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All About the Dogs!

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOSBY FOUNDATION

Against All Odds

Kyle, TX

On a warm day in June, Loki, a four-week-old Pitbull mix, was dumped on the side of the road like a piece of trash. This tiny little puppy, scared and confused, searched futilely for his mother. Where was she? He began to yip, hoping she would find him and snuggle him close.

But it was Victoria and Chad—both live with a disability and utilizing wheelchairs—who found Loki. For them, he was a gift to be treasured.

Because he was so tiny, they bottle fed him around the clock every two hours. “He slept in our bed in a little basket next to us,” Victoria said. It didn’t take long for this adorable puppy to bring a ray of sunshine into their lives. “Loki fit our weird little family,” she said.

Loki quickly bonded to Victoria’s service alert dog, Odin, who mothered him. “I think it helped Loki learn to be a dog, to get the nurturing he didn’t get from his mom,” Victoria told us. As you would expect, the two became inseparable.

Loki also bonded with Chad and would try to lay all over him, wanting to be loved on. That wasn’t a problem for Chad. He loved it!

After a few weeks, their vet encouraged the couple to wean Loki off the puppy formula onto a gruel, which they did. But as soon as they switched Loki to softened kibble, the food would immediately come back up.

Slightly underweight, they thought it was because he had been sick with coccidia when they found him and did not get proper nutrition from his mother. The couple gave it more time. But after five months, Loki continued to regurgitate his food, no matter how soft the kibble was.

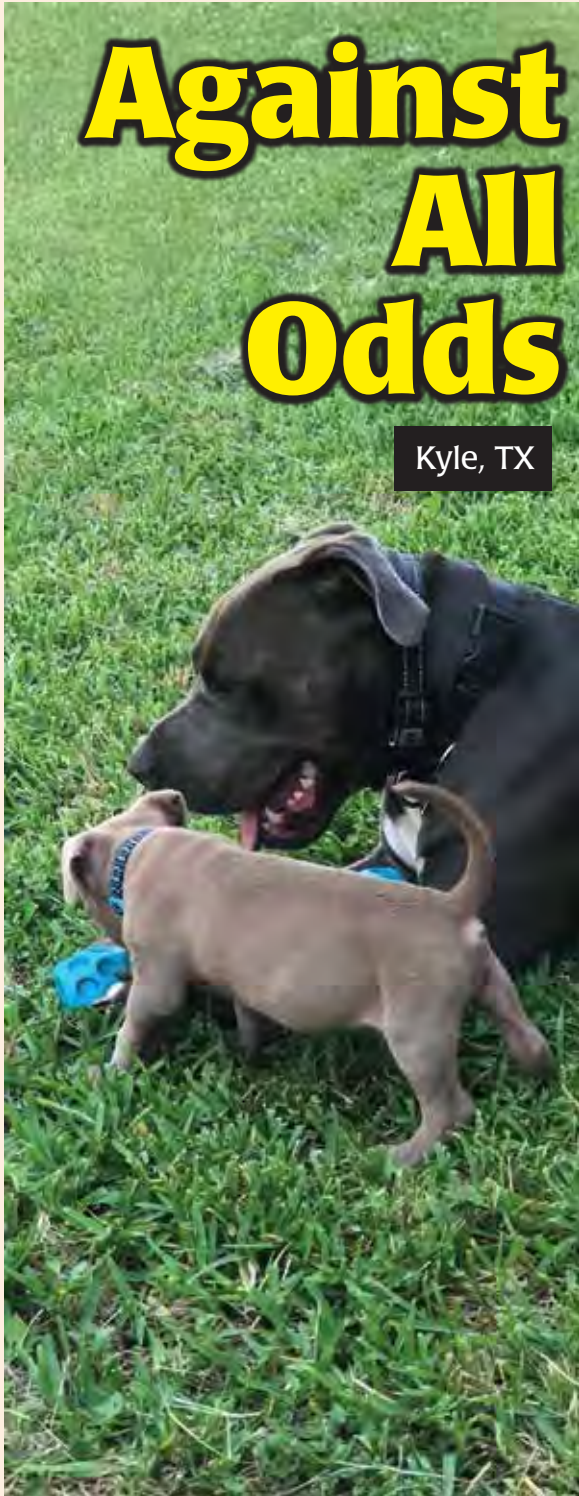
He would then re-eat the regurgitated food five to six times in a single meal three times a day. “We couldn’t watch sometimes because it just looked awful and because we felt bad that he was throwing it up and trying to re-eat it,” Victoria said.

Chad agreed. “The food wouldn’t go into his stomach. It would stop halfway down the esophagus, balloon out like a frog. It looked like a pouch.” Victoria would massage Loki’s neck until the pouch would slowly recede. It was heartbreaking to see this sweet little puppy trying so hard to eat yet suffering so much.

Their vet’s diagnosis was pyloric stenosis, which is an enlargement of muscle tissue causing a narrowing of a part of the stomach called the pylorus. He recommended surgery and referred them to a specialist. That was in October.

Chad and Victoria ended up seeing two different specialists who accepted the pyloric stenosis diagnosis. Both said they could not do the surgery because they were not equipped. Both encour-

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



We are always grateful to you, our supporters. We absolutely could not do it without you. So far this year, we have helped over 170 dogs!

We get more requests for pet food each week in our pet food pantry. Our local community is having difficulty affording the ever rising costs of pet food. Many are contemplating giving up their dog to ensure

they are fed. We want to help them with food so that they are healthier and staying out of the shelter. We want to keep pets with their people.

As food costs rise and more and more people apply for assistance, our fundraisers are that much more important. Thank you for contributing to our events and fundraisers!

We will be hosting our 2nd annual 5K November 4th! It is a great event to celebrate being outdoors with your pup. This year will be even more fun! I hear a doggy costume contest, photo booths and treats are in the plans! Please join us in person or in spirit to enjoy a fun morning.

As summer draws to a close, we hope you enjoy the final weeks and look forward to seeing you at our Fall events!

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!

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aged the couple to just let Loki live as long as his body would let him. However, Victoria and Chad simply could not accept such a grim fate. Loki had already been sentenced to death once. They just couldn't do it to him again.

Finally, in January, they found a third specialist, Dr. Jha, who did not take the original diagnosis at face value. An ultrasound showed the ballooning of the esophagus, but Dr. Jha was stumped as to why. Yet, he refused to give up.

After more testing and no clear diagnosis, Dr. Jha recommended a CT scan. What an ordeal that was! Because a dog is at risk for aspiration when sedated, Loki had to fast for approximately 30 hours, more than twice the normal time because his risk for aspiration was so great. Even after 30 hours of fasting, Loki still had fluid in the esophageal pouch which had to be suctioned out.

But after months of diagnostic dead ends, there was good news. The CT scan showed that Loki had persistent right aortic arch, PRAA, a congenital condition. In normal development, the fetus has both a right and left aortic arch. The left

arch becomes the aorta, to the left of the esophagus, and the trachea is just beneath the esophagus at the level of the base of the heart.

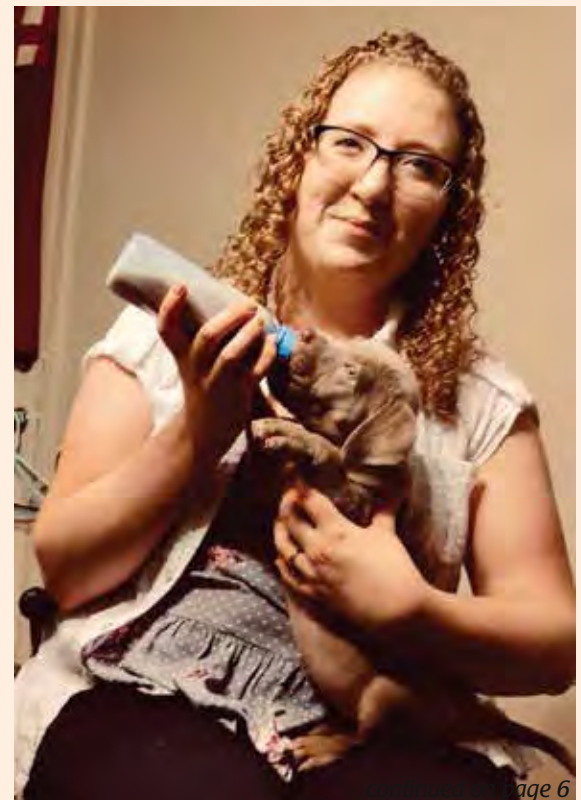
That didn't happen with Loki. Instead, the right aortic arch, or vascular ring, developed into the aorta instead of falling away to become absorbed by the body. The esophagus then became entrapped by the vascular ring, or arch.

To survive and adapt, Loki's esophagus ballooned out so that he could hold food, allowing it to trickle into his stomach a drop at a time. Dr. Jha had seen plenty of dogs with this congenital anomaly, but Loki didn't present the same way most dogs with PRAA did. He didn't lose a tremendous amount of weight and he was thriving. That's not just unusual, it's rare. Dr. Jha called Loki a unicorn because he was such a rare case.

As you can imagine, to correct this condition is an incredibly delicate and complex surgery. Because the arch, or band, was wrapped above the stomach instead of above the lungs, Dr. Jha would have

to go in on Loki's side, move his lung out of the way to get to the misplaced aortic arch to correct this genetic abnormality—an eight-hour surgery!

And then there was the cost of the surgery. When Dr. Jha gave Chad and Victoria a low and high estimate, they both got very quiet, their minds churning. They understood how complex the surgery was, but they had already spent \$3,000 on imaging tests. Even with their part-time jobs, the likelihood



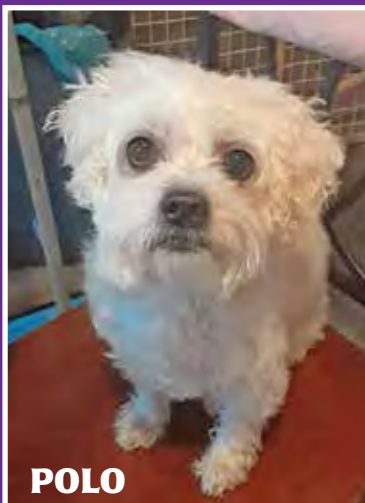
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Gimme Shelter

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



PIERRE



POLO



DENALI



QUINN



BOGEY

PIERRE, HUNTSVILLE, AL

Losing weight and hair. Drinking huge amounts of water. Excessive urination. Severe anxiety. Warning signs that something was not right with the handsome, head turning Siberian Huskey. The thyroid mass needed to be taken out due to its location. If left untreated, Pierre would have great difficulty breathing, eating, and drinking. The biggest obstacle now was paying for the procedure. The Mosby Foundation was contacted and we were able to help have the invasive mass removed. "I truly cannot thank you enough for helping me save me best friend. The work you all do is absolutely amazing!" Teary words spoken from the heart. Thank YOU!

POLO, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

"No stone left unturned." This means to do everything possible to solve a problem. Polo's pet family was doing everything possible to find a way to pay for the removal of his bladder stones. The Bichon Frise Shih Tzu was recovering well but later needed to have a hernia removed. Bills were adding up. With your remarkable donations, Polo is back to enjoying his daily rides in the car. One of his favorite amusements is sitting in the window until his favorite person comes home. Then it's time for rubs under his fluffy chin and warm belly.

DENALI, ROANOKE, VA

Border Collies are known for being loyal and that's just what this gal is. Denali follows her human mom wherever she goes and stays as close to her as possible. Six rounds of chemotherapy to treat Transitional Cell Carcinoma won't keep them apart. Denali is doing well thanks to support from generous Mosby donors. Fetching her favorite orange toy and frequent naps with Mom are shared and loved because of the love you share.

QUINN, TROY, NY

Looking into Quinn's eyes was tugging at her family's heartstrings, but the real suffering was felt by Quinn. The sweet Shar Pei mix's eyes were red and irritated and causing her to be in pain. Entropion causes the hair on the surface of the eyelid to rub against the cornea. The surgery was necessary to make sure her eyes wouldn't be damaged from all of the scratching hairs. With help from The Mosby Foundation, Quinn's eyes have healed perfectly. She's back to playing in the yard with the hose on hot summer days. "I look forward to spending many more years with her. We could never say thank you enough to the people who helped raise the money for her surgery."

BOGEY, SAN DIEGO, CA

Trying to find funding for necessary surgery is frustrating. The emotional strain of thinking about a faithful canine companion living with an ailment that needs to be treated is tough. Bogey had cancerous tumors on his face. Reaching out to The Mosby Foundation put the family at ease. The recovery was a bit rough but the good-looking Red Heeler/Pit mix is doing quite well. "From the bottom of my family's hearts, you really have given us extra time with the best dog in the world!" Not only is he the best dog, that's the best news we could ask for!

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JORDAN, PHILADELPHIA, PA

No matter how many years our beloved canine companions have been in our lives, it still never seems long enough. 12 year old Jordan is a shadow to his pet dad. The Carolina beauty is not a fan of wearing a cone and protective booty while recovering from sarcoma and a skin graft but that hasn't put a damper on the love he gives and gets. More medical care is needed so Jordan can hopefully one day be cancer-free. Every moment spent together is cherished. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, you are one loved, handsome, best fur friend.

PAISLEY CHEYENNE, EVERETT, WA

Lymphoma was detected early in Paisley, which was a relief to hear. The love for her was overflowing, but unfortunately, funds weren't. Where to turn for help? A nationwide, non-profit organization that helps with financial support for sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs to the rescue. "She's my heart and one big reason why saving her life is so important." Paisley the pretty Pitbull is able to continue her favorite pastime: Sleeping on the couch, in the bed, on laps, and wherever her sweetself wants to snuggle. Life with you is a dream come true, Paisley.

COOPER, MASON, MI

Cooper has a typical, Bassett Hound, laid back personality, but he probably didn't intend on that including resting from surgery. Having a large mass removed from his side, another one taken from the top of his foot, and a third from his ankle meant additional chill time to recuperate. He'll soon be back to letting his mini-Dachshund sisters take naps on his back and use him as a step stool so they can sleep on the couch together. Cooper, you are the best brother, ever!

ITZA, FORESTVILLE, CA

Puppy dog kisses can be sweet, but that can turn sour when they come with bad breath. Itza had fractured teeth with infections. The Boston Terrier needed dental surgery and her caring pet mom needed financial assistance. The Mosby Foundation was able to help Itza receive the help they required, but it was a challenging recovery. Itza is highly sensitive to anesthesia and has anxiety issues. We are delighted to report that Itza is her silly self again, sleeping under blankets, waiting to sneak in a few loveable kisses.

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of paying for such an expensive surgery was remote.

So, they reviewed the facts. Yes, their physical mobility was limited. Yes, they were on a limited income. No, they weren't quitters. The latter was their deciding factor. "Both of us are on Medicaid disability," Chad said. "So, we don't have a lot to begin with. We were tapped out. We knew the only way this was going to happen was to fundraise."

Loki was never meant to survive when he was abandoned. But Chad and Victoria absolutely refused to end Loki's life without a fight. They got to work immediately, starting a GoFund-Me page. Victoria applied to 25 different organizations, asking for financial assistance. They just kept going, determined that Loki would get the help he needed.

Because the procedure was so expensive, it really did take a village to make this surgery a reality. The Mosby Foundation is proud to be a part of the non-profit village that

helped Loki get the help he needed. Thrown away like garbage, he deserved the chance to live a long, healthy life.

"The Mosby Foundation was actually the first to respond," Victoria said. "That phone call was great! It was a huge day for us, to know that we can probably do this somehow, by some miracle."

And while they were wild with hope, they also had to consider a bleaker possibility. What if Loki got worse before they could raise the funds? "It was hard," Victoria said. "We knew we weren't going to let him suffer."

But Loki's desire to live, to love and to be loved won out. In spite of living on a liquid diet and constantly regurgitating his food, he loved his new family, and they loved him. It was clear Loki had no intention of leaving them any time soon.

For the next six months, the couple continued to hear from foundations, pledging to assist with the surgery. During that time, Dr. Jha checked in periodically on Loki to see how he was doing.

By now, Loki was old enough to be neutered, but Dr. Jha asked that the couple wait as close as possible to the PRAA surgery before doing so. Those extra hormones were keeping Loki

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from becoming emaciated. Additionally, the neutering would be a good way to see how well Loki tolerated the anesthesia.

With funds from foundations trickling in, Chad and Victoria took a leap of faith and scheduled Loki's neuter in April. We're glad to say he did very well. Dr. Jha scheduled Loki's PRAA surgery for June even though Chad and Victoria were \$1500 short.

Victoria kept submitting applications and they both prayed they could get the final funds that would save their dog's life. Friends and family had kicked in \$500, but they were still short, and they were down to the wire. It was the day before Loki's surgery.

Then miraculously, a foundation called in their pledge. It was the exact amount they needed to pay for Loki's surgery. The couple was stunned and beyond thrilled. With a lot of help and faith, they had achieved what seemed to be impossible. "Loki is full of life. He has the will to live, to survive, to persevere. That's why everyone around us was willing to support us on this journey," Victoria said.

And it's true. We all wanted Loki to beat the odds.

Then finally, finally, the moment they both had been waiting for. After a whole year of a liquid diet and six months to get the surgery, Loki was ready for his post-surgery meal. Victoria and Chad looked on anxiously, ready for him to regurgitate.

"We all wanted Loki to beat the odds."

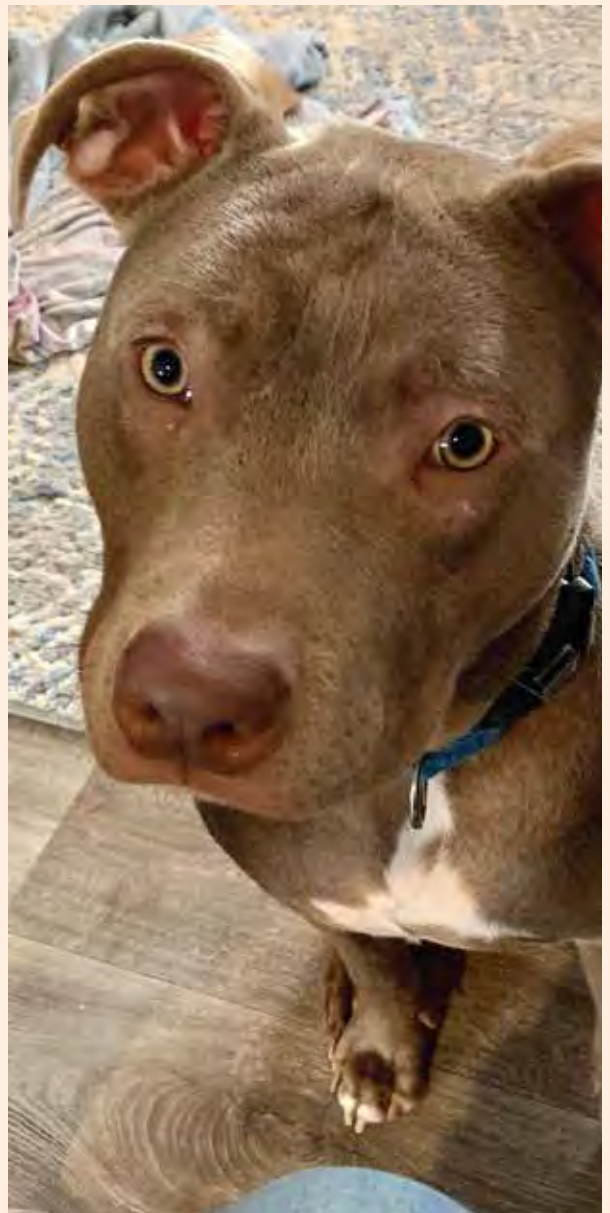
The food stayed down. They were elated! A whole lot of faith, deep love, and Loki's will to live—against mighty odds—prevailed. The nightmare was over. The dog marked for death at just four weeks of age celebrated his one-year birthday with belly rubs and begging to lay on Chad.

It's all about belief. The people who threw Loki away looked at him and saw a problem, one they couldn't solve. Fearful and angry, they dumped him on the side of the road, a problem no more.

Chad and Victoria, who both utilize wheelchairs and live on a limited income, lived in a different world from Loki's abusers. They saw the opportunity to love, even though they were challenged to save his life.

The financial enormity of finding the funds would have stopped most of us. Can't be done. Not possible. But these two courageous people did not accept the "facts." Against tremendous odds, they called on their community to help them save a throwaway dog.

In the end, love won out. (It always does!) Victoria and Chad stood up for Loki when someone else tried to throw his life away. Now happy, healthy, full of love and begging for treats, Loki lives a dog's life. That's the way it's supposed to be. 🐾



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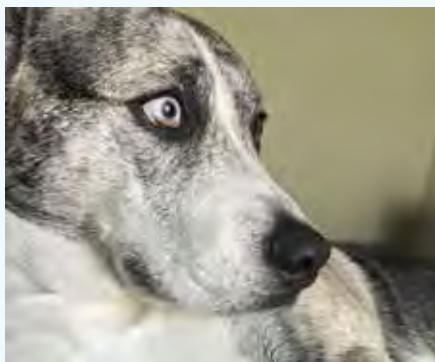
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Casper

We thank you so much for your great help in providing funds towards Casper's heart surgery. He survived surgery and an overnight stay in ICU, and he is now on his way back home. I will let you know of his wonderful progress, God willing. Thank you so much,

Casper and Katja
Del Mar, CA



Maggie

My husband and I are truly grateful for your very generous donation to help pay for our sweet Maggie's heart worm treatments. We truly appreciate your organization's kindness. Very gratefully yours,

Scott, Angela and Maggie Bell
Halifax, MA



Ghost

Ghost is doing great after her surgery. She is back to her nonstop, tail-wagging, happy-self. I could not have done this without your help. I am so grateful for your assistance. Thank you so much!

Samantha and Ghost Day
Apple Valley, MN



Flare

Here is my beautiful Flare, who can see now, because of the help of The Mosby Foundation.

At her checkup, she got a stellar report and is a happy girl as you may imagine. This little 9-year-old puppy mill survivor had no hope, no future, certainly no love, and now look at her!

Thank you so much for your kindness. Flare doesn't quite seem to understand the concept of foundations, but she definitely knows her world is a whole lot better because of you!

Diane



Dixie

Dixie's surgery went well and she is home recovering! Thank you again so so so much. We appreciate it.

Madison and Dixie Cantrell
Richmond, VA



Glenn

I truly appreciate your assistance and support for helping me make it possible to have Glenn, my service dog, neutered on June 12, 2023. You made my life much easier during this difficult time and I couldn't be more thankful for your help and The Mosby Foundation.

Forever Grateful,
Aliza and Glenn
Stuarts Draft, VA

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Elwood

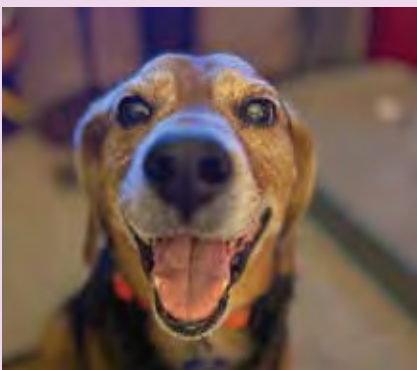
I just wanted to let you know that Elwood has made a 100% recovery. He's a happy little dog. Thank you again for helping us with his surgery.

Maria Alex Beech and Elwood
Sant Monica, CA

Chloe

Julie would like to thank your organization for helping to get the surgery her dog Chloe needed. Chloe is doing fine and recovered wonderfully!! Once again, thank you!

Julie and Chloe
Portland, OR



Boss

For 11 years, Boss has provided me with unconditional love and companionship. Thanks to your compassion and support, I'm praying that he may even make it to birthday #12! Thank you for caring about him. You are amazing people.

Margaret Studer
Broadway, VA

Gimme Shelter

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HAPPY, BELLEVUE, WA

Sometimes life can change in a split second, but not always for the better. It was one of these situations when Happy was safe and sound, then in an instant he slipped out of his collar and was hit by a truck. The Doberman mix had a broken leg that needed a metal plate or pins inserted. "This wouldn't be possible without your help and Happy will thank you for the rest of his life." Happy has made a complete recovery. He did his first 4K walk and is back to doing everything he loves. That's what we call a Happy ending!

The Mosby Foundation 5K

In Memory of Dr. Valerie Weiss

November 4, 2023

10 AM

Gypsy Hill Park
Staunton, VA

Walk/Run or Hang out!
Dogs on leashes welcome!

Raise funds for dogs in need of critical medical care!



What is Pyometra?

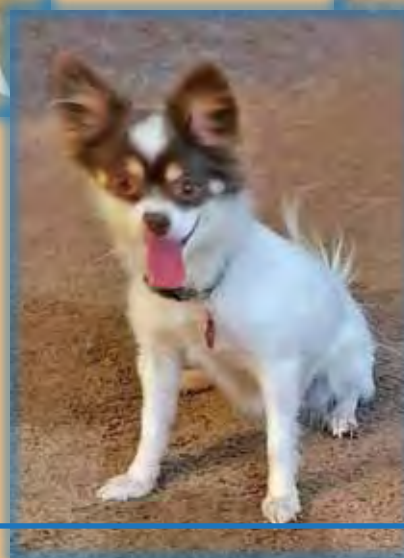
Pyometra is a life-threatening infection of the uterus which requires emergency surgery. ***Spaying all but eliminates this dangerous infection.***

About 25% of unfixed female dogs are diagnosed with pyometra by age 10.

Symptoms of Pyometra include:

- Increased thirst and urination
- Low energy
- Lack of appetite
- Swollen abdomen
- Vaginal discharge
- Vomiting

These are some dog you have helped!



Memorials

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

Judy Warren from John and Carol Warren

Dr. Stacy Reeder DVM from Jane Gunter

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Joan Brown, a great dog lover, from Sharon Whisten

Judy Armstrong, from Deborah Armstrong

C.A. Burton, greatest lover of dogs, from Jane Smith

Michael Parks who dearly loved our 3 rescue dogs. Greatly missed, but always with us, from Rachel

IN MEMORY OF DOGS

Fable, missed by Celeste Bailey from Dean and Allison Humbert

Penny, loved by Pat and Ed Jablonski from Braxton and Diane Nagle

Jonas, loved by Anne Avery from Jeanne T Huffman from Margaret Henderson

My girl, Sadie from Kileen C. Pilon

Kane, Lilly, Sam, Sadie, K.C. and Roxi, from Susan Dunlap

Our sweet Fergus, from Peyton and Carol Coyner

Harry, loved by Beth and Pruitt Scripps from Jeanne T. Huffman

Yeller, from Sheila Roeder

Trixie, beloved dog of Bruce and Crystal Vandercook from Sarah Key

Marley from John and Carol Warren

Casey, beloved Chow, from Jim and Barbara Bradley

Cognac, Ella, Benny and Jasper, from Amy Baska Scheur

Louie, from Melinda Eavers

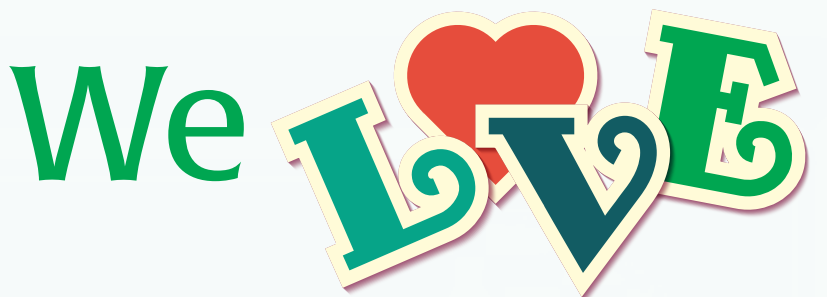
Raven, beloved by Laura and Danny Anderson, from Larry and Wendy Teeter

Melvis and Spanky, from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

IN HONOR OF DOGS

Our grand dog Tundra, from Larry and Yolanda Beasley

Penny, from Braxton and Diane Nagle



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dogs fight cancer!



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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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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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