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Stray Animal Fund

2016 Q3 Update

Number of Towns: 5

Number of Animals: 7

Total Amount Requested: \$2,772.61

Success Story: Sammie



My name is Sammie. I am a 6 year-old black lab mix. The Gardner Animal Shelter has taught me a lot about humans and how to trust again. I love all the people that work there. They even give me cookies just for being me! Since my previous owners abandoned me and I was rescued by the amazing Animal Control Officers and the shelter staff, I have learned that not all humans are mean. They have taught me that even if I have an accident that I will not be hit or dragged down stairs for making a mistake.

When I first came to the shelter I was hurting so badly and I was so scared. But I saw the way the staff looked at me; it was like they knew how much pain I was in. I couldn't walk very well and I hurt all over. The staff immediately made an appointment with the doctor for me and brought me the very next day!

The doctor took my blood, performed x-rays, and looked me all over. I know they were saying things to me but I couldn't really hear them because throughout my life I have had really bad ear infections that never were treated, so my ears have completely closed up causing severe cauliflower ear in both of my ears. My ears were so bad the only treatment is surgery :(

The shelter staff took me to see a wonderful vet named Dr. James Easley who specializes in Lateral Ear Resection surgery. Dr. Easley has performed thousands of these surgeries

throughout his career, but when he saw my ears even he was taken aback. He told my shelter family that it was the worst case he has ever seen.

The shelter staff scheduled the surgery and hosted a lot of fundraisers just for me, so I could have at least one ear done and try to save the hearing I have left in my left side. While waiting for my first surgery the best thing in the whole world happened. I found a foster mommy!! And she loves me :)

I had my first surgery to fix my left ear; I still need a second surgery for my right ear, which is even worse than the left ear. I have come a long way and have suffered a lot in my short life. Please help me and the Gardner Animal Control Facility with the vet bill. If there ever was a dog that needed this and deserves it, the shelter staff and my foster mommy say it's me!

- Kim Landry, Gardner ACO

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