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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

When Two Hearts are Healed

Verona, VA

When the housekeeping staff opened the door to clean the hotel room, they did a double take. Staring back at them was a mixed breed beagle-sized dog in a crate, and he was terrified. His family had left him.

A mixed breed dog of about six years old and with the unusual name of Baelfire had lived with this family all his life. However, every time a new baby would arrive, the family would move. They kept moving until they were living in a motel.

With the arrival of yet another baby, they decided they needed to live somewhere that didn't allow pets. Baelfire had to go. That's when the family closed the door to their hotel room and left Baelfire staring after them from his crate.

The hotel staff didn't want to take him to a shelter, fearful that he would be euthanized. So the little dog stayed in his crate for weeks at the hotel. An in-law of Baelfire's former family heard about what happened. Since she lived nearby, she fed and walked the dog twice a day. It was the only time Baelfire was let out of the crate.

Another family, who lived in an apartment complex, expressed interest in fostering him. So the hotel gave the dog to them. That didn't last long. With two cats, they were over the limit for the number of pets they could have.

So when that same neighbor asked Rainya, "Do you want a dog?" Her ears perked up. A conscientious and caring person, Rainya had wanted a dog all her life. Just in her 20's, she was juggling school—in the animal field, no less—and part-time work. Her first thought was, "Is this a good life choice for me to adopt a dog right now?"

Rainya was also struggling mentally and emotionally. Her life motivation was very low, making it difficult to get through each day. She



kept asking herself, should I really adopt a dog when I'm not taking care of myself very well?

But her heart tugged so hard, she agreed to meet Baelfire. As she sat on the floor in her neighbor's living room, she just watched him. "He was the only dog I've ever met that wouldn't come to me right away," she said.

Rainya asked to borrow Baelfire for the day, and the neighbor agreed. She and the little dog went shopping. Before Rainya knew it, she had bought him a collar and name tag with her number on it, even though he wasn't her dog. "Just in case he got out," she reasoned. Then the neighbor encouraged her to keep Baelfire overnight, and that was it for both of them. The deal was sealed!

It only took a week for Baelfire to completely forget about his previous home. "He was com-

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



I hope everyone is enjoying Spring (or almost Spring)! I hope you are having a great time with your dogs. For our shelters, Spring means more puppies that need homes.

There are many differing opinions on when to spay and if to spay. These are personal choices that each person makes for their dog. However, it is important to make this decision with all the facts. So often the focus of spay/neuter programs is the prevention of litters. Of course, this is extremely

important. There are too many dogs and puppies that never make it out the front door of our overburdened shelters.

Spaying not only prevents pregnancy, it also prevents Pyometra and greatly reduces the occurrence of mammary tumors. Pyometra is a life-threatening infection of the uterus. It is most common in middle-aged to older dogs. Prompt treatment is the only way to save the dog's life. We receive requests for assistance with Pyometra surgery almost every week. In every case, the person had never heard of Pyometra before their dog was suffering from it.

I believe it is a dis-service to our dog lover community to not speak up about this issue. We would like to enlist your help in spreading the word about the potential dangers of not spaying. 25% of unspayed dogs will get Pyometra in their lifetimes. Let's spread the word about this condition and help more dogs avoid a painful and easily preventable death.

In support of canines,
David Fitt, President



Welcome Raisin!

Raisin is Sara's new diabetes alert dog. She is great at her job and excited to be the official office greeter!

When Two Hearts are Healed

pletely mine,” Rainya said joyfully. The young woman who was finding life to be so difficult was now the love of Baelfire’s life. Instead of feeling timid and shy, he was her protector. “He’s a tiny little dude with a Pitbull bark!” She laughed.

Their bond continued to deepen. “He keeps me grounded where I likely would’ve withdrawn from the outside world otherwise. After being abandoned like he was, he was suffering from anxiety, sadness, and confusion, as is to be expected. Having me as his furever home enables him to heal and prosper. His confidence and genuine joy continue to solidify because now he knows that he is mine and I am his. We’re healing together.”

Now that Baelfire had found his true home, he was terrified Rainya would leave him. “I couldn’t let him see me leave the apartment because that made the separation anxiety worse. He would just lose his mind. It was heart-breaking,” she said.



But as the weeks turned into months, Baelfire began to relax. He understood that Rainya was coming home. But if she was later than usual, he made it clear that she was gone too long! “He has this heartbreaking beagle kind of whine that shows itself if I’m not quick enough to get in the door,” Rainya told us. He just became so frantic, and it took longer for him to calm down.

To help Baelfire regain some of his natural instincts as a dog, Rainya tried to teach him how to play with toys, but her success was limited. “I knew I wasn’t doing anything wrong, but when he wasn’t catching on, I felt like I was doing something wrong,” she said.

Fortunately, Baelfire’s best doggy friend, Jingle Bells, helped out. She wouldn’t take “no” for an answer, and the little dog finally understood what it meant to play. “When Baelfire finally started playing with Jingle Bells, that’s when a lot shifted for him. He calmed down more,” Rainya told us.



But Rainya knew the dog was not in the best condition. She made an appointment and took him to the vet for a thorough examination. That’s when the vet discovered the condition of his teeth. They were deplorable.

Instead of pearly white, they were brown, turning black. “Like someone who’s on drugs,” Rainya said. The vet made it clear that his teeth could not wait. He needed to get them cleaned before gum disease set in.

“Baelfire needed dental care, vaccinations, and neutering. Since I didn’t know I was getting a dog, I was unprepared,” she told us. Fiercely committed to her dog, Rainya started asking around to find out how she could raise money to get him the medical care he needed. Somebody suggested GoFundMe and Rainya immediately acted.

She did raise some money, but she was still short. One donor suggested she get in touch with The Mosby Foundation for help. Rainya had not heard of the foundation but decided to reach out.

Also, any tips Rainya got from her housekeeping job went into a Baelfire envelope for his surgery.

Then The Mosby Foundation called and told her she had been approved for a grant. It was the exact amount of remaining money she needed to get Baelfire his surgery! “I am so grateful to The Mosby Foundation for helping me!” Rainya said.

But there was one more little miracle. Baelfire did not need any teeth removed so there was no additional expense. “That was God working there for a bit,” Rainya said. We think God was working quite a bit!

Baelfire recovered nicely from both the dental surgery and neutering. Now he and Rainya are settling into their lives together. “I don’t know if there is ever a right time to have a puppy friend,” she said. “But he came when I needed him, and he needed me. We were two broken beings who are less broken now.”

Two lives that shine brighter because they found each other and take care of each other. 🐾

Gimme Shelter

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



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Gimme Shelter

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SHILOH, San Marcos, TX

"Warm wags, love, and licks" is what Shiloh is all about. The beautiful Border Collie is a third Chance Rescue from a euthanasia location. She's had a hard life with arthritis hip dysplasia which requires daily medicine and monthly injections. Shiloh and her pet mom are best pals and depend on each other, but some situations call for extra help. Shiloh needed a tooth extraction and periodontal treatment. After reaching out to The Mosby Foundation, sweet Shiloh is back to her smiling, funny girl self now that she is pain free.

2

ZIGGY, Lusby, MD

The down side is finding out that your beloved dog has lymphoma but the bright side is being able to use an effective treatment called CHOP, a variety of drugs that when combined, work to tackle cancer cells. Ziggy will go through the weekly aggressive process for 17 weeks along with taking supplemental medications to prolong his life. "We are so fortunate for The Mosby Foundation's financial help in keeping the best boy around! This extra time with him means the world to us." Ziggy is reacting wonderfully to the treatments. He has a sweet soul that will continue to live on because of thoughtful donors like you.

3

LUCIANA, Rancho Cordova, CA

Good things come in small packages and that's just what Luciana is, a package bursting with love and affection. The charming Chihuahua looks forward to her belly rubs from the vet and staff. She is receiving chemotherapy treatment following the removal of cancerous mammary tumors. Don't let her small size fool you. Words can't capture Luciana's huge, unique personality. "I'm so glad to have extra time with her. I am so thankful to The Mosby Foundation for making that possible." Luciana is just about finished with chemotherapy and there are no signs of it spreading. She's one small package filled with love!

4

LLILY, Ridgecrest, CA

Silly Lily had a hard time learning to maneuver around her house with the cone of shame restricting her movements, wearing the "necklace" would keep her from tearing out her stitches. She had five large masses removed. One was almost the size of a nerf football. With patience, persistence, and practice the well-mannered Weimaraner has finally figured out how to lie comfortably and even curl up with the cumbersome cone on. "We look forward to more healthy years to come with our Weimy gal." Lily, your cone is temporary, but the love you give and receive is forever.

5

CHLOE, Bridgewater, VA

Hikes, laps in the river and pool, lounging in the hammock, sunbathing. All of the fun activities Chloe loved doing with her family were put on hold. Biopsies revealed that the snuggly Chihuahua had Salivary mucocele. This is an accumulation of saliva that has leaked from a damaged salivary gland. It can interfere with swallowing, vocalizing, or respiration. With help provided from The Mosby Foundation, "She is very happy to be able to return to her normal life." Just in time to enjoy warm weather and get back on the trails, take a dip in the water, and hang out in the hammock.

6

ZEUS, Staunton, VA

According to mythology, Zeus was the most authoritative of the Greek gods and had many powers. If only Zeus had magical abilities to repair a broken femur that resulted from being hit by a car. One minute the happy-go-lucky Golden mix was romping around the yard, and in the blink of an eye, he was down and suffering. With help from The Mosby Foundation, Zeus had a speedy recovery after surgery! It's almost like it never happened. He's back to taking pleasurable long walks at the park and playing with the dogs he meets. More power to you, Zeus!

7

NIKA, Palmdale, CA

Pearly whites, dreamy eyes, and fluffy fur. The pretty Pomeranian was smiling on the outside, but inside her gums and teeth were causing her pain and misery. Teeth extractions are costly, but dental disease can lead to other life-threatening illnesses. Nika is so much happier now that her bad teeth have been removed. "Without your help, it would have been very difficult to have the procedure." Knowing Nika is on the mend puts a smile in our hearts.

8

HERSHEY, Oxnard, CA

Deciding whether or not to neuter your male canine companion? Hershey would most likely be in favor of having had the procedure done when he was a pup. Depending on the breed, size, and health concerns, it is recommended to have small dogs neutered between 6-12 months and larger dogs 9-18 months of age. Hershey was an unneutered, 6 year old Labrador retriever that developed an enlarged prostate. This does not happen to neutered dogs. Hershey's recovery is complete but it was slow and harder due to his age. Now that the cone of shame has been removed, he's feeling his old sweet self again. "Everyone deserves a Hershey!"

Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



We want to thank you and The Petco Love Foundation and Blue Buffalo cancer treatment foundation for the generous donation towards Lexi's chemotherapy treatments. Without support from kind people like you and Petco Love and Blue Buffalo, we would be struggling financially to make ends meet these next few months.

I am happy to report that Lexi's oncologist Dr. Seth Glasser gave us wonderful news about her appointment on 2/2/23. All of Lexi's bloodwork looked great. There are 5 more treatments to go to finish out her total of 25 treatments.

It's been great to see how far cancer research and treatment for animals have come along. We are so blessed to have Dr. Glasser leading us through all of this and giving Lexi a second chance at life.

Lexi is back to playing, running and enjoying her walks again. With each treatment, she gets better and better.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and generosity.

Erin and Lexi Paine
Tinton Falls, NJ



Thank you again for your wonderful blessing of helping Big Louie! His recovery is coming along nicely and we are in the process of physical therapy now. It's a slow and steady process for sure. My daughter is also so thankful for your help, as well as, my husband and son. Big Louie is our family. We appreciate you so much! Have a blessed day! Many Blessings your way from me and my family.

Paris Ham
Kuna, ID



Just wanted to say thank you again for the grant. Chloe did really well today. It was her 2nd visit for heart worm preventative/ Benadryl and 8 hours of observation. Her next visit for her first injection of arsenic was March 6. She made lots of friends at the vet's office. She hugs everyone she meets (literally)! She's an amazing girl!!!

Here's Chloe in the snow! Being from Mississippi, this is quite a change for her! Thank you again.

Angela Leary and Chloe
Manchester, NH



Jasper and I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your support. We reached out to several organizations and received very little response. The fact you responded means everything to us. We cannot thank you enough and hope we can pay this forward very soon.

Jennifer and Jasper Avilla
Pomona, CA



I can't say thank you enough to The Mosby Foundation for helping to give Stone the opportunity to live a full life. To receive such a generous pledge from your organization took our feelings of helplessness and transformed them into something powerful. We are grateful beyond measure. Thank you for everything.

Stone is recovering and is happy and as sweet as ever.

Emmy and Sam Summerlin
Scroggins, TX

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Memorials

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

Janet Riddlebarger from Maureen Parker

Ania Clemmer from Katherine Ambrose

Bill and Beverly Faulkenberry by Ed and Flower Van Kan

Kristen McKeever from David McKeever

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Dr. Valerie Weiss from Catherine Curtis

Judy Armstrong from Gail Brown

Jackie Tirrel from Gail Brown

Tommy from Malinda Eavers

Henley Gabeau from Jeffery Darman

Thomas S Jackson from Tom and Barb Amatucci

My wonderful loving husband, Dr. James Stuart McFadden from Nancy and Ozzy

IN MEMORY OF DOGS

Josie and Jax Ward- much loved by Bill and Hermie Ward from Teresa and John Arbogast

Rocky and Woody Faulkenberry from Ellen English

Shadow, pup of Claire Birdsall from Darcie Martin

Phoebe and Shelia from Becca Schad

Rocky Faulkenberry, the sweetest, loudest Beagle, and that's saying a lot. from Jason Faulkenberry

Woody Faulkenberry, he made you work for his love, and it was well worth the effort from Jason Faulkenberry

Woody, beloved dog of Bill and Beverly Faulkenberry from Tom and Joan McDonald

All my beloved Bouviers from Nancy Burton

Chenji from Arthur Hoffman and Martha Eddy

All our dogs from Linda Greene Lotus from Sheli Rhodes

Daisy and Buster from Nancy Basmajian

Gracie, precious companion of Judy and Dave Tharp from Josie and Jane

Rocky and Woody form Braxton and Diane Nagle

Abby, Molly, Meg, Minnie, Roxie and Jimmy from Susan Dunlap

Chloe, a goldendoodle that brought joy to everyone. Pup of

Lamoine Knefelkamp from Mary Raye Cox

Baxter from Michael and Jeanne Roush

Lucy, loving companion to Audrey Neese from Ron Hiserman

Melvis and Spanky from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Yeller and Mosby from Raymond and Sheila Roeder

Charlie, pup of Beth and Kurt Lisle from Carroll Lisle

Bessie from Virginia Anslinger Parker and Kiwi from Kimberly Tallaferro

Quinn from Helen Crowley

Jazzy Zick, KC's best friend from Tom and Barb Amatucci

Lacey, a well-loved girl, gone too soon from Gayle Stripling

IN HONOR OF DOGS

Boston, the St. Bernard of Davis and Debbie Hughes, from Sandy and Claude Dull

Grand dog Tundra from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

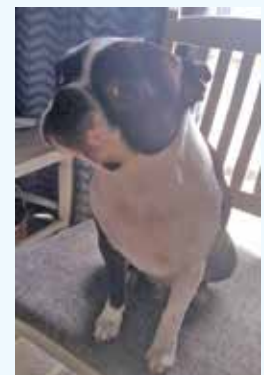
IN MEMORY OF CATS

Boxer – kitty of Alen and Kathy Martin from Hugh and Suzanne Hall

Sammy – kitty of Jim and Judy McKinny from Hugh and Suzanne Hall

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Baby Bubba is doing wonderful. Thank you so very much for helping my beautiful boy. You are a true angel.

Deeni Jenkins
Culpepper, VA



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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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