

My 9 1/2 year old American Pitbull Terrier Bart got diagnosed with a nodule on her spleen by ultrasound. Her general vet had recommended to do surgery to remove the spleen & nodule. I was told that even if the nodule wasn't cancer, it could rupture at any time causing her to bleed internally and die. The surgery would cost \$4,000+ and I didn't have anywhere near that money as I had spent whatever I had on her ultrasound. I didn't know what I was going to do. I did know that I owed it to my girl to not let her die the death of an internal bleed. I knew that if she had cancer, I could eventually live with that and that I could euthanize her peacefully when she let me know she was ready, as opposed to this nodule rupturing and her dying a painful death. Then Paws 4 A Cure came into my life.....

I had applied to several canine funding organizations and received donations from 3 of them, but not nearly enough to cover the surgery. I was frantic and upset and it looked like I was going to lose my constant companion and very best friend. Then I received a call from Keri, founder of Paws 4 A Cure. She was kind and understanding, but most of all supportive, both emotionally and financially. Paws 4 A Cure is comprised of some of the best people ever and Keri is at the top! Bart's surgery ended up having to cost more and Paws 4 A Cure didn't even blink; they simply said, "We'll do whatever Bart needs, don't worry about it". And that is exactly what they did, anything and everything.....from covering all the costs of the surgery that the other 3 foundations didn't, to covering an additional consultation from another veterinarian for my dog's inflammatory bowel disease, which was an extra cost. Without Paws 4 A Cure, my Bart would likely not be around today! Thanks to this very awesome foundation and its wonderful founder, my dog has recovered wonderfully, with all biopsies being benign! Paws 4 A Cure saved my Bart's life and I will be eternally grateful for all they have done! ~ Joy Hatfield