When the Unthinkable Happens

Aransas Pass, TX

Amanda’s family are BIG dog people. So, when she graduated from high school, her family gave her Ellie, a German Shorthaired Pointer puppy, as a gift. To say that she was thrilled would be an understatement.

As a young woman working two jobs to financially prepare for nursing school, Amanda lived at home but paid her share of the bills. Her primary position was with a nursing home. Her second job was as a waitress at a local restaurant. When she came home from either job, Ellie would run to meet her.

It was a lot like Christmas for the young dog and the gift was Amanda. Playful and talkative, Ellie often “talked back” to her, running around Amanda’s legs, and play biting her, tail wagging.

When you’re working two jobs, you need a little levity in your life! Ellie was that lightness. Much like a service dog, when Amanda wasn’t working, Ellie went with her everywhere.

And rotten? Don’t even go there. Ellie was completely spoiled. So, when Amanda came home from her nursing home job, she was mystified that Ellie did not gallop to greet her at the door. At 2 ½, she was a ball of energy.

When she found Ellie, the dog wouldn’t move. Amanda reached out to touch her companion but Ellie turned her face away. At first, Amanda thought Ellie had something in her mouth she didn’t want her to see.

When she was finally able to touch Ellie’s jaw, it popped, and her dog screeched in pain.

Immediately, Amanda took Ellie to her vet. He put Ellie on antibiotics until he could figure out the problem.

Finally, it was determined that Ellie’s dog had Masticatory Muscle Myositis (MMM). An autoimmune disorder, MMM is an inflammatory disease that affects the muscles of the jaw, causing them to become swollen and painful, preventing a dog’s mouth from opening.

As the disease progresses, the muscles begin to atrophy causing a sunken appearance. MMM is more common in large breed dogs like Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds, but not German Shorthaired Pointers.

That’s why Dr. Novak did not consider it a possibility. In fact, less than 5% of dogs, even those prone to the disease, ever get it. If the disease wasn’t halted, the left side of young Ellie’s face would sink and her eyes would swell. Worse, she would lose all motor function on the affected side of her face.

Without effective treatment, Ellie would either have to be placed on a feeding tube or face euthanization. Neither of those options appealed to Amanda.

Dr. Novak started the dog on steroids with the goal of getting her into remission. Generally, if the disease does go into remission, the dog may never have another flare up. Steroids are effective at treating the disease but they are very hard on the body, animal or human.

Because Ellie was so young, Amanda felt it was worth the risk continued on page 3
When we experience frigid temperatures like much of the country is having, we bundle up with an extra layer of clothing, keep our heat sources going and our fireplaces roaring. We limit our dogs’ outdoor activity when the temperatures are below freezing. Sadly, we are well aware that not all dogs enjoy this protection.

Like you at this time of year, we learn the tragic stories of dogs freezing to death, and we become enraged and grief-struck for these sweet souls. It goes without saying that through no fault of their own, they did not experience a home with love and warmth. In sharp contrast, the stories in this newsletter show countless families that search tirelessly to find the medical assistance their dogs need. They love and care for their dogs as we do. This is not the reality for many dogs, sometimes with disastrous results.

It is hard to fathom those that would be so cruel as to leave their dogs outside in unrelenting winter weather. These wonderful creatures that give unconditional love, deserve more than basic shelter and food, but at least that. If care cannot be provided, then surrendering to a humane group or shelter is a better option. When people do not provide life-sustaining care for their pets, then it falls to the rest of us to advocate for them. If you see a neglected dog without proper shelter, food and water, please call a humane group, an animal shelter, police or animal control office.

This call may clearly mean the difference between life and death for that dog.

Thankfully, the families that apply for assistance from us consider their dogs as family members. Their love and determination to get their dogs the medical care they need are very evident, and it is a relief to be able to contribute to helping their dogs return to a healthy condition. We are able to do this because of support from you, our wonderful donors, that understand the love and devotion we feel for dogs. Please continue supporting our work by sending a contribution in any amount. The families of the dogs we help are always so grateful.

In support of canines,
David Fitt, President

BRAVO!

Teresa Carpenter-Simmons, owner of TriggerHappy Photography for taking fantastic photos at the grand opening event of The Mine Branch Dog Ranch and donating a portion of the proceeds to The Mosby Foundation to help dogs in need. And also for donating to us from the Santa/Pet Photo Shoot you held at Tender Care Veterinary Center, Fishersville, VA.

You ROCK!! If you need great pet photos taken Teresa is your photographer!

Hill Top Berry Farm and Winery, Nellysford, VA, for always supporting us and making such a wonderful donation to help more dogs in need. Please visit this vineyard and have fun, CHEERS!
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to save her dog from a premature death. For six months, she was on the drug and it worked!

The disease went into remission. But there were complications. Ellie, who normally weighed 50 pounds ballooned to 90. She also developed secondary infections of the eyes but those were treated with antibiotics.

All in all, Amanda counted herself lucky. Then, due to Ellie’s weakened immune system, a growth formed in her mouth on the affected side. Dr. Novak extracted fluid from the area and found that Ellie had developed a salivary mucocele.

In other words, a salivary gland was working non-stop, producing so much saliva that the gland had formed a sac in her mouth. As these sacs grow, they become highly disruptive. Dogs have difficulty eating and drinking. That was the case with Ellie.

As a temporary measure, Amanda had the salivary gland drained. A painful procedure, it was a short-term method for relieving Ellie’s pain. Because these salivary mucoceles get worse if left untreated, Amanda scheduled Ellie for surgery to remove it.

Then the unthinkable happened, Hurricane Harvey. In preparation for the storm, the staff at the nursing home where Amanda worked spent five hours evacuating 150 residents, moving them four hours away to safety.

Amanda’s family boarded up their home, and her parents boarded up their business, a custom gun shop. Like everyone in South Texas, they and their dogs, prepared for the worst. At the same time, one of their neighbors threatened to put down their own German Shorthaired Pointer because she “was just too much trouble,” so Amanda’s family took her in, too.

The building that housed the family’s business remained intact, but everything inside was ruined, including machinery.

The nursing home was completely destroyed, leaving Amanda without a primary source of income. Now she only had her part-time waitressing job. In fact, she and one other family member were the only people in her family that had jobs at all.

Power was out for 14 days and there was no running water. Looting became rampant and a mandatory curfew of 9 p.m. was instituted. During this unprecedented time of upheaval, Amanda did what she could to keep Ellie comfortable. “Everything was at a standstill,” Amanda told us. “We had no other choice.”

Ellie still carried the additional 40 pounds from the steroids and there was no air conditioning. As you can imagine, the dog was miserable. But considering that Amanda’s family actually had a roof over their heads, Ellie’s discomfort was only a minor inconvenience. She was eating, drinking, and mildly active. That was the best Amanda could hope for.

Harvey’s devastation may have wiped out life as South Texans knew it, but it could not kill their determination.

“We’re doing what we can,” Amanda said. “It’s hard to be overly upset because we literally have people in our town sleeping in tents. We’ll be okay.”

That resolve was reflected in Amanda’s family. A tightknit clan, everyone made financial contributions to their ultimate survival. Amanda was no exception. “I put in my college savings.”

Once the storm was behind them, everyone affected by Harvey began rebuilding. For Amanda, it meant resuming getting treatment for Ellie.

She started a GoFundMe page and a You Caring page, hoping to raise funds for Ellie’s surgery. “There was no response,” Amanda told us. “Everyone was in such a state of shock, and there simply were no funds to pass around.”

Like so many others in her town, she tried to get a loan from her bank but the answer was no. That’s when she started applying to animal non-profits online.

Having worked to help victims of Hurricane Harvey, we wanted to do what we could for Amanda and Ellie. We knew that if Harvey hadn’t happened, Amanda would have shoulder this responsibility and gotten Ellie the help she needed.

But Amanda, and all of South Texas, didn’t expect the unthinkable.

That’s why we made a generous donation towards Ellie’s surgery. “I am so grateful,” Amanda told us. “Bridgett was so amazing. I just want to say thank you!”

With The Mosby Foundation’s pledge, Amanda had three-fourths of the total she needed. Surgery was then scheduled for a Wednesday but the surgeon delayed it until Friday. Why? It turns out the salivary gland to be removed was one of the rarest salivary glands to become hyperactive. It was so rare that the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital of Texas A&M wanted veterinary students to observe the procedure.

The surgery went extremely well, and Ellie won the hearts of the staff! Now she can look forward to a lifetime of fun and play with Amanda.

What drew The Mosby Foundation to help this twenty-year-old woman was her love, courage, and absolute resolve in the face of overwhelming adversity. Her young dog contracted Masticatory Muscle Myositis, and then a salivary mucocele, followed by a killer hurricane that wiped out her town, and drained her college savings for nursing school— all at the same time—and yet she persevered.

Amanda refused to let her circumstances steal the opportunity for treatment for her dog. She also pulled together financially with her family to get through Harvey.

This young woman’s service is also a testament to her strength, courage, and determination. The nursing industry is lucky to have her.

And Ellie is one lucky dog! 🐶
**Gimme Shelter**
We are helping so many dogs, we do not have space to list them all!

**Bear, Rising Sun, MD**
Shortly after being adopted, Bear suffered a back injury when he fell out of his new owners’ car. Not willing to pay for the surgery he needed to correct his injury, Bear was reclaimed by the rescue group he left just weeks before. Through donations from our many supporters, Bear was able to receive his surgery, made a full recovery and was adopted into a new forever home!

**Brutus, Frederick, MD**
Brutus is a very special furbaby to his mom as he is all she has left of her late daughter. When he was diagnosed with oral melanoma, it was devastating news and an overwhelming cost for his disabled mom. Thanks to so many loving supporters of The Mosby Foundation, Brutus was able to get on his road to recovery!

**Nala, Freeville, NY**
Nala was surrendered to a high-kill shelter in North Carolina when her previous owner discovered that she had patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). A rescue group found her a foster home in Upstate NY, that became her forever home at just the right time. Nala needed immediate surgery to have the best chance at a healthy life. The Mosby Foundation was happy to contribute to her treatment and are so happy to report that Nala is doing well and expected to make a full recovery!

**Tootsie, Milan, MI**
When Tootsie was diagnosed with Lymphoma her veterinarian was optimistic with her prognosis. Thanks to friends at the Petco Foundation & Blue Buffalo Pet Foods who helped to make it all possible, she is half way through her chemo treatments and is doing great!

**Sprout, Richmond, VA**
Sprout was a rescue in need of a FHO to correct severe hip dysplasia. With our help he had the needed surgery, and we are happy to report that it went well. He is expected to make a full recovery!

**Jack, Black Hawk, SD**
Jack is so happy that he received help from our generous supporters to remove a fast growing mass on his eye. Now he can see just fine and is pain free!

**Molasses (Moe), Charlottesville, VA**
Moe had third degree atrioventricular block. The electrical impulses from the top chambers of her heart were not properly conveyed to the lower chambers and if left untreated she was given only 3 to 5 months to live. Thanks to the Petco Foundation, Moe received a life saving pacemaker and is doing great!!

**Tilly, La Pine, OR**
Three years ago, Tilly’s mom rescued her from an over breeding situation at a puppy mill. Recently, Tilly was diagnosed with lung adenocarcinoma and thyroid carcinoma. Her mom knew she needed to seek help for Tilly so she would be able to live out the best life possible. We were happy to contribute to the necessary surgery, and thankfully she recovered from the surgery and is doing well!

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Rosie, Portland, OR
After Rosie’s grade II mast cell tumor was removed, she needed chemotherapy to continue her recovery. With help from our grant from the Petco Foundation and Blue Buffalo Pet Foods, Rosie started her therapy and is responding well to treatment.

Rocky, Smithfield, PA
A breeder released Rocky to a shelter as a result of a heart murmur. His new mom took him to a cardiologist who diagnosed him with PDA, and stated that surgery was needed as soon as possible to avoid any further damage to his little heart. We are ecstatic to report that he is doing well after his surgery and is expected to make a full recovery!

Melody, Peterstown, WV
After the masses in Melody’s neck were removed, she began chemo treatments. Her mom needed a little extra help to get her to the end of her recovery. We are glad to report she is doing well!

Chewy, Lakeland, FL
Shortly after Chewy moved into his forever home, testing revealed that his neglected past led him to contract heartworm disease. His new mom wasn’t going to let that stop him from having a healthy new life and reached out for help with his treatments. We are happy to report a heartworm-free Chewy!

Addie’s Hope, Addison, AL
Addie became an inspiration to her town when the local police team rescued her from a drainage pipe after a storm. She was unable to stand on her severely broken legs and required surgery. Thanks to many generous local supporters and donors of The Mosby Foundation’s special fund drive, she was able to receive the help she so desperately deserved and is on her way to a complete recovery!

Duff, Cape Coral, FL
Thanks to so many loving donors and supporters, Duff was able to receive radiation treatments for his trigeminal nerve tumor near his brain. He and his dad are grateful for the assistance that aided in his healing!

Cody, Lake Oswego, OR
Cody needed surgery to remove a sublingual mucocele ranula. After much research, his dad found the assistance he needed and a local surgeon that expects Cody to make a full recovery!

Piper, Wheat Ridge CO
While under anesthesia during a routine surgery, Piper’s stomach acid burned her nasal passage. Three unsuccessful surgeries occurred as a result of trying to correct the issue. Luckily a skilled surgeon knew exactly what to do, and with a contribution from The Mosby Foundation, the 4th time was a charm! We are happy to report that Piper is finally on her way to a full recovery!

Rambo, Odenville, AL
When Rambo completely tore her CCL the only course of action was surgery. Her mom, who had recently gone through a cancer diagnosis, was not able to pay the unexpected medical expense. Thankfully, The Mosby Foundation was able to assist with her surgery so she could get back to her happy, healthy life.

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The Meaning of Being Best Friends
Richmond, VA

In 2012, a friend asked Claudia if she wanted a dog. Without hesitation, she said, “Yes!” Claudia got in her truck and hightailed it over to her friend’s house with her current dog, Shadow Bear.

She wanted to make sure that the two dogs got along before making the commitment. When Claudia arrived, she opened the door and got out of the truck. That’s when Fred, a four-year-old Australian Cattle Dog, jumped up in her seat, and pretty much said, “This seat is mine!”

Tongue wagging, Fred reached over and rubbed noses with Shadow Bear, declaring him his new best friend. Well, that was that. No big decision to make. Fred came home with Claudia and made it his home without missing a beat.

Shortly after Fred became a member of their family, Shadow Bear passed away due to old age. That’s when Edy, a Collie/Great Pyrenees mix, came to live with them. Fred, ever gracious and loving, made Edy feel right at home.

Ken, Claudia’s husband, was a double amputee due to complications from diabetes. He stayed home on their small farm while Claudia went to work. It was on a stormy afternoon that Ken called a bit frantic. “I think Fred’s afraid of stormclouds,” he said.

“Well, he lived in a cage most of his life, so he probably is,” Karen said. “What’s the problem?”

Ken cleared his throat and said, “Well, he jumped up in my lap when the thunder clapped, and nearly knocked over my wheelchair!”

Claudia had to refrain from laughing and simply encouraged Ken to “love on him” and Fred would calm down. But that wasn’t the problem Ken was referring to. “Honey, he’s kind of a big dog to be sitting on my lap.” That’s when Karen did laugh and told her husband to give it a little bit, and Fred would probably jump down. And he did.

But it was a defining moment for Fred. Someone cared enough about him to tough it out. After that, he stuck to Ken like glue.

It was a few months later when Claudia came home from work that she knew something was wrong. No one greeted her at the door. When she called for both Edy and Fred, neither dog responded.

Claudia made her way into Ken’s room and found him on the floor, unresponsive. He had died of a heart attack sometime in the afternoon.

The dogs guarded Ken’s body until Claudia got home. Once they saw her, they left and went outside. Claudia was in shock that her husband had passed so suddenly, and that her dogs had stood guard over him for hours and hours, never leaving his body.

With Ken gone, Fred gravitated toward Claudia. She became his new best friend. Financially, it became too difficult for Claudia to keep the small farm. She sold all of her animals and found a small house with a fenced yard. Then, she lost her job.

Not always on time with her rent, and facing health issues of her own, Claudia’s landlord worked with her. It was one sleepless night that she got up around 4:00 a.m. to sit on her front porch and think.

Both dogs came with her. A man walked by with his dog, and for some reason, both Fred and Edy became very excited about this. Fred jumped the fence and ran out into the road right into an oncoming car.

At first, Claudia thought Fred was dead but then she saw him get up. The bottom half of his right rear leg was turned backward, but he immediately came back to Claudia. She opened the gate and he fell into the grass.

Claudia’s neighbor talked to the woman who said, “I’ve never hit a dog before.” She picked up the broken piece from her car, got in her vehicle and left. The man that was walking his dog, just kept on walking.

Claudia felt like she was in a surreal dream. Instinctively, she called one of her friends, Janie, who came right over and helped her get Fred in the back of Janie’s SUV. They rushed him to the emergency veterinary clinic, Manakin-Sabot.

There, the clinic ran a gamut of tests to determine the extent of Fred’s injuries. The bad news was this: in order to save Fred’s leg, it would cost $4,000. Worse, Claudia only had 48 hours to raise the money.

Frantic, she called her friend, Mari, with Animal Adoption and Rescue Foundation, continued on page 9
Mosby’s Mail

Letters may have been edited due to space.

Your generous donation to Margie’s chemotherapy treatments has not been forgotten. She is still soldiering on Mosby Foundation!

Thank you!
Michelle Gosnell
Baltimore, MD

Chewy started her treatment which is 30 days on doxycycline. Then she gets the actual heartworm medicine injection. No adverse reactions to the meds. So far so good!

Thank you so much!
Tanya Thomas
Lakeland, FL

Rambo & I just want to thank you for the generous grant you provided. It is humbling to see your child in pain and not be able to help. Before I adopted Rambo, she was abused and starved. I promised her that she would never suffer again. Without your foundation I would have broken my promise! I will keep you updated and thank you again for helping her!

Brittnee & Rambo
Odenville, AL

Addie has been having so much fun! She has been doing great! She’s such a sweet happy girl! I don’t know what we would have done without The Mosby Foundation and all the kindhearted souls that donated to Addie in her time of need. Thank you so very much everyone!

Sue Themann
Addison, AL

A picture is worth a thousand words, but our hearts are full of thanks! You deserve thanking!

Lois & Davy Hultz
Rutledge Lucas
Spring Valley, CA

Thank you! I feel like you started us off on a great note! Tootsie is doing well after her treatment yesterday. There was just 1 small lymph node they could barely feel so the Oncologist said chances are Tootsie is in remission now! They still do the full 25 week protocol of treatments to keep her in remission but great news! We are so thankful to The Mosby Foundation, to you and to the donors.

Sincerely,
Ali Brown
Milan, MI

Bear is doing wonderful and progressing as hoped. He is able to express his bladder now and is up walking around, although a bit wobbly. His surgeon says about 6 more weeks of therapy. Thank you so very much for helping Bear. We are forever grateful!

Gods Grace Canine Rescue
Rising Sun, MD

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Merlen's surgery was successful! Thanks to your all's help, that was a true act of kindness and love of animals. We certainly appreciate your help, and Bridgett, thanks for overseeing this and being so nice to me and Merlen. You saved his life, that's a very big deal to me. For now he's been doing great and should only be getting better. Thank you again for everything along with everyone at The Mosby Foundation.

God bless you all,
Mark & Merlen Rose
Fairborn, OH

Thank you all so very much for your help with Jynx's surgery and I will definitely keep you updated on his progress. We will be forever grateful for the people who have helped make this possible. He is home and recovering well so far. He is pretty bruised and swollen as expected but in far less pain than prior to the surgery. He had to have a screw placed in the right side of his pelvis and a plate put in the right femur. The doctor said he should recover fine but it will be a lengthy process. He is able to walk in short distances with support to potty but otherwise is crated. I'll continue to update as he gets better. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Danyelle Gillespie & Jynx
Elliston, VA

These past few weeks have been filled with so much joy. Ellie had her last check up on Wednesday and is in perfect health. Her incisions are now healed and she plays all day. Ellie has become my pup once again. She is also vocal again and has begun to play with her toys. I can't express how grateful I am for your organization. To have my best friend back and happy is the best gift I could have ever received. The Mosby Foundation has been the light in a very stressful year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me back my fur baby.

Best wishes,
Amanda Brown
Aransas Pass, Texas

We got some great news yesterday! Sprout no longer needs to wear the cone and he can be eased back to normal activity over the course of the week, meaning no more strict crate rest. We did X-rays and his surgeon said the FHO surgery was successful and healing properly! He's also not concerned about the possibility of bone cancer. Whew. Some of his seizure activity returned for a week, but we're a few days without any tremors so I'm hopeful that's done now too. Next step is starting a physical therapy plan. Thanks again to everyone at The Mosby Foundation for your assistance. Look what a happy dog I have now!

Thomas DeSanto
Richmond, VA

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Thank you for all you do and your generous pledges. This photo is post surgery. Today Misty had her first walk in the park feeling good like her old self. The drain & the staples were removed today. Prayers and blessings to you all.

Regards
Elizabeth Pelletier
Newbury Park, CA

Thank you so much for your kind contribution! Faith is doing well after surgery. She is on the road to recovery. She is wearing a cone constantly to protect the stitches. She is taking medication as prescribed. We could not have done this without your foundation. We know the pain from her eye surgery is different than the pain previously and it will subside soon. Before we were hopeless and now we are hopeful because of your contribution. I will send more photos as her recovery continues. We are forever grateful for the heartfelt donation from you! Thanks again!!

Tonja Paolino
Myrtle Beach, SC
Gimme Shelter
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Bullit, Elizabethtown, KY
Bullit had a very aggressive and fast growing mass on his eye that needed quick removal. With the help of our wonderful donors, his mom is glad to report that “he is back to his fun, playful self. Our family is so thankful for your foundation.”

Kevin, Newark, NJ
Since birth, Kevin’s mom has been disabled, and heavily relies on her dog for emotional support. Unfortunately, Kevin was injured by a hit-and-run driver, suffering a severe distal femoral fracture requiring surgery. Knowing the high cost, a friend quickly helped her seek assistance. We were glad to contribute and are happy to hear that Kevin has had his surgery and is healing nicely!

Snoopy, Lenoir, NC
Snoopy was brought to the local Animal Control with a femoral and pelvic fracture and needed surgery. We contributed to his surgery, and are happy to report that it went well. He is expected to make a full recovery in his new forever home!

The Meaning of Being Best Friends
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and told her the problem. Mari was the catalyst Claudia needed to shake her from her grief. “Get an application into The Mosby Foundation right away,” she said. “They will help you.”

She also encouraged Claudia to start a GoFundMe page, which she did. Mari also had Fred transferred to her vet, Dr. Locke Taylor, who could remove Fred’s leg for much less.

It was at this point however, Claudia was having a crisis of her own. She loved Fred but she was afraid of the huge bill she would have to pay. And she had already lived with a double amputee, her husband. She wasn’t sure she could go through that again.

Claudia thought about having Fred put down to save both him and herself the pain. But animals are uncanny in their connection to their pet parent. When Fred was transferred to Dr. Taylor’s office, his eyes locked onto Claudia’s. The message was clear. ‘Please, I want to live!’

Claudia broke down. That’s when she knew that no matter how hard it was emotionally to live with another amputee, she would. Fred had made it clear he wanted to be with his family.

Claudia’s decision marked the turning of the tide. The Mosby Foundation called. We told her that we would help with a large majority of the bill. And that’s when Claudia broke down again and cried. “Where do I even begin to tell you how wonderful The Mosby Foundation is?” she said, her heart overcome with gratitude. “I can’t say enough good things about them.”

“I’m also so grateful for Dr. Taylor. They were wonderful to Fred and me.”

Fred had his amputation on a Thursday. When Claudia came to pick him up on Friday, she was stunned to learn that Fred had already had a walk that morning. When she brought him home, she told her friend, Janie, “We’ll probably have to help him up the porch steps.”

But Fred had other ideas. By the time the two women bent down to help him, Fred was already at the top of the steps! And his eyes were saying, “Let me in. This is my home!” Both women were incredulous.

Edy was overjoyed to see her friend. She sniffed him from head to toe and made it clear how much she had missed him.

That night, Claudia made a bed for Fred on the floor beside her bed. But Fred said, “No thank you,” and lifted his paw on the side of her bed. Claudia got out of bed and helped him up. He slept soundly beside her for the whole night.

But that’s what friends do, don’t they? When one is doubtful, the other is hope and confidence. When one needs a helping hand, the other is the hand that helps. Fred never doubted his place beside Claudia, she was his BFF, and he never let her forget that.

We should all have a best friend like Fred.”
UPDATE: Sherman Gephard

Thank you all for the assistance with Jack’s eye surgery. As you can see, he is doing great! We are so grateful.

Love,
Michelle & Jack Teets

Duff and I want to say thank you so much for helping him with his cancer fight. The legacy of Mosby and his mission lives on with your support of Duff in his brave fight. We are so grateful for you, Petco Foundation, and the work you do.

Many thanks again and prayers to you all,
Jon & Duff
Cape Coral, FL

UPDATE: Vieques Humane Society

As the year draws to a close, we reflect back on the generous and kind support Vieques Humane Society has received especially in the wake of Hurricanes Irma & Maria. Our hearts were filled with the kindness of The Mosby Foundation to promote our cause and raise much-needed donations on behalf of the many shelter animals that rode out the storms with us and those who have arrived since.

I was on Vieques in mid-December with a team of volunteers who assisted with a 5-day spay-a-thon (200 animals treated in our clinic), planning sessions, and transport of 20 more cats & dogs to forever homes. I was there to receive the $4000 check from The Mosby Foundation. It was so exciting to actually see it!

On behalf of our staff, Board members, volunteers and shelter animals, we want you to know how honored we are to be noticed and supported by The Mosby Foundation. You do really important work and have made it possible for us to continue our work serving unwanted and abandoned animals on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

Thank you,
Mary Anne Mather
VHS Governing Board Secretary

Mosby note: We sent another check for $1,150 from donations that came in over the holidays for the dogs at the Vieques Humane Society. Thank you all for being so generous in helping this wonderful shelter and their animals!
Memorials

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

Thank you for all your efforts to protect and educate people about their animals, from Janet Schlosser.

What a loving, caring, job you all do! From Mike Reday.

BEVERLEY FAULKENBERY, for her unending & generous support of rescued dogs. She is truly an angel to those who are in need, be it animal or human. So thankful, Jake & Jane Ford.

CAROLE ADAMS, thank you for all you do, XO Vicki Walter.

CAROLE ADAMS, from Marilyn Ross.

LAURIE DOWNING & CINDY ROBERTS, from Dean & Allison Humbert.

DIAN, at MIDDLE RIVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, VERONA, VA, from Jane Cangalos.

DONNA LOVERN, from Janet Riddlebarger.

ALL OF OUR CLIENTS at MIDDLE RIVER VETERINARY HOSPITAL, VERONA, VA. We are truly appreciative of each one of them as they share our philosophy of care and compassion for all pets, from Kathryn A. Dobyns, DVM and staff.

DR. GHURI KRISHNA, SILVER SPRING ANIMAL HOSPITAL, KENSINGTON, MD. Happy Holidays from Ruby Eisen & family.

YVONNE INGRAM-RANKIN, from Lisa Ingram.

SHELIE RHODES, LOVE ON A LEASH, Harrisonburg, VA, from Isabelle Chewning.

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

RORY W. LOVERN, from Donna Lovern.

KEVIN BOWERS, he was a Deputy Sheriff in Frederick City for 13 years. During that time he served as a K-9 Deputy with his best friend Vasco by his side, from Beverly Grimes.

JEAN HANES, wife, mother, grandmother, and extreme lover of dogs, from Vicki & Lon Soles.

CINDY HANNANT, mother & Grandmother to Lisa, from Vicki & Lon Soles.

MARGEE BOOTH, I miss you every day! From Roxanne Moskowitz.

HEATHER WILKINS, from Bev Grimes.

FRANK HENDERSON, my husband, from Margaret Henderson.

IN MEMORY OF DOGS

INDY, beautiful therapy dog of George & Sharon.

Goodrow III, from Dave & Gail Brown.

SOPIE, from Janice Ballinger.

NEIL, beautiful rescued girl and Susan Aronson's beloved baby who is sorely missed, from the Faulkenberry's with love.

BAXTER, sweet, sweet rescued boy of the Jane & Jake Ford family who recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge at age 18. He is greatly loved and sadly missed by his family and neighbors, from the Faulkenberry's.

MAX, beloved companion of Dalton & Katie Ford, from Peyton & Carol Coyner.

WIKKI and SHILOH, my beloved dogs, from Linda French.

ROSIE, beloved dog of Clyde & Kathy Ambrose, from Anita Clemmer.

MAGGIE DOGGIE, a sweet girl loved, cared for, nurtured, fed well, more love for 44 days by Susannah Charles & friends, from Vicki & Lon Soles.

REMY, beloved dog of Wendy Molodich & Family, from Vicki & Lon Soles.

MOSBY ADAMS, from Sheila & Ray Roeder.

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SOPHIE, beloved pet of the Repp family, from Lynne & Dan Gilbert.

MOKEY, from Malinda "Kay" Eavers.

MOOSE BENGEN, My boy Moose -remembering him at Christmas and every day. Love and miss you more than anything. Gone too young. Rest easy my best boy, from Donna Bengen.

INDY, our beloved boy, we will never forget you, from Sharon & George GOODROW.

BUCK, in loving memory, from Dean & Allison Humbert.

Buck, from Sharon Dyer.

NORTON & SPARKY FINLEY, from Dave & Rebecca Francis.

JACK & MARLEY ARMSTRONG, from Deb Armstrong.

MICKEY, LAYA, BUDDY, and RIKKI, from Spencer & Ann Taylor.

INDY, beloved companion of George & Sharon Goodrow, from Jaxx.

LUCY, beloved dog of the Freiert family, from Robin Clement.

ABBIE, COCO & our sweet little RIO, from C&M Vincelette.

MITZI & MOLLY McGEE, our 1st and 2nd Dachshunds who both lived to about 14 years. Bless you for the work you do for the animals, from Betty Shirley.

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PEEGEE TIPS & POOCHONG GALLON, two Havanese Silk dogs, brothers, who died within a few weeks of each other. PEEGEE was deaf and had other health issues. They were so close that POO just could not carry on without him and died of a broken heart, from Carol Sloan.

HELKIE, from Louise Moccia.

LLILLY MADISON, beloved pet of the Printy family, from Big Daddy, Nana Beck, and Margaret.

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PIPER, our new puppy! From Barbara & Jim Bradley.

MARLEY, on her 13th birthday!! From John & Carol Warren.

AETJE & DILLON, from Nancy Burton.

SOPHIE, ATTICUS and ALL DOGS that provided unconditional love to mankind, from Carol Uttelemman.

ANGEL, a Pekingese, from Maureen Taylor.

GRETA & LOKI, from Susan & Ray Clark.

ABBIE & COCO from Michele Vincelette.

Merry Christmas to ALL MY FURRY FRIENDS, from Darlene Watson.
"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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