



Charlie is an Australian Cattle Dog/Labrador Retriever Mix, who is 9 years old. She was a freebie puppy that we found in the newspaper and I knew when I first picked her up that she was extremely different than any other dog that I have had before. She noticed everything around her and watched my Mother and I constantly, always making sure that she knew where we were at all times while we were in the house. She learned how to tell us what exactly she wanted by either bringing one of her toys to us, or one of my shoes, or even barking in a certain way. She is a very intelligent dog and completely lives up to her breed.

She was potty trained way early in her life, almost at 10 weeks old. When she was a puppy, I was lucky and had a job at a toy store and I was able to bring her to work with me. I was consistent in taking her out at regular intervals and before I knew it, she had started sitting at the door looking at me. I ended up having to stop bringing her to the toy store when she started thinking that all the beanie babies were hers.

My mother is hard of hearing and was sick for a little while and Charlie, in her over protective way, would take care of her and make sure if someone came to the door, she barked and went and alerted my mom, or if you asked her to pick something off the floor for you, she would get it and bring you what you asked for. She is a very loving and sweet dog and is more than just our "pet", she is our family. Realizing that we might lose her is completely devastating to both my mother and I.

Charlie has Malignant Melanoma and has a mass in her jaw. The cancer has spread to one of her lymph nodes. Surgery is too expensive, so we are currently treating her with chemo and so far she has had three treatments and has taken it very well. As of today, the mass hasn't grown and has stayed "stable", and the lymph node has gone down in size a little. A heartfelt thank you goes out to those who have donated, and to those who will donate to this very important organization. Your generosity is allowing us to spend as much time as we can with our loved and cherished dog.

Sincerely,
Charlie and her mom, Lori