

Thank You for Saving My Life!



This is Storm. She is a four month old Australian Shepherd. Storm has traveled a tough journey in her short life and thanks to Paws 4 A Cure she has been granted a chance to survive! They granted \$1200 towards her surgery, without them I could not have afforded help for her!

I got Storm from a breeder for free and was told she was the runt of the litter and 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 she would outgrow this spitting up issue. Unfortunately this was not the case. I took her to my vet and they diagnosed her with Megaesophagus with a Vascular Ring Anomaly. This condition is only correctible through surgery. Without this surgery Storm could not hold any food down and her health was rapidly 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 went there and got another diagnosis from them that confirmed what my vet had found, unfortunately. I was then given a price of \$5,000 for the surgery.

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 ASAP or her health will have gotten so bad she will be suffering and will need to be put to sleep. I could not imagine this, and immediately started towards my goal of raising the money so my puppy can live the long and healthy life she deserves.

After only ten days, lots of googling, faxing applications, and fundraising I was able to raise \$4,600 towards Storm's surgery. I was amazed at how many compassionate and amazingly generous organizations there are that helped Storm and I. Without them she would not have been given the chance she deserves.

Storm had her surgery on November 17th and has been on the road to an amazing recovery ever since. I noticed a difference in her spirits as soon as I picked her up. This was a one-time corrective surgery that will allow her to lead a normal doggy life. She has amazed the Vets with her quick rebound and strength. Upon going in for surgery I was told that she had a very low chance of survival because of her frail condition, but made the decision to proceed anyways, because she would not have had any chance of survival without the surgery.

Storm is now well on her way to becoming a beautiful dog. She has tripled in size since her surgery and eats through her mouth and can hold it down without any problems. She didn't even get up to 2 lbs. in her first three months of life, and now is almost 9 lbs. at only four months. She has such a strong will to live and strive, and I cannot explain in words how grateful and thankful I am for everyone who donated through Paws 4 A Cure, you are truly amazing! You have done more for Storm than I can explain. It is because of organizations like this that animals that would otherwise have no chance are helped and granted life!

THANK YOU!!!!

