



Storm Barber

9 week old Australian Shepherd

Diagnosis: Megaesophagus with a Vascular Ring Anomaly

Treatment: Surgery on Monday, November 28, 2011

Estimated Surgical Cost: \$3,000 - \$3,500

Amount Needed: \$1,200

Donations Received: \$1,200

"Storm is a nine week old Australian Shepherd. I got her from a breeder for free last week and was told she was the runt of the litter. The other puppies didn't allow her to eat so if I fed her too much she would not be able to hold it down. I was told that as long as I fed her small portions frequently Storm would outgrow this spitting up issue. Unfortunately this was not the case.

Storm is unable to hold, barely, any amount of food down. I took her to my vet and they diagnosed her with Megaesophagus (where food cannot pass into the stomach) with a Vascular Ring Anomaly. This condition is only correctable through surgery. Because she is unable to keep food down her health is slowly deteriorating! I immediately started looking into where I could get the surgery done, and found out that Cornell University Hospital for Animals is the only place.

I love Storm with all my heart and was heartbroken when I was told this, because I do not have this kind of money. The vet at Cornell said she needs the surgery within three weeks or her health will have gotten so bad she will be suffering and will need to be put to sleep. I cannot imagine this, and am trying my best to raise the money so my puppy can live the long and healthy life she deserves! This is a one-time corrective surgery that will allow her to lead a normal happy life. " - Nicole Barber

Dec. 9, 2011 - "Storm is doing absolutely amazing! She is full of energy and life...she just wants to play! The doctors are so impressed with how quickly she is recovering. I am so proud of her. She is getting her stitches out on wednesday the 14th and she goes to Cornell to have an x-ray on the 22nd to see how her esophagus is healing. They are thinking (and hoping) that the x-ray will show that she is ready to have the tube taken out that day, but only time will tell. At the rate she is going they are pretty sure she will be healed enough to start eating regularly by this time!
I can't tell everyone how much I appreciate all the donations and support! Without you Storm would not have been given the chance she deserves and so clearly wanted. I wish everyone could meet her and see what a sweet and happy puppy she is now. The change in her personality is so amazing, she is happy and her eyes are so bright! Thank you all sooo much, no words can describe how much this has meant to me and Storm. I am a strong believer in Karma, what goes around comes around and all of you have great things coming to you in your future for being such caring and compassionate people!" – Nicole Barber

Thank you very much for your generous donations!

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