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Remembering Mariah

This courageous girl lived out
her final weeks feeling loved
because of your support.
Story continued inside.

95 YEARS OF ENRICHING LIVES
POTTER LEAGUE
for animals

Mariah the Wonder Dog: A Tale of Enduring Love

Mariah the Wonder Dog displayed resilience and love that shone brightly even in the face of a challenging medical crisis.

Mariah's story begins with a transfer from another local shelter. She came into our care due to medical complexities that stretched beyond their resources. Our Shelter Medical Team conducted a thorough examination and initiated comprehensive testing. Sadly, we found that Mariah had lymphoma.

Facing the reality of Mariah's medical needs, we decided to put out a heartfelt plea for a hospice adopter. The response from our community was nothing short of miraculous, demonstrating the depth of compassion that binds us together.

Mariah, affectionately known as Mariah the Wonder Dog by her adoptive family, became a symbol of hope and resilience. Despite the challenging prognosis, she lived her remaining three weeks with an inspiring grace, surrounded by the love and support of her dedicated adoptive family.

Mariah's journey was not traveled alone. Our Shelter Medicine Team worked tirelessly to keep her comfortable, providing the compassionate care that every animal deserves. Under the care of her devoted family, Mariah's days were a testament to the enduring spirit of animals facing adversity. She embraced each moment, finding joy in simple pleasures — meals, cozy corners, and the companionship of those who cherished her. Her adoptive

family, who had welcomed her with open hearts, stood by her side, offering comfort and unwavering support.

In those three short weeks, Mariah became a symbol of courage, and her journey was marked by a profound connection with her adoptive family. Though her time with them was shorter than anyone could have hoped, the love shared was immeasurable.

As we reflect on Mariah's brief yet impactful time with us, we extend our deepest gratitude to each one of you who played a role in supporting her. The collective compassion and empathy shared by our community brought so much love to Mariah in her final weeks.

Mariah the Wonder Dog's memory will forever remind us of the strength that resides in our beloved animal companions and the enduring bond that forms between them and the humans who open their hearts to their journey.

Your continued support enables us to provide love, care, and comfort to animals like Mariah, ensuring they experience moments of joy and companionship, even in the face of challenging circumstances.



Overcoming Odds: Martin's Recovery Journey

In the face of a medical emergency, the Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic staff demonstrated extraordinary dedication and skill. Martin, a critical patient, faced a life-threatening situation as a polyp in his throat restricted his breathing and ability to eat normally. Our clinic's doctor and staff worked quickly and carefully to remove the polyp, but the situation took a turn for the worse during Martin's recovery.

Martin experienced two alarming episodes while recovering from anesthesia, where he stopped breathing, and his heart ceased to beat. To further complicate

matters, a sudden local power outage plunged the entire building into darkness. Undeterred by the chaos, the Pets In Need team exhibited quick thinking and resourcefulness. Using cell phone lights, they continued Martin's treatment, determined to revive him.

Through their unwavering efforts, the staff successfully revived Martin, marking the beginning of his journey to recovery. Astonishingly, on the same day, Martin began eating regular cat food for the first time without needing it pureed. The family, arriving later in the day, was overwhelmed with joy at the sight of their revived feline companion.

The dedication didn't end there. The next day, Pets In Need staff reached out to check on Martin's progress. The owner happily reported that Martin was thriving — running, playing, and enjoying normal cat food without the need for pureeing. This remarkable turnaround was made possible by the hard work, quick thinking, and dedication of the Pets In Need Clinic's staff, showcasing their commitment to the well-being of the animals under their care.

BMOD Graduates:

Our Behavior Team ensures that both our shelter animals and animals in our foster homes receive enrichment and behavior training. By supporting their mental well-being, dozens of dogs and cats “graduated” from our B-Mod program. Thanks to generous donors like yourself, dogs and cats like Cooper & Luke get the expert training they need to blossom and transform.



Cooper

Cooper, a vibrant dog in need of behavior modification, underwent a transformative journey during his 20 weeks in our care. Initially displaying mouthing and over-aroused behavior, Cooper's interactions with staff and volunteers raised concerns, leading to a strategic approach by our Behavior Team. Measures, such as providing a tug rope toy for redirection and monitoring his response to behavior medication, were introduced. Despite initial challenges, Cooper's progress became evident. His interactions with fellow dogs showcased a positive play dynamic, and foster care with another playful dog proved instrumental in his transformation. Under the attentive guidance of a foster caregiver, Cooper's behavior flourished, demonstrating compatibility with other pets and a diminished need for medication. The positive report paved the way for Cooper to find his ideal home with his foster family, who lovingly adopted him.



Luke

Luke, a 7-year-old male cat, arrived at our facility in distress. He was frozen in fear. Luke was surrendered because his previous home, while loving, was too busy for his comfort, resulting in occasional litter box issues. The family, prioritizing his well-being, felt the living situation was unfair to him. With our Behavior Team's dedicated support, Luke gradually started to regain confidence over eight weeks. Initially hunkered down in his hidey, he slowly responded to gentle interaction, displaying signs of nervousness. As the days passed, Luke's progress was evident, from hiding behind his bed with flat ears to eventually coming out on his own, seeking affection, head rubs, and even climbing into laps. The breakthrough moment came when he exhibited genuine affection, head-butting, and enjoying full-body pets. Luke's transformation was because of the patience and care provided by our team. After this remarkable journey, Luke found a loving home where he could continue to thrive in a calm and understanding environment.

Through the Lens of Love: Wally's Journey Home

Found wandering a very busy roadway, Wally quickly became the heartthrob of our Animal Care & Adoption Center with his unwavering spirit and sheer determination.

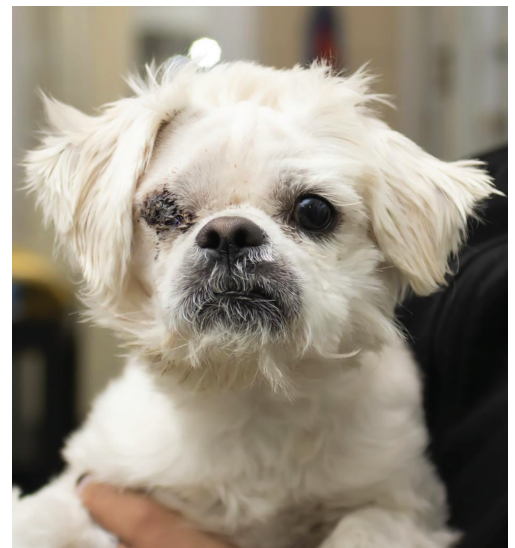
When Wally arrived at our center, it was evident that he had faced hardships. His left eye bore severe damage, likely the result of an unfortunate accident. Our Shelter Medicine Team quickly assessed his condition and made the compassionate decision to perform surgery to remove the damaged eye. He had to be prepped quickly for surgery in our on-site surgical suite to relieve his suffering.

Wally's journey was not without its challenges, but his upbeat demeanor and wagging tail revealed an unyielding spirit that captivated everyone he encountered.

Regrettably, Wally's previous family never came to claim him. Wally was soon available for adoption, and a compassionate family, deeply moved by Wally's story, opened their hearts and home to him.

Today, Wally is thriving in his new home. His transformation from a stray dog to a cherished member of a loving family was made possible by the supporters of the Potter League, who ensure every animal at our Animal Care and Adoption Center has access to excellent veterinary care.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our supporters, whose generosity makes stories like Wally's possible. Your contributions enable us to provide



essential medical care, love, and a second chance at happiness for animals in need.

Thank you for being a part of Wally's triumph and supporting our mission to create happy endings for animals like him.



Ways to Support



1 Shop the Potter League – Bloomingtails Online Merch Store:

potterleague.threadless.com

2 LoveBash for Animals - Friday, April 5, 2024

Join us for an unforgettable evening at LoveBash for Animals on Friday, April 5, 2024. This special event promises fun, compassion, and a shared commitment to the well-being of our furry friends.

3 Get Involved: Sponsor or Donate to Make a Difference!

We invite you to be a part of this meaningful cause by sponsoring or donating to our fundraising auction. Your support will contribute to the welfare of animals in need.

For sponsorship or donation inquiries, please reach out to our Director of Events & Corporate Relations, Connie Kile, at ckile@potterleague.org or call 401-846-0592 ext. 125.

5 Create a Lasting Legacy with Freewill!

Take a moment to plan for the future with the Potter League for Animals. Utilize our free online resource at freewill.com/potterleague to effortlessly draft your will in 20 minutes or less. This simple step ensures you care for your loved ones, including your cherished pets.

Join Our Forever Friends Society for a Meaningful Impact.

Support our animal welfare community by becoming a member of our Forever Friends Society. Members contribute to our mission by creating legacy plans that include gifts benefiting the animals we care for. Your membership provides sustainable funding, enabling us to offer ongoing support and resources to both animals and their devoted caregivers.

For more details on becoming a Forever Friends Society member, contact Liz Isdale, our Chief Philanthropy Officer, at (401) 846-0592 ext. 116 or email LIsdale@PotterLeague.org.

6 Let's Connect!



Interested in learning how the Potter League's corporate business program can help save lives and elevate your business?

Contact Connie Kile, our Director of Events & Corporate Relations at 401-846-0592 ext. 125 or ckile@potterleague.org.

4 Donate Your Birthday to Animals

Celebrate your birthday by helping animals in need.

Create a personal fundraising page on Facebook and ask friends and family for a birthday gift that helps provide safe refuge, medical care, and love to an animal in search of a new life. You can personalize your page with your own message and pictures. Every dollar raised helps the Potter League for Animals continue the important work of creating a more humane world for dogs, cats, and critters.

Save the Dates



P.S. I Love You Pet Photo Contest:

February 1 through March 4, 2024

www.gogophotocontest.com/potterleague

Yappy Hour:

July 21, 2024

Heart & Sole Walk for Animals:

October 20, 2024

For a full list of virtual and in-person events, visit www.potterleague.org/get-involved/events-calendar.

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