why I am so excited about our 5K coming up November 5th. We are making space for people to bring their dogs to enjoy a crisp morning in a beautiful park. We hope you can join us. If you don't live locally, you are welcome to attend virtually and be with us in spirit!

I hope you and your furry friends have a wonderful time this summer and take advantage of all the outdoors has to offer.

In support of canines,
David Fitt, President



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The Mosby Foundation 5K

In Memory of Dr. Valerie Weiss

November 5, 2022

**Gypsy Hill Park
Staunton, VA**

8 AM start for chip timed race

8:15 AM walk/run

Dogs on leashes welcome!

To Register, go to:
<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/mosby5k/>

Raise funds for dogs in need of critical medical care!



SCAN ME

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years. "Dogs like Chance don't know that humans can be good," she said. "It takes a long time for them to learn that." As a result, Chance often ran away because he had no loyalty to anyone. The world was not a safe place, and certainly not with humans!

Pat's world, in those days, became very small. She never took him anywhere. His fear aggression was so great it was just too risky for children and adults. Pat walked him and kept him at home. But even walks proved challenging. If Chance had the slightest sense that the leash was slack or not attached to the collar, he was gone. Then, he would act aggressively towards people walking or jogging.

Desperate, she had him wear two pinch collars but even that did not deter him. Concerned for the welfare of others as well as for Chance, she muzzled him, but dogs off-leash would approach him often causing fights.

Pat had many dark days with Chance, and at times, she questioned her resolve. Maybe the trainer was right. Maybe he wasn't worth saving. Still, something inside her just wouldn't give up on him. He kept running away. She kept bringing him back, showing him all the good things that life with her had to offer.

The more Chance acted out his fear, the more Pat dug in. Good food, a warm bed,



a loving hand...over and over, until Chance started to get it. He would wag his tail when he saw her.

Walking him got easier. If the leash became slack, he did not run away. Chance's demeanor softened, and Pat felt a surge of hope. He was doing what everyone thought he couldn't do—form a loving bond with her.

He did have one unusual quirk, though. Chance frequently shook his head so much his ears would get cut on his collar. He would also sneeze as much as 30 times at once. Pat's vet thought it could be something peculiar to dogs with long ears. All Pat knew was that Chance's aggressive behavior was retreating, and the personality that emerged was a wonder to behold.

Pat first witnessed this extraordinary change when she was caring for two elderly gentlemen. Both fell in love with Chance, but when he jumped up on the bed of one of the men and laid his head across the man's legs, Pat could not believe it.

You could see it in Chance's eyes. He cared for these men and instinctively knew they needed a loving presence. "Of all the dogs I have rescued, I think he might be the most sensitive with the biggest heart," Pat said quietly.

It's like something finally clicked inside. Chance began to see that people could be good, and he could be good to people. A couple of Pat's friends asked to keep Chance overnight because they enjoyed him so much.

Then came the day when Chance pushed his head against Pat's legs, begging her to kiss his head. A far cry from the dog who once held Pat's face in his mouth because he was so afraid.

But perhaps the most remarkable demonstration of Chance's change in character came with Pat herself. Two years ago, she had a stroke. One day, Pat was talking with her sister, a cardiologist, on the phone, about some symptoms she was once again experiencing.

At the time, her sister did not feel the symptoms warranted her going to the emergency room. "Give it an hour or so," she told Pat. However, Chance had a different opinion.

"Chance being a hound, he doesn't get up for anything unless it's for food or to move from one piece of furniture to another," Pat said with a laugh. Not this time. Chance got up out of his chair, stood directly in front of Pat, looked her square in the eye, and barked continuously. He simply would not stop!

Pat was stunned. She got up immediately and went to the ER. Within minutes of her arrival, she was surrounded by doctors, asking her questions. Pat was indeed having a stroke. "He saved my life or at least saved me from irreversible damage that could have happened."

Is it any wonder then that Pat decided to have him trained as an emotional support dog? Of course, he passed with flying colors. Pat was beyond thrilled!

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● **KAMALLI, Clinton, MI**

Tumors weren't rumors for Kamalli, they were sad facts. Three mast cell tumors and one mammary tumor needed to be removed so this beautiful Boxer/Pitbull mix could continue to bring joy to her family. Kamalli's loved ones reached out to The Mosby Foundation and were able to get the successful surgery she so desperately needed. More great news: the tumors were benign. We're spreading cheerful rumors that things just keep getting better and better.



● **JASPER, Denver, CO**

Jazzy Jasper has a good reason to smile. He was in need of dental work, but paying for this necessary procedure was not looking promising without help. After searching and reaching out, his pet mom was able to "take a bite out of the situation" for the Yorkie's extractions. A smile goes a long mile, and so does our thanks to all of YOU!



● **CARMELLO, Reseda, CA**

We are pleased to share with our loyal donators that charismatic Carmello has been responding really well to his chemo treatments. The Labrador Retriever had a malignant mass tumor removed. Several tumors have completely dried up and have not come back. Carmello is reacting well to the medications and vitamins. He is a little weak, but continuing to build up his strength every day. "Thanks again for your help. It has been a blessing and very encouraging." You've got this, Carmello!



● **ANNIE, Orrville, OH**

Sometimes life offers no alternative if one is to continue living. Removing Annie's left front cancerous leg was a no-brainer. The Bluetick Coon's family didn't want to lose any part of adorable Annie, but if it meant keeping her alive, then three healthy legs, her huge heart, and a loving face would be the next best thing. Generous Mosby contributors have made it possible for Annie to continue being her best again. For Annie and her loved ones, less is more.

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



● **PRINCE, Phoenix, AZ**

Tooth fairies can't get to every home, and Prince's seemed to be overlooked. This Dachshund's dental exam revealed moderate to severe dental disease. Loose and decayed teeth needed to be extracted. Since the Tooth Fairy seemed to be busy, Prince relied on generous donors like you. With your help, he is eating dry food again. Prince is being treated like a prince-having his teeth brushed daily and being served delicious treats and warm hugs. Hail to the Prince!



● **SUMMER, Richmond, VA**

Greyhounds are known for their love of running and racing, which normally occurs on four legs. Not so for sweet Summer. Cancer led to having her leg amputated, but that won't stop her from winning her own fight for survival. While Summer is recovering from surgery and receiving chemo treatments, she is enjoying her favorite position-laying upside down. She's even running down the steps already! Beating cancer makes you a winner in all of our hearts.

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● LEIA, Iselin, NJ

What's not to love when you meet this cute Corgi?! Loving Leia is effortless with her happy smile, inviting eyes, tickly tongue, perky ears, wagging tail, and the personality of a saint. How could a diagnosis of a lung tumor possibly happen to such a gem? Without removal of the tumor, it could spread to other areas of the lungs, lymph nodes, bones, the brain, and other organs. Sometimes life just doesn't seem fair, but often times there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Leia's "gold" was receiving assistance from The Mosby Foundation and healing from a successful surgery. Take a deep breath and fill those healthy lungs with a sigh of relief. Ahhh!



● TRACKER, Heber City, UT

Tracker is no trucker. Due to an unfortunate incident, the four month old Chocolate Labrador puppy fell out of a truck and fractured his femur. His next trip would be to a vet and not a truck stop. Puppies have a way of bouncing back, and that's what this guy is doing. Walks with the family are limited as he heals, but lots of belly rubs make up for them. He's happy to pass the day away playing with his brother. "We remain so grateful for your organization's assistance." Keep on truckin', Tracker!



● DAISY, Marietta, PA

Tongue in cheek? Not this time. Try tumor in cheek. Daisy desperately needed to have the abnormal growth removed to avoid drooling, difficulty chewing food, and bleeding from the mouth. This young, two year old pup had a full life ahead of her with her loving family. "Without the Mosby Foundation's help, I fear we would have had to re-home our sweet Daisy or worse." After wearing a cone for four months, the Golden is back to doing her favorite things such as playing with her puppy siblings, chewing on sticks, and sitting in her comfy spot under the kitchen table (she couldn't fit under the table with her cone!). Put on that cheeky grin, girl!



● PICKLES, Berthoud, CO

Some broken hearts can heal with the passing of time, but this was not the case for precious Pickles. Time would only worsen the situation since she was diagnosed with heartworms. Without heartworm treatment, a dog will die from the disease. This loveable Terrier mix's family could handle the requirements to be calm and committed, but they lacked the finances involved with heartworm treatment. After receiving financial help, Pickles was no longer in a pickle. She is getting the love and help she needs to heal her huge heart.



● NIKITA, Ocala, FL

"When you see a rock coming, it hurts less." Maybe, but Nikita had two bladder stones that were causing her pain and blood in her urine. The stones were too large to pass on their own and required surgery to avoid a perforated bladder. Nikita's on a prescription diet for kidneys and has been going potty just fine. The cuddly Chihuahua will soon have her staples removed. She is on the mend because of gracious donors like you!

Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



To The Mosby Foundation:
I want to thank you all who enabled me to be able to support and get Lucky's much-needed surgery. Please know that you possibly saved his life and most definitely gave him a better quality of life. He no longer spits his food out. He must have suffered some pain. You also spared me of the guilt I would have lived with. He is all I have. I love him, and it broke my heart that I couldn't afford this on my own. Thank you. Because of you, his smile is 'BRIGHTER' and my heart is filled with so much joy!

Lisa and Lucky Cash
Fishersville, VA



The Mosby Foundation:
Sammy is doing better & is finally able to just be a dog. He still has a long way to go. We're getting his teeth taken care of in April. I'm working on his muscle atrophy in his back legs, too. We can see the damage that was done by the heartworm since he was in the late stages of it. I'm just glad he gets love & family. I think he gave us more than we give him in little over a year that he's been with us. He's such a sweet, goofy dog & thank you again for your help.

Jenna Samuels & Sammy
Sanford, NC



Today makes 3 weeks since Royal's surgery and he is doing great! He's back to normal activity, and is out of the cone (he hated wearing it). He's still taking daily medication but the plan is to wean him off of it slowly over the next 3 months. Thank you again for helping us. We wouldn't have been able to afford the surgery without your help. I'm attaching before and after photos of Royal and his surgery site so you can see his progress.

Thanks again!
Nijah Garcia
Philadelphia, PA

Dear Mosby Foundation:

Thank you so much for your very generous donation for my dog Pickle's heartworm treatment. She has completed her treatments and can now take walks and play exuberantly again. She will test again this summer to confirm that she no longer has heartworms. I am so very grateful for the work of your organization. You have helped so tremendously and we appreciate your generosity.

Love
Jennifer Ramsey, Pickles & Dan Shaver
Berthoud, CO



Dear Mosby Foundation:
Today is 1 week after Jasper's dental surgery. He has been quite the cutie during his recovery, being on 3 meds twice a day makes him super cozy and feeling good. I can tell he is feeling a lot better today! He had more energy and is eager to have his "cone of shame" off. I appreciate the donation for Jasper so much! He is the son I never had. My 17 year old daughter and I have had him since she was 6 years old. Jasper is the greatest little guy and a sweet and well-behaved dog.

P.S. His breath is so much better, too!
Thank you all again!

Rachael Smith
Denver, CO

Dear Mosby Staff,
We wanted to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your assistance regarding Carmello's cancer treatment. He has had a few chemo treatments, is still in therapy, and is responding very favorably. We are so excited and encouraged to see him starting on his road to recovery. Thank you again for your generous donations that have helped Carmello get another lease on life.

Thank you again for everything,
Terese Marschner
Reseda, CA

Memorials

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Carole and Johnny Adams from Mollie McCurdy

John Warren from Judith Warren

Angela Brown from Anne K Frank

Nikki Claytor from Anne Avery

Staff at Middle River Veterinary Hospital from Sharon Angle

Bill and Beverly Faulkenberry from Mollie McCurdy

IN HONOR OF PETS

"Grandpuppy" Bailey from Carol Childress

"Granddog" Tundra from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Molly from Malinda K. Eavers

Piper, beloved former street dog from Barbara Bradley

Flash Carvajal, my dog, Andrea Carvajal

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Dr. Valerie Weiss, our beloved vet from Steve and Cindy Thomas

In memory of a long time donor William R. Kiser

Ginger Taylor, long time animal rescuer, from Margaret and George Brandel

IN MEMORY OF PETS

Marley- best dog in the world and Freddy, who passed away in February, loyal companion to my sister, Judy Warren. From John and Cindy Warren

Shasta from Nancy Basmajian

Belle Brown, pup of Steve and Linda Brown from Teresa and John Arbogast

Alabama from Jean A Balich

Bessie VanKan from Edwin and Gloria VanKan

Melvis and Spanky from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

In memory of Carrie Anne Scheuer, beloved companion of the late Harry Scheuer from Amy Scheuer

In loving memory of sweet Scotty, mine and Tundra's friend. The sweet boy and beloved pup to Sara, Chad and their other pack. Rest easy Scotts from Bridgett and Rob Beasley

Yeller, Nigel Noah and Mosby from Sheila Roeder

"Hoss" Grabski from Thomas Amatucci

In memory of Scottie, wonderful service dog of Sara and Chad Outler. He was a sweet, smart, funny and a beautiful Golden. He was much appreciated, and sorely missed. from Beverly Faulkenberry

In memory of Tucker and Toby, lovely black/white Cocker Spaniels adopted by Diane & Braxton Nagle, who gave them a wonderful home well into their late teenage years. They were greatly loved by the Nagles and their friends. from Beverly Faulkenberry

In memory of Lotus, beloved dog of Sheli Rhodes from Diane Travis

In memory of Gus, loved by Suzanne & Hugh Hall, from Debbie Richardson

Cats:

Callie Amatucci, special kitty of Pat Amatucci from Thomas and Barbara Amatucci

Timmy the cat from Pat Hunter

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Chance still shook his head almost violently, but this time, she noticed a hematoma on his ear. She took him to the vet who discovered that he also had a tumor deep in his ear.

Living on a fixed income and unable to pay for the surgery, Pat reached out to

organizations for financial assistance. When we received Chance's application, we knew we wanted to help. At an early age, he had been sentenced to death for crimes not of his choosing but as a defense against a cruel, heartless world.

Because of one woman's absolute belief in love as a healer, Chance was finally whole. It had taken a long time—Chance was now 11—but Pat never gave up on him. We said yes. Pat was overwhelmed. "You helped me and I'm just so grateful." We were glad our donors made it possible.

Chance came through the surgery beautifully, and he no longer shakes his head violently or sneezes continuously. Apparently, the slow growing tumor had caused this quirk. Now he's back to really loving life, and that's a thrill all its own.

But the biggest thrill for Pat? During the winter, the dog that couldn't be saved spent a snowy

afternoon with a 3-year-old girl, the child's arms draped across his back. Chance looked like it was the most natural thing in the world.

Two weeks. Two months. Whatever it takes. Thank you, Pat, for believing.

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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

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