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The Nose That Won't Quit

Sometimes life gets lonely. You might have a bad day at work; you have a bad break up or a beloved friend moves away. We've all had these life moments where we feel that insipid loneliness. With time, you put one foot in front of the other and move forward.

But what if loneliness was literally written into your DNA? Diagnosed with Type 1 Brittle Diabetes in her teens, for over 50 years Kim has lived with loneliness and its steadfast companion, fear. And that's the problem with Type 1 Diabetes. Kim did everything "right." She followed the diet, got exercise, had an insulin pump, and a glucose monitor.

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A Reason to Smile:

We're launching a Pilot Dog Dental Program

February was Pet Dental Health Month, so it feels like the perfect time to share something we're genuinely excited about: The Mosby Foundation is launching a pilot Dog Dental Program for our local community.

Why dental care?

Dental health is a big part of your dog's overall health and dental problems don't stay "just in the mouth."

Painful teeth can affect:

- Eating and maintaining a healthy weight
- Energy and mood
- Overall health and comfort
- A family's ability to keep their dog feeling good at home



We believe oral health supports overall health — and when a dog feels better, families can stay together longer.



What this pilot will cover:

Right now, this pilot is focused on tooth extractions and other severe dental needs — the kinds of cases that cause real pain and can't be solved with "wait and see."

Who this pilot is for:

This pilot is designed to help pet owners in the Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro (SAW) areas who are facing urgent dental issues and simply can't afford the care on their own.

If you've ever had a toothache, you already understand the heart of this program: dental pain is miserable — and dogs can't tell us how much it hurts.

Signs your dog may need a dental check:

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recommends having your pet's teeth and gums checked at least once a year.

Have your dog's teeth checked sooner if you notice:

- Bad breath
- Broken or loose teeth
- Swelling around the mouth
- Discolored teeth or teeth covered in tartar
- Abnormal chewing, drooling, or dropping food
- Pain in or around the mouth
- Bleeding from the mouth
- Reduced appetite or refusal to eat

Some dogs also become irritable when they have dental pain. Any changes in behavior are worth a call to your veterinarian.

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And still, without warning her blood sugar would suddenly drop catastrophically and she would begin seizing. Kim was so fearful, she made it a rule that she would only drive as far as 15 minutes from her home. What if her blood sugar dropped, she passed out, and had an accident? God forbid, what if she injured or killed someone?

Her life wasn't just lonely; it was very small. Then a colleague told her about diabetic alert dogs. "I never knew they existed," Kim said. But she quickly learned about Dogs4Diabetics and began her training, which also required her to get catastrophic insurance. At the end of her training, she received her first alert dog, whose alert accuracy was 100%.



Suddenly, life was an adventure for Kim. With her alert dog, she could drive wherever she wanted. Make plans with friends, go places—without any fear. It was a new life. Her loneliness and fear dissipated. Grateful beyond measure, her life went from black and white to beautiful color.

When her service dog had to be retired due to an accident, another hero came in his place. Enter Troy, a Golden Retriever who absolutely loved his job and Kim. "He's my guardian angel who always has my back," Kim said. For eight years, Troy has saved her life more times than she can count, and with Troy's accuracy rate at 100%, he often alerted ahead of the glucose monitor.

Life was so good with Troy. The bond they shared was deep and sacred. "Unless someone has this disease, you don't understand the mental toll Type 1 takes on

you. Troy understands what I'm feeling. He comforts me in a loving way that no person would be able to do. That alone is worth the costs associated with having a service dog," she says.

Love and freedom. You can't beat it. Kim was so moved by Troy and the work he did, she began volunteering at Dogs4Diabetics.

But in the middle of the night, Kim woke to hear Troy screaming, his body jerking uncontrollably. Terrified, she took him to her vet, who was also a volunteer for Dogs4Diabetics. The vet wasn't terribly concerned as dogs sometimes have a seizure, and it never happens again. "If it does happen again in the next 24 hours, bring him back," the vet said.

Relieved, Kim and Troy went about their day. But just four hours later, Troy had a second grand mall seizure. The vet did an ultrasound of his stomach and found no blockages. She encouraged Kim to find a clinic that performed MRIs. "I have a hunch that Troy has a brain tumor. I'm going to put him on anti-seizure medication for now," she said.

But Kim's whole world was rocked when she heard the fatal words brain tumor. The dog she loved most in this world and her steadfast partner in battling this disease was seriously ill. Kim simply couldn't take it in, but fear pushed her into action mode immediately. Her biggest obstacle was finding a vet specialist. There were so few in her area, but that didn't stop her.

Kim got on the phone and called every veterinary clinic she could find until she located VCA Bay Area Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Hospital, just 30 minutes from her home. The clinic's news wasn't good. They confirmed that Troy did have a brain tumor called meningioma.

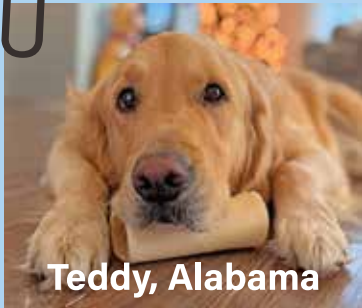
The meninges are the protective membranes surrounding the brain and the spinal cord. Instead of affecting the brain itself, this wicked tumor compresses the brain as it grows. Worse, meningioma often affects the olfactory area.

But even that wasn't the worst of it. Kim held her breath while the vet explained that the tumor was inoperable. She held back tears, trying to be strong. How could she possibly let her guardian angel and best furry friend go?

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Mosby's Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.



Teddy, Alabama

"We've just returned from Blue Pearl for Teddy's latest chemo treatment + wanted to extend our most heartfelt appreciation for the donation made to his care.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and for helping us to ease the burden of the cost of chemotherapy.

Wishing you all a most joyous and blessed holiday season! He is very happy to be back in his house with his family + his bone!"



Luna, Texas

"Luna's surgery was way worse than we thought. The doctor couldn't believe she was even alive mostly because her kidney was strangling itself and her liver was attaching itself to her heart. He had no choice but to crack open her chest to remove it and it put back or euthanize her if it didn't work. I thought for sure she wouldn't make it. She is definitely my Christmas miracle baby girl!!!"



Mini, West Virginia

"I'm Mini — an 11-year-old Heinz 57 sweetheart from West Virginia. That big mass on my back leg? Removed. Me? Recovering. My donut collar? Fashion. This WV Mountain Momma is back home on country roads, taking it easy, soaking up love, and keeping a very close eye on the snack situation. Please tell everyone I'm brave. And also tell them I deserve treats. Thank you."



Jake, Maryland

"Thank you very much for the donation. Jake is our world and this gesture means more than you know. It's going on two weeks and he is doing well. We are hoping the swelling around the eye goes away. But he is still our beautiful boy. Thanks again for your help."



Tuggy, New York

"I'd like to thank you again for the generous award towards Tuggy's surgery. We brought him home and it hasn't been easy for him. Poor little boy is having trouble getting and staying comfortable. His meds have been adjusted and this morning he finally is moving around a little easier and he was excited about breakfast. If there's anything Tuggy loves more than kisses it's his food."



Dexter, Utah

"Hi, I'm Dexter! Once upon a time, I lived outside and dreamed of belly rubs. Now, I'm living my best life—cancer tried to slow me down, but I've got a team of superheroes (that's you!) cheering me on.

Thanks to The Mosby Foundation and their grant partners, I'm getting the care I need. I can't wait for more days filled with treats, snuggles, and tail wags.



Bristol, Pennsylvania

"Thank you so much again for the donation! Bristol's surgery went well. She was such a trooper with everything. She is home and recovering. Doctors said, *"once the kidney stone was removed the swelling and redness reduced almost immediately."* They are going to have the kidney stone shipped off to help determine the best food to have her on and prevent this from happening again."

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In her darkest hour, a little light shone through. Her vet told her she had a friend who was getting ready to open his own neurology clinic. So, Kim discussed options with him. "Because Troy is so good at his job and loves his job, I think it's worth pursuing radiation treatments," he told her. Even though there were no guarantees, it gave Troy a fighting chance. Kim took a big breath, thankful that there was now more than one option.

At the radiologist's office, she confirmed that if Kim didn't do anything, Troy would probably last six months. That's how aggressive the tumor was. If she chose radiation, Troy's life could be extended up to two years. More precious time with the dog who had saved her life countless times. More time with the dog whose biggest flaw was asking for belly rubs. She stared down into the sweet eyes of the dog that loved her unconditionally and said, "Let's do it."

Without the catastrophic insurance, Kim could not have afforded the radiation treatments. "My dog is so wonderful. He has my back all the time. I had to do what I could to help him," Kim said tearfully. Thankfully, with the catastrophic insurance, Kim was able to do exactly that.

For three consecutive days, Troy had half-day radiation treatments. Following the completion of treatment, Troy's

whole head turned white. But what was truly remarkable was that Troy continued to alert Kim. Sometimes he alerted 20-45 minutes ahead of the continuous glucose monitor—even with a brain tumor.

But the big question was, did the radiation shrink the bulging tumor? Kim will have to take Troy for another MRI in a few months to find out, but all signs point to a reduction in size. Troy loves to play with the young pups in training at Dogs4Diabetics. So his energy is returning.

Still, even with the catastrophic insurance, Kim had large veterinary expenses related to Troy's illness. That's when Sara Outler, our former director, told her about The Mosby Foundation.

Kim applied and we were so moved by both Kim and Troy's commitment, we said yes. "I cannot tell you how my heart felt, knowing that others are so willing to help during our animals troubled times," Kim told us.

Troy and Kim prove to us once again the power of love, loyalty, and compassion. "Troy is not only my guardian angel for dealing with my diabetes, but also for keeping me together."

No matter how much time they have together, one thing's for sure. Each will hold the other up. Lovingkindness wins every time. 🐾



Memorials

IN MEMORY OF DOGS

Abby, pet of Peggy & Terry Adams, from Josie Maynard

Griffin, pet of Anne Avery, from Jeanne Hoffman & Bobbie Whitescarver

Cooper, who found the best dog's life with Matthew & Michael, from Joan & Rich Eberly

Tundra, Melvis, Spanky, & Bear, from Yolanda Beasley

Harley Brinkley, who we said good-bye to on July 17, 2025. We love Dr. Reeder, DVM, from Deborah Brinkley

Yeller, from Sheila Roeder

George Cooper, beloved pet of A. J. Heine & Shannon Payne, from Larry Harrell & Tom Arbaugh

George Cooper, from Sara Battin

Marley, the best dog ever, from John & Carol Warren

Chloe, from Robert & Michele Donlan

Daisy & Casey, from Jo Ann Mumma

Rigley, from Terri Pomphrey

Dandelion, a true companion, from Amy Baksa Scheuer

Lela beloved GSD, from Sandy P. Leary, Kim Brenneman, Joan Wilson, & Diane Travis

Chenji, from Arthur Hoffman

Daisy, beloved dog of Joan & Tom McDonald

Daisy, a princess Beagle that was greatly loved & greatly missed by Bill & Beverly Faulkenberry

Moose, missed everyday, from Donna Bengen

Bessie, from Virginia Anslinger

Fry & Rosie, from Bob & Liz Schreiber

Gracie, missed by Betty Mitchell, from Jeannie Mitchell

Griffin, missed by Ann Avery, from Jeannie Mitchell

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Linda Zemko, beloved friend who had a love for cats & all animals, from Rhonda Bowers

Michael Schaffer, beloved husband, from Ellen Fritz

Judy Warren, my sister, a true lover of dogs who passed away last November, from John & Carol Warren

Judith G. Armstrong, from Deborah Armstrong

Ray Dunlap, from R.C. Dunlap

IN HONOR OF DOGS

Toby, from Yolanda Beasley

Miska, from Deborah M. Murray

Bones, coolest Beagle ever, from Peter Alan Dey

All my dogs, from R.C. Dunlap

Mya, from Valentino Bianchini

Benji, my rescue Dachshund/Yorkie, from Steven Whipple

Megan & Emley

Boston, pet of David & Debbie Hughes, from Claude & Sandy Dull

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

Jenn Heim, Big dog lover/Big heart, from Josie Maynard

Lilly Lefferts, a rescue most cherished by her family for many years

Bob & Schreiber, from Mid Valley Press employees

IN MEMORY OF CATS

Spooky (21) and Muffin (18) dearly loved for so many years from Marcia Butler

The Mosby Foundation on the Move in 2025



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Guinness, Arkansas

"I already took my big plane ride to Anchorage, got the treatment I needed, and guess what? I'm back HOME where I belong.

These short legs are ready for fresh air, familiar trails, and all the cozy recovery naps—right next to my siblings, of course."



Cooper, Virginia

"Cooper is doing great. Thank you all for everything you did to help me be able to help him. He has gained the weight he lost from the surgery and cancer. He has gotten super affectionate and loving. He was always this way with me and my son but now he has gotten close to his "dad" and also with my daughter-in-law. Cooper loves to lay on my daughter-in-laws belly and listen to the baby. He loves to go walking again and play with his toys. I take him with me everywhere that he is allowed to go. He loves riding in my truck with the window cracked. I call him my "papa" (which is potato in Spanish) because he loves to bake in the sun coming in the front door window. But not as much as he loves to snuggle and show he loves us. I love Cooper like he is my child because to me he is my family and I'm grateful to God for allowing me to find him and to Mosby for helping us when I couldn't do it by myself."



J-Cub, Texas

"It's me, J-Cub—the Texas pup with the "missing toe" but never missing a snack. A nasty tumor tried to steal my sparkle, but The Mosby Foundation and their pawsome pack of humans helped my family fetch the help I needed.

Now I'm back to chasing squirrels, collecting belly rubs, and living my best "three-toed" life. Who needs four when you've got this much love?

Thanks for lending a paw and making my comeback paw-sible. You're all doggone amazing!"

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A Reason to Smile:

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Quick safety note:

Please be careful when checking your dog's mouth — a painful pet may bite.

How you can help:

Because this is a pilot, we'll be starting small and learning as we go — so we can build something sustainable and fair. Your donation helps local dogs get out of pain and back to being themselves. Please consider making a gift using the enclosed remit slip.

A little hope (with a lot of heart)

We know how hard it is to watch a beloved dog struggle — especially when the solution is clear, but the cost is out of reach. This pilot program is one more way we're trying to show up for our neighbors and their dogs with practical help, compassion, and a little hope.

With gratitude (and some dog hair),
The Mosby Foundation Team





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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 will and I become as generous and loving as they are." -- Unknown

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