Twenty-eight years is a long time for two sisters to be apart. Different lifestyles and differing opinions kept them at arm’s length, sometimes with no communication at all for years. Now in their mid-50’s, Sonia and Dorinda wanted to come home...to each other.

“We felt we could finally be a family,” Sonia told us. A fiercely independent woman living in South Carolina, Dorinda spent much of her life moving around. And, as a truck driver, she spent a good portion of her life on the road.

Sadly, in spite of the most careful preparation, their reunion would not come to pass. This is Sonia’s story about family love and loss, and the fragility of life itself. Gleaned from her sister’s journal and their conversations, Sonia shared with us how much her sister loved animals. From chickens to dogs, Dorinda had a huge heart.

As Dorinda and Sonia talked about what to do with her pets, it was clear that Whistle and Shadow, her two mixed breed dogs, would come with her. Sonia was fine with that.

“What about Sparky?” Sonia asked with a grin. She already knew the answer. Sparky was a Bantam rooster. Let’s make that a spoiled rotten Bantam rooster. Dorinda once sent Sonia a video that asked this question. “How do you hypnotize a rooster?” Then she showed Sparky on her lap with Dorinda stroking his comb with a Q-Tip. The rooster went out like a light.

Sparky might have been small, but he definitely ruled the roost even with Dorinda’s dogs. She would often leave the house door open so the dogs could come inside. Sparky didn’t ask if that invitation extended to him too. He knew it did.

As for Whistle and Shadow, they knew better than to contradict Sparky; the feisty rooster would follow the two indoors. So the answer to Sonia’s question was obvious. “He’s coming with me,” Dorinda laughed.

A highly organized person, it took Dorinda 18 months to get ready for her life-changing move. She also kept a journal, documenting each day of her life. Dorinda took care of overdue medical issues like a hip replacement because she wanted to help Sonia move to a smaller house.
Mosby’s Mission
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.

The Mosby Foundation

Anyone involved in animal rescue/welfare will tell you, it is a monumental effort that could sometimes bring a grown man to tears. At The Mosby Foundation, we get calls and applications from dog lovers all across this country. As is our mission, we try to help when we can wherever we can. Some of the stories we hear have favorable outcomes after medical intervention, but sadly some do not. Our second story shows a courageous battle for a dog that currently has a good prognosis because of expensive treatment. Sometimes there is tragedy on the journey to better times, as our poignant cover story on Shadow and Sonia illustrate. Both show the need for assistance that is our purpose to provide.

As we listen to all the stories and process the applications, we remain ever grateful that we are in a position to alleviate dogs' suffering and consequently, some of that of their families. Anyone who has ever loved a dog knows the heartbreak of a critically ill dog or one that has been severely injured. With their lives and health on the line, we ask that you continue your support of our work and donate in any amount possible. As you read this newsletter, we hope you will be as gratified as we are by what your generous contributions have accomplished. Thank you for helping to make it happen.

In support of canines,
David Fitt
President

We love our locally owned Domino's for their pizza, compassion and constant support!

We thank the
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Then there was the matter of renewing and updating all of her heavy equipment certificates, as well as getting her CDL (Commercial Drivers License) re-certified. Dorinda wanted to make sure that once she arrived in Oregon, all she would have to do was transfer her licenses.

Whistle and Shadow were always kept up-to-date on their shots, but in classic Dorinda style, she had them fully vaccinated and microchipped before leaving. The vet declared that both dogs were healthy and quite fit for their new life.

The chickens were given to a trustworthy friend. But without a flock to boss around, Sparky became very depressed. Dorinda then retrieved one of the hens so that Sparky would have a companion. (As a side note, Sparky was way too small to mount the hen.)

Dorinda also had a concealed handgun permit. True to her precise nature, she mapped out the trip according to the states that allowed motorists to carry a concealed handgun. She would travel only in those states because she did not want to break the law.

Finally, Dorinda had a huge yard sale to liquidate her belongings. It was time. It appeared that eighteen months of careful planning paid off. As she packed her suitcase, Whistle kept pulling everything out and bringing it to her. She kissed the little dog and told him that Oregon was going to be a fine place to live; don’t worry so much.

Looking back, you have to wonder if Whistle had a premonition about this trip.

Dorinda hitched her 2006 Buick Rendezvous to the back of the U-Haul, carefully laying down cardboard and straw for Sparky and his lady friend. The two dogs rode in the U-Haul cab with Dorinda. To start, Whistle lay on the passenger floor and Shadow was on the seat.

On Friday, August 7th, Dorinda got into the U-Haul, stepped on the gas and said goodbye to her life in South Carolina, and hello to the long road home to her sister in Oregon. For four days, Dorinda traveled west through Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri. Always attentive and careful, she took time to care for her animals and herself.

Sonia spoke with her on Sunday night and Dorinda was pleased with how the trip was progressing. On Wednesday, she and her animal crew got up as usual, getting an early start. This time it appeared that Whistle sat on the seat of the U-Haul cab and Shadow sat on the floor.

At 9:30 a.m., Dorinda was taking an exit ramp in Carlin, NV. There was a tractor trailer ahead of her, waiting to make a left turn at the stop sign. Dorinda’s U-Haul rammed head long into the back of the trailer, killing her and Whistle instantly. There were no skid marks, no evidence that she ever tried to slow down. The impact was so great that rescuers would later have to pull the semi forward in order to access the U-Haul cab. The coroner later speculated that Dorinda had “some sort of cardiac event.” That big heart of hers apparently gave out.

For about 30 minutes, rescuers thought Shadow was dead, too. Covered in bits of glass mixed with her own and Dorinda’s blood, the dog appeared lifeless. Finally, she came to, frantically barking. Karen, the office manager for the Carlin police department, carefully lifted Shadow and took her to the vet.

Sparky and his companion fared the best. Neither was hurt. As Providence would have it, the owner of the towing company called to the scene, also had chickens. He volunteered to take both birds until the next of kin could be found.

It would take a week to track down Sonia. When she got the call from the coroner, she thought it was a terrible prank. When her mind could finally grasp the truth, her world dissolved into chaos.

Sonia arrived in Carlin, NV about 5 days later. As much as she tried to, she could not prepare herself for this tragedy. A stranger to this small community, Sonia’s grief was mixed with awe. The Carlin, NV police department had posted on their website the need for veterinary donations for the small dog that survived a fatal car wreck.

And the community responded. In just one week, Carlin raised $2200 for Shadow, and she desperately needed that care. Now in a loving foster home, Shadow was not only grief struck, she was recovering from dual hip relocation and eye surgery.

The little dog had lost the one person who loved her most in the world. She had lost...
Henry - North Charleston, SC
Henry’s mom went looking for the smallest puppy at the local animal shelter, but she came home with Henry! A Mastiff mix, Henry was diagnosed with mast cell tumors, but thanks to our great partners at Blue Buffalo and Petco, Henry will soon be able to have his tumors removed.

Obie - Woodbridge, VA
When Obie was adopted, he had a limp, and one day he just screamed and fell down. He was diagnosed with a luxating patella, which means that his kneecap slipped out of place. Obie’s mom has medical problems herself, and could not afford Obie’s expensive surgery. The Mosby Foundation referred her to a low cost clinic, and with help from our donors, Obie was able to get the surgery he needed to be able to walk alongside his mom for many years to come.

Simba - Palmdale, CA
Simba is a 3 year old male Shiba Inu mix who was found as a stray three years ago. A broken tooth was causing him pain and discomfort, but his family’s home had been destroyed in a fire, and they were living in a motel and unable to afford the care that Simba needed. The Mosby Foundation and Red Rover combined forces and were able to finance his tooth removal.

Sky - Tinton Falls, NJ
Sky is a beautiful 9 year old Siberian Husky who is a much-loved service dog for her guardian, Angelia. Sky had bilateral cataracts when Angelia came to us for assistance with the cost of surgery. With the help of The Mosby Foundation’s donors, Sky got her surgery, and her vet has given her a 90% chance of restoring her sight. We all hope Sky is back at work very soon!

Buster Brown - Middlefield, OH
Buster Brown is an 11 month old Great Pyrenees diagnosed with osteochondritis in both shoulders. A cartilage problem primarily seen in young male large or giant breed dogs, without surgery, Buster would surely become lame. Thanks to The Mosby Foundation, Buster Brown’s surgery is scheduled for this spring.

Trudy - Woodstock, CT
Trudy is a 10 year old Shih Tzu whose fur was so matted when she was rescued that she was unable to walk properly. Trudy also had glaucoma that was so severe that it could only be compared to a constant migraine. Once her eye is removed, our hope is for a spring filled with joyful walks and long naps.

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**Bear - Gainesville, FL**
Bear’s dad is a part-time student who got Bear from a friend. At his first vet visit, Bear was found to have severe gingivitis, a mass on his eyelid and heartworms. Bear’s dad sold his own blood plasma to help pay for some of the vet care that Bear needed, but reached out to us for help with the heartworm treatment. Bear will be started on a course of antibiotics followed by two injections of Melarsomine, which will kill the adult heartworms.

**Zoey - Varina, NC**
When Zoey’s mom went to the shelter 5 years ago she was looking for anything but a Pit Bull mix, but then she saw Zoey. A Pit Bull mix, Zoey was barking in a cage with three other dogs, and was clearly sick. Despite her initial misgivings, Zoey’s mom felt that Zoey was “the one.” When Zoey developed a mass on her foot, her mom reached out to The Mosby Foundation for help. Thanks to Petco and Blue Buffalo, the love affair between Zoey and her mom can continue.

**Rudy - Richmond, VA**
Rudy, a 10 year old Chihuahua mix, was a rescue dog who had been confined to a crate for most of his life, because his previous family said he barked too much. His new mom adopted Rudy 1 1/2 years ago, and he has become her beloved companion and “a real blessing” in her life. Rudy had severe bladder stones when his mom, who is disabled and mostly bedridden, asked us for help to pay for surgery. Thanks to The Mosby Foundation, Rudy is happy and healthy once again.

**Swamper - Mocksville, NC**
Swamper is a 2 year old Lab mix who had a large ranula (a cyst-type growth) under his tongue. Because of the size and location of the ranula, Swamper was referred to a specialty clinic; however, his mom decided to have the surgery at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, because the vet school is less expensive. We wish Swamper a speedy recovery.

**Bear - Villa Ridge, Illinois**
Bear was found running loose with a broken chain. Despite repeated pleas, no one claimed this handsome boy, so the woman who rescued him decided that he would make the perfect playmate for her three young sons. Bear was taken to the vet for a check-up, and was diagnosed as heartworm positive. The Mosby Foundation was able to help his family with treatment so that he can run and play with his three best friends in his new forever home.

**Mosby’s Mail**
Letters may have been edited due to space.

There are just not enough words of thanks that I could speak for your generosity in helping with Meesha’s surgery. I was devastated when her injury occurred because she was protecting the family. Post Surgery update: she has mobility in her leg again and is starting to put some weight on it for short periods of time, but boy does she miss her daily walks.

Your donation took a part of the worry away and Dr. Molly Bopp of Highpoint Veterinary Hospital took the stress and worry away by doing the surgery. My baby is recovering daily and will soon be back to almost full pre-injury status.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart...
Tracie Castle
Toledo, OH  continued on page 6
I can't thank you enough, I can't thank you enough! I am forever grateful for all you kind words, your calls, your immediate attention and your 'Yes' for my Sasha! I have written a thank you for you and your foundation on Sasha's GoFundMe account. I let Cooper's Legacy know of your donation as well. They also helped today to have both of your great foundations in memory of Mosby and Cooper. God rest their beautiful hearts and give them lots of playtime over the rainbow!

Today was good. Sasha went in for CT scan and we follow treatment all week for 18 treatments. I pray my baby girl does fantastic and she gets healed and well. I can't wait to take her swimming again!

All my love always!
Shae and Sasha
Seattle, WA

Thank you guys so much for the support you gave to Shadow. The surgery was difficult due to the excessive amount of scar tissue but Shadow was strong and handled the procedure very well. Instead of a long road of empty hopes and prayers, Shadow is now on the road to recovery. Your organization is so kind and being able to help such a sweet dog fills the heart with joy. Thank you so much!

Sonia & Shadow
Klamath Falls, OR

Thank you so much for your generous grant. This will go a long way in helping us extend Bonnie’s time with us. Every added day with her will be a gift from you and your organization. Frankly, we were fearing a sadder outcome, making the good news all that much more joyful to receive. Thank you again, so very much.

Gratefully,
Russell, Valerie, Bonnie & Bixby Roth
Corona, CA

Hill Tuki had his eye surgery and did awesome!!! He woke up from surgery just as spunky as he was when he went in! I really want to say a huge thank you for your kindness. Without you this wouldn’t have been possible. Thanx again!!

Jenypher and Tuk Martin
Vero Beach, FL

Tucker has had a small setback due to an infection in his leg but we are back on the road to recovery and his prognosis looks very good! Tucker developed an infection, possibly due to his body rejecting the plate and screws in his leg. We tried two different types of antibiotics, which helped for a little while, but unfortunately, he had to have another surgery to remove the plate. He’s got five small holes in his right front leg so we’re taking things very slow for a little while. I want to thank you again for helping my little guy in our time of need! We were very blessed to have so many kind people contribute to our fund and making the orthopedic surgery possible for him.

Carmen
Katy, TX

Bear’s surgery went very well. Words cannot express how thankful I am for The Mosby Foundation. The generosity and kindness your supporters have given to Bear has meant the world to me. There was a point when I had lost all hope that Bear would have any kind of recovery, but soon he will have full function in both legs and be able to play with his friends. It’s been such an incredible blessing! All of the tears and worries are gone now and I am filled with nothing but joy and gratitude. THANK YOU with my whole heart!

Forever grateful,
Diane
Lynchburg, VA

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This is Luke and Gracie, our Heelers. We love these two. Gracie misses her brother very much. I’m so thankful we are able to get him fixed and home. Thank you so much. They are my babies. I can’t express how much I appreciate you and the foundation.

God bless you and thank you,
Jamie & Joey Chitwood
Rocky Mt., VA

Susan Vincent, you have an amazing talent for writing! Beau’s story is beautifully expressed and written. Thank you so much for telling his story! Thank you again for taking the time to feature Beau and thank you to The Mosby Foundation for helping to save Beau’s heart! Beau is doing well and we are so thankful to be able to share this holiday season with him. Life is such a precious gift!

Gabrielle
Eastpoint, FL

Oh my goodness! I am in tears, and just incredibly grateful!!! I am touched beyond words by your generous assistance to help our Abby. Bless you.

Carrie Jasper
Newtonville, MA

I am so excited!! It’s SO tough asking for money and I never would have except I got sick too and had brain surgery. So I overcame my pride and asked. I am so grateful your organization was able to help! The vet said Walter’s heart rate was high under anesthesia and when they removed the eye it went to normal. He was a bouncing dog this morning like nothing happened!! I am a paranoid pet parent and he doesn’t seem to understand why he can’t play with the others and has to walk on a leash to go pee. Thank you again! And of course Walter says thank you!

Sarah & Walter
Sierra Vista, AZ

Thanks to your help, Elvis is out of surgery and recovering well. Ready to play ball even with a cone on his head. The lump was not cancerous!!! We are so happy and thankful for your help!

David Shea & Elvis the Rat Terrier
Hemet, CA

Words cannot express how much my family and I appreciate you and the foundation for your support, kindness and help. Tixie is now in her third week of radiation with one more week to go. Thank you for being there when we needed help because it was and is much more appreciated then you will ever know. Thank you for being that comforting and reassuring voice especially when it seemed like all hope was lost. I will always remember how nice and compassionate you are. May God’s blessing be with you and The Mosby Foundation.

With sincerest thoughts, thanks and appreciation,
Hilda Jackson
Olympia Fields, IL

Thank you SO much for your assistance!! Paris and I really appreciate your support! Paris is doing great. She was even able to walk herself out after surgery. Thank you so much for helping her walk again! Please tell everyone at Mosby thank you!!

Best,
Kristin & Paris
Baltimore, MD

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Thank you so much for your kind words. Einstein passed early in the morning on Saturday. He just couldn’t handle the chemotherapy. I’m going to be posting a link and asking my friends and family to donate to your organization, as you were the only organization of over 30 that even responded to my application for help. I hope you guys can continue to do wonderful things, and help people avoid the pain my family is going through.

Thank you,
Aaron Worob
Palm Bay, FL

Virginia Tech has assigned a student to update me twice daily on Coco’s status and progress. As of today, she is able to support herself on her front legs with the assistance of hospital staff supporting her rear legs with a harness. Yesterday morning she could not support her front legs. This morning she improved on a test the staff does by pinching the nerves along her spine to determine her ability to feel superficial pain.

Without the funds you provided through The Mosby Foundation and your assistance in securing additional funds via the Sergei Foundation, Coco would not be alive today. Even with four pain medications, Coco was still in a substantial amount of pain. I was filled with sadness as I was prepared to put her to sleep on Friday if I was not able to secure emergency funds. Miss Coco and I will be forever grateful.

This photo is Coco before surgery. I look forward to sending a picture of her standing on her own a video of her finally walking again. Her recovery is expected to take six to eight weeks.

With much gratitude,
Maria and Coco
Annandale, VA

You’re so awesome! I cannot believe how blessed I am to have such help for my little guy. He is the most precious guy in the world to me, and I think I would literally shrivel away & die without him in my life. I am so grateful I cannot even find words to describe how I feel. Thank you SO MUCH just doesn’t seem to be big enough words.

May y’all at your foundation have many blessings come to you too.

Thank you again & again & again,
Karen Drennan
Cedar Park, TX

I am very happy and grateful that Max has only 3 more cancer treatments to go. Thank you to The Mosby Foundation and their sponsors to give back these beautiful moments of love and happiness.

Thank you!
Kenia Veras Gonzalez & Max
Bronx, NY

Once again I would like to thank you with all your help. It was a great blessing. I pray that your foundation continues to receive funds to help families and individuals with their beloved ones.

Yours truly,
Josephine Montes
Santa Ana, CA

Hi there! So Angus got his stitches out and is recovering very well from surgery. We will have to stay on watch for future episodes but he is happy and bouncy and full of life again! Literally it seemed like the day we picked him up from surgery he was already feeling better!! We cannot thank you all enough for helping our family get him back on his feet!!

Sincerely,
Kristen Velasquez
Tucson, AZ

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Jack Is Back!

Durango, CO

It was one of those calls that did not have a happy ending. Todd and the rest of the firefighters never know what they will find when they arrive on a scene, and this one was their worst nightmare. In spite of their most valiant efforts, lives had been lost. Those that had survived would never be the same. Their bodies would carry the devastating reminders for the rest of their lives.

Wearily, the crew returned to the fire station. Waiting for them was Jack, Todd’s black standard poodle, his tail wagging a mile a minute. But the team sat in silence, wondering, as always, if there was something else they could have done, should have done.

A highly intuitive and intelligent dog, Jack knew that his friends needed help. He jumped onto the laps of as many of the men as possible. Kisses and doggie hugs all around for these unsung heroes. The men reached out to Jack, folding their arms over his body, smiling gratefully.

Jack’s been providing this kind of love to his firefighting family since he was a puppy. Now 10, the men and women firefighters count on him for support. Jack gives them a way to ease their anguish when calls like this one go badly. But Jack also gives them a reason to laugh. Goofy and gregarious, the firefighters embrace Jack’s incredibly loving and soothing nature as the gift it is.

Jack’s personality is so rich and strong, the families of both Todd and Linda, Todd’s wife, are completely enamored with him. “Each person has their own special relationship with Jack,” Linda told us. Todd’s father used to be scared to death of large dogs. As a child, he was attacked by a German Shepherd. Jack decided that attitude had to go. And it did. Now Jack lays in his lap, looking for lap love, and Todd’s dad loves it!

Jack might be the world’s greatest love bug, but he’s also a ton of fun. When Linda’s sister, Julie, visited she played hide and seek and Jack’s favorite game. Jack loves a good puzzle and she hid his favorite toy behind the couch.

He looked and looked. Behind the chair? No. Under the chair? No. He kept searching and searching. Finally, Julie said, “He hasn’t looked behind the couch.” Jack’s ears perked up and he immediately went behind the couch and found his toy. Linda shook her head. “I told you that he understands what you say!”

When Durango got two feet of snow, Jack was out in it, of course, because snow is just another opportunity to have fun. With clumps and clumps of snowballs on his under belly, Linda told him, “Go get in the tub.” When Linda peeked out of her snow gear, she found Jack in the bath tub, waiting for her to clean him up.

Life was always one grand adventure after another!

But on a Spring day in May, Linda noticed that Jack had difficulty getting into the car. Jack had recently hiked a 14,000 feet peak, so Linda chalked it up to a pulled muscle. The vet took X-rays and placed him on pain meds, but his health continued to decline.

It became difficult for him to poop and he began to drink more and more water. When Jack ran down the hill on their property to drink water from a pond, he could not walk back up. Linda picked up the 60-pound dog and carried him back to the house.

Something was really wrong.

Based on these new symptoms, their vet did further tests. What he found was devastating. Jack had anal sac adenocarcinoma. And, as is typical with this disease, it had metastasized to his lungs.

A relentless cancer, anal sac adenocarcinoma is not common in poodles or in male dogs. Worse, this disease is so aggressive that the tiny little tumor in Jack’s lung could grow at lighting speed. If the couple had not gotten him to the vet when they did, Jack would likely have been dead in a month. Todd and Linda were devastated. They asked themselves, “Why didn’t we see the symptoms sooner?”

But the truth is, nature doesn’t allow it. Mother Nature protects animals from appearing vulnerable to predators. That’s why our pets are so adept at hiding illness until the symptoms become advanced.
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The couple took a collective deep breath. Earlier in the year, Todd had been off work for six months, recuperating from herniated disc back surgery. Six months is a long time to live on one income.

Now back at work, financially they had a lot of catching up to do. But for Todd and Linda, it was never a matter of, 'Do we treat Jack?' It was, 'How fast can we treat him?'

Anal sac adenocarcinoma does not have a good prognosis. Of course, Todd and Linda didn’t want to delay getting Jack the treatment he needed. With the closest oncologist four hours away in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the couple had to make adjustments to their work schedules.

Fortunately, Jack’s reputation preceded him. The station firefighters worked with Todd so that he and Linda could take their dog for treatment. But nobody really believed Jack could beat the disease. Julie, Linda’s sister, was so distraught, she drove four hours to say her goodbyes. Both sets of parents also came to say goodbye to the dog they loved so much.

Jack’s first oncology visit with Dr. Kelley was six hours long! She wanted to make sure the disease had not spread to other organs besides his lung. Thankfully, it hadn’t. Then she did an IV chemo treatment to cover the metastasis in his blood, and a direct chemo injection into Jack’s anus.

Dr. Kelley told them, “I know it’s hard but don’t act sad around Jack. He is very sensitive to your moods. He’s way more worried about you than you thinking anything is wrong with him.” They agreed this was best. What they didn’t know was how to pay for Jack’s treatment.

As with humans, cancer treatment for animals is not cheap. Dr. Kelley recommended The Mosby Foundation for financial help. So Linda contacted us right away. She spent most of a morning talking with our staff about Jack and the devastating diagnosis. As she told us later, “It brings me to tears to think about the support that we received from The Mosby Foundation and from Dr. Kelley. You sometimes feel you’re all alone, but it’s not true.”

One of the options facing the couple was surgery on Jack’s lung to remove the tumor. Because that is an extremely painful procedure with a lengthy recovery time, Todd and Linda decided not to put Jack through that.

“We decided we wanted Jack to be with the people he loves and to have a good quality of life. We knew if Dr. Kelley couldn’t help him, we would have to let him go.”

For two months, the trio made weekly visits to see Dr. Kelley. The results were nothing short of amazing. After Jack’s first treatment, his mobility started coming back. With his second treatment, the tumor in his lung had shrunk by a quarter of its original size. Todd and Linda were thrilled.

The happy, goofy, loving dog they adored came back to them. By August, Jack’s visits were reduced to once a month. By Christmas, it was reduced to every three months. Jack now gets oral chemotherapy at home.

“He’s doing great!” Linda said enthusiastically. When Linda told the good doctor that their original dream was to have a “healthy 14-16 year-old ancientoodle,” her response was, “I don’t know why you can’t still think that way.”

That’s optimism! To keep Jack’s immune system strong, his routine has totally changed. He’s on a lot of multi-vitamins and supplements. Also, his diet is high in protein with absolutely no sugar, because cancer loves sugar.

“We are so grateful for The Mosby Foundation’s help,” Linda said. “Jack is such an amazing gift. I’m so happy that we can continue to share him with others.” We’re thrilled that Jack is now back to the happy, loving dog he once was. Chasing squirrels in the snow, anyone?

“My life wouldn’t be the same without him,” Linda said. “Jack’s just a big bunch of love.” Now that big bunch of love is back, working his magic on a world that needs him so much.

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Thank you sooooooo much! You have me in tears over here. I am seriously elated! This is the best news I’ve received in such a long time. Thank you! We just scheduled surgery for Tink. Again, thank you so much! Tinks & I appreciate your generosity!

Love love love,
Nicole Dunn
Levittown, Pa

Thank you so much for the money you donated. I dropped off Sahara this morning for round 2 Chemo. I have to say that your foundation is great, you’re easy to work with and you do help people. Sahara is in the yellow hat and Cagney is my certified therapy dog.

With Love and Kisses,
Karen & Sahara
Succasunna, NJ

Thank you so much for your donation. My parents need all the help they can get. Animals are so much a part of their lives and helping save the life of Buster will definitely help them emotionally. Again, thank you and your donors for your kind donation.

Michelle Palcsik
Middlefield, OH

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IN MEMORY OF DOGS

ROSIE, as always, my sweet girl, from Marilyn Ross

SOPHIE, from Janice Ballinger

MOLLIE NEWTON, from Jane Cangalot

MYSTERY, my beloved cat of 12 years, from Ann Zimmer

DAWG, beloved family member of Bill, Amy, Beth, Zach, & Gaylee Smitherman, from Lonnie & Vicki Soles

CHIP & GREY GHOST, from Virginia & Robert Callihan

GUS, beloved Yellow Lab companion of C.A. & Maureen Burton, from their friends, Jane & Rick Smith

LUCY, much loved dog of Sandy & Jim, from Dianne DeMay and Jeff Scott

HOMER & OSA, from Wendy L. Cross

BARBIE, my beloved dog, from Dawn Blalock

JODY, beloved mare of Pam & John Schnake, from Henley Gabeau

PADDY, our mischievous pal. We know your parents are going to miss you ferociously. What fond memories we all have. Love, Segen, Wally, Jacob and Emma Holtmann

MOLLIE, whose original owner was Allison Ritchie, from Webb Lutz

CHELSEA, LOUIE, & MOKEY, from Malinda Eavers

SARGE FOSTER, June 2012 Mosby calendar dog, from Connie Spitzer

FOZZIE, my beloved dog, from Becky Reed

LADY B LUCKY, our two best dogs, from Carol Childress

LILY BETH LEWIS, from Bruce & Crystal Vandercook

CHESTER, our beloved kitty, from Barbara & Jim Bradley

JEB, beloved companion, from Jennifer Sampson

SWEET ROSIE, I’ll never stop missing you, from Marilyn Ross

JACK, in memory of the most wonderful boy! Found starving on the streets of Richmond in the bitter cold of winter, he warmed my heart more than I could have ever imagined. God smiled on me that day and every day I had his love for 14 years. Rest gently my sweet boy, until we are together again, from your loving Mom Deborah Armstrong

BOSLEY, my precious blind beagle, who somehow survived many years wandering the roads, and finally came to me. I have never had a sweeter dog, from Mollie McCurdy

BOSLEY, a wonderful rescued blind beagle boy who had the best life for the last 3 years with Mollie McCurdy. You will be greatly missed, from Johnny & Carole Adams

MEGAN, my sweet dog who’s been gone for 10 years, from Audrey Hutchison

TIMMY, lost way too young with CHF, from Dave & Sue Solimine

SWEET SAVANNA, in our hearts forever, from Wendy & Larry Teeter

BREEZER ROBERTS, from Bruce & Crystal Vandercook

BREEZER ROBERTS, from Sarah Key

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her canine companion, and she had even lost that pesky Bantam rooster. Her world was gone. When Sonia walked through the door, Shadow immediately responded. She knew it wasn’t Dorinda, but it was someone like her.

The two wrapped their hearts and their grief around each other. While Sonia opted to let Sparky and his lady friend remain in the capable and caring hands of the towing owner, “I knew Shadow was coming back with me.”

Sonia expressed her gratitude to the Carlin police department, and to the good people of Carlin. At home, both she and Shadow bonded quickly with Shadow refusing to let Sonia out of her sight.

As for Sonia, in her grief and in her desire to comfort Shadow, she fed her too much and the dog gained considerable weight. Even before Shadow gained the weight, she was slow to move. Sonia thought the dog was old, but then she started to limp. That’s when the vet confirmed that four-year-old Shadow had hip problems.

Like so many of our canine friends, Shadow did not whine or complain about her condition, but she was definitely in pain. She needed a femoral head osteotomy surgery. When the vet told her the cost, Sonia fell completely overwhelmed. She lived on disability. How could she possibly afford the surgery?

In tears, Sonia called a friend, who suggested she go online and look for help. That’s when we received her application. No way were we going to say no. Sonia and Shadow had already been through so much, both deserved some happiness. We gladly pledged a donation toward Shadow’s surgery.

But before Shadow could have her surgery, she needed to lose weight. The vet placed her on a strict diet, which Sonia followed. Shadow wasn’t the only one who needed extra care. Six months of mourning and handling Dorinda’s affairs finally took its toll on Sonia. She came down with pneumonia. Both needed time to mend, and they did.

Now they are both ready for a new chapter. Sonia finally scheduled the surgery for Shadow. Even though Everett’s Veterinary Hospital is one of the higher priced vet clinics in town, they have a stellar reputation for care.

But what really endeared them to Sonia and to us is their willingness to stay within our pledge amount to help Shadow. “I thank God, your organization, and the veterinarian for watching out over our little girl,” a very grateful Sonia told us. “Thank you so much for caring as you do!”

We’re very glad to say that Shadow came through her surgery with flying colors. Both she and Sonia are healing.

The long road home takes many twists and turns, and it often doesn’t look the way you thought it would. Even though Whistle and Dorinda are gone, most certainly they are celebrating the cradle of love that binds them all together. And so can we.

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Thank you so much for helping Zoey!! That is a VERY generous grant from The Petco Foundation and Blue Buffalo Pet Foods. For the first time in weeks I feel hopeful Zoey is going to receive the care she needs. I have applied to 2 other organizations and will be sure to make them aware of this grant.

Warmest regards,
Ayla Hale & Zoey
Fuquay Varina, NC
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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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