



# Happy Tails

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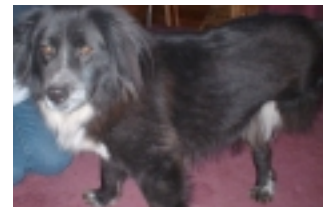
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for Life"**

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*Jack, the 3-legged dog*

## Heartwarmers

### *Jack*

How would you feel if you were living in a shelter for over a year, sleeping on a concrete floor? In your dreams, you'd see yourself free to run and play with your canine buddies in the neighborhood.

All of these images describe *Jack*, formerly known as Black Dog. He came to All Pets Rescue from a shelter after having been on the euthanasia list twice. The manager of the shelter saw kindness, love, and promise in Jack's brown eyes and could not put him down. The fact that he had only 3 legs made him special, but did not detract from his frisky, lovely personality.

We didn't know how he had lost one of his hind legs, but didn't give up on him and took him in. We bathed and brushed him, let him sleep in a warm bed, and encouraged him to romp with his buddy in the New England snow.

Jack cowered from men, especially those wearing hats, but got up the courage every day to go on and bring happiness to the dogs, cats, and people around him.

Then, one day, a friend of one of our volunteers, couldn't get Jack's picture out of her mind and asked if she could adopt him.

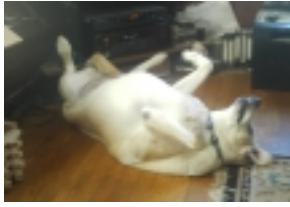
The rest is what we all dream of.

Jack lights up the lives of his new family and brings comfort to everyone, including the cats. He exercises the family by touring the garden and taking them to the pond.

He enthusiastically meets everyone when they come to the house. He's free to run and play with his canine buddies and even greets the Rottweiler down the street.

It's true, Jack, it's not a dream – you're home!

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*"Pearl was . . . middle-aged, overweight . . . with bad ears and a large lump on her belly."*

### *Our Girl Pearl*

You might say, "There goes another stray lab who needs a home." To us, however, each one is different and special.

**Pearl** was a middle-aged, overweight Labrador Retriever with bad ears and a large lump on her belly. She was friendly and interested in people, but in a shelter, Pearl had limited chances for adoption when other younger, prettier dogs with no obvious health problems were surrounding her.

At the vet's, we found that she also had Lyme Disease, which is not that uncommon these days.

Pearl was immediately put on antibiotics and had the lump removed as well. It took longer than usual for the biopsy results to be returned, and everyone anxiously waited. But she was lucky. It was not cancerous; the lump

was benign!

Her foster family observed how she behaved in a home so they could find the best possible match for Pearl when the search began for her forever family.

They learned that Pearl was quite a character. Her extra weight gave her an interesting, waddling walk that remained, even after she lost those extra 10 pounds. Pearl also loved to have her ears cleaned by her foster brother Ben, the golden retriever, and Rudy, the black lab. Several cleanings by the vet helped, too.

Pearl was also housetrained and barked at the door when she had to go out. With her love for food, Pearl would also bark in the kitchen when she thought it was mealtime.

We knew that Pearl was certainly a gem and just needed the right setting to glow.

Pearl got lucky. A family in New England saw her pictures on the website and liked what they saw. They could tell that this girl, although not beautiful by show dog standards, had a personality that wouldn't quit.

Once they applied to adopt her and spoke in more detail with her foster family, they knew she would bring something special into their home. They were not disappointed. It has been a perfect match.

She's not just another stray anymore!

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## *Velvet*

The apartment was abysmal. There were 18 cats and 1 litter box for all of them. The place reeked of animal waste and you could smell the stench from outside.

Cats were skittering behind furniture, under the bed, into the closet. No wonder the landlady demanded that all the cats had to go.

All Pets Rescue was asked to help. We arrived with crates and an iron will to rescue all the cats and kittens. Two cats were pregnant; one of them was named *Velvet*.

All of her jet-black fur sped into the closet when she was released in the spare bedroom of her foster home. She wanted food so badly, but was petrified to come out

when people were in the room. Velvet ate and drank when people left and dutifully used her very own litter box. Her babies were due in a week.

The babies came – 3 lived but 1 did not. She wasn't giving it up without a fight, though. She growled, snarled, and hissed when they took it away. Time passed and her foster mom and close friends sat outside the closet on the floor and talked to Velvet a lot, telling her she and her babies would be fine. Somehow she believed it.

When her babies were 3 weeks old, she let people look at them. When they were 2 months old, she let them go and started a new life for herself.

She learned to trust again, to peak out from behind a chair at visitors, and eventually to appreciate belly rubs.

Now she lives in the lap of luxury as an only cat. She has toys galore, snacks, her own laundry basket, love and devotion from people who truly care.

And what about all the other cats?

The other pregnant cat, Juliet, gave birth to 3 healthy babies, who all went to good homes. Juliet also went to a family where she's thoroughly pampered.

Most of the cats from this rescue were adopted, but a few are still available. Visit our web site

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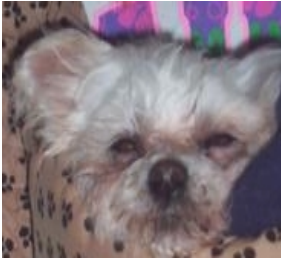
*Velvet relaxing in her new home . . .*

*“Animal hoarding...is a poorly understood phenomenon. (It) is not about sheltering, rescue, or sanctuary.*

*. . . It IS about satisfying a human need to accumulate animals and control them.” (Hoarding of Animals Research Consortium)*

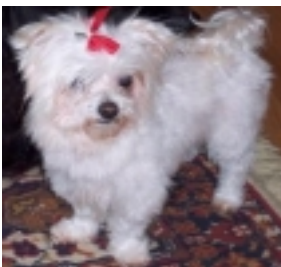
*This is the story of one victim of this disorder.*

## *Katherine*



*Katherine, a shivering, sick girl*

*“When the vet examined her, several of her teeth fell out.”*



*Katherine, now a Maltese with style*

There she was, cold and shivering in a corner of a small cage at the shelter. She was far too thin, her hair was wispy and matted, and she was covered in her own urine.

Due to the lack of space at the shelter and to Katherine's age, she was scheduled to be euthanized the next day.

A kind lady who saw Katherine's plight contacted All Pets Rescue and asked us to take her out of there. One of our volunteers went to the shelter and put Katherine into her car. Katherine cautiously snuggled into the warm lap, still shaking from the cold, uncertain about her future.

**Katherine** arrived at the veterinarian's office, frightened and confused. She growled and bared her teeth when the vet examined her ears and gave her a rabies shot. (Pretty feisty for an ailing, 4-lb. little girl!) But she

was also shaking like a leaf, so our volunteer put Katherine inside her jacket to warm her up.

As the veterinarian was examining her, several of her blackened teeth fell out into the vet's hand. The vet said that Katherine had a heart murmur, a double ear infection and what appeared to be mammary tumors.

The vet deduced that Katherine had probably been used as a breeding dog. She was malnourished, and 30% underweight and her coat was a mess. She was so undernourished she had to wait 5 weeks before she could be spayed and have the tumors removed and biopsied. She couldn't keep herself warm and had to be carried around in a snug snack at all times.

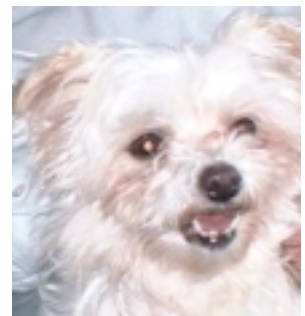
Her foster family had to prepare soft food for her because it was too painful to eat regular food.

But Katherine's feisty spirit pulled her through. The tumors were benign and she recovered well from the spay. Before too long, her snow-white coat grew back beautifully, as befitted a purebred Maltese.

A wonderful gentleman who had just lost his small dog to cancer adopted Katherine and now refers to her as "quite the gal".

Katherine and this gentleman have both found each other and we get the same warm feeling when we see the two of them going off together for a "ride".

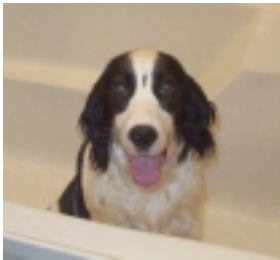
These two couldn't be better matched! A wonderful outcome for two wonderful souls.



➡ The saddest part about Molly's story is that it happens all too often.

**Molly**, A Purebred Black And White English Springer Spaniel, found herself surrendered at a rural shelter when her family realized

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## Molly

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that she was pregnant for the second time. Of course, Molly had little choice in the matter since her family never spayed her and kept her outside much of the time.

So, there was Molly, weeks away from giving birth that can be risky and complicated even in the best of circumstances but terrifying for a dog in a shelter and horrifying for anyone who loves animals.

An All Pets Rescue volunteer heard about Molly on the Internet and immediately offered to take her into foster care. This foster mom had experience with pregnant dogs and also loves spaniels. She couldn't leave Molly to whatever fate or fortune might hand her.

So Molly came to New Jersey and everyone who met her along the

way fell in love with her.

She was underweight, even for a dog who was not pregnant, and clearly needed good food, veterinary care, and lots of love. In her foster home, Molly settled in contentedly. She was given TLC and lots of good food to help nourish her and her puppies during the last stage of her pregnancy.

Preliminary tests indicated that Molly was expecting no more than 7 puppies. However, Molly surprised us all. She delivered 10 healthy puppies, five girls and five boys.

From the start she was a wonderful mommy, nursing and caring for her babies. At their first vet visit, just days old, the doctor pronounced them and Molly in excellent health. When the puppies were 8 weeks old and weaned, with all necessary vet care, All Pets Rescue

turned to the task of finding the best possible homes for these little babies who may never have had a chance otherwise.

We are happy to say all were placed in wonderful, loving homes where they are loved and cared for and also spayed and neutered.

So what happened to Molly? Well, Molly stayed with her foster family. Their female spaniel had passed away a few months before Molly arrived and Molly helped fill that empty place in the family.

Since then, this foster home has fostered other puppies and Molly helps her human mommy take care of the puppies, teaching them manners and how to play nicely; so, Molly got a new home and All Pets Rescue got a wonderful new volunteer.

## About All Pets Rescue

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**Happy Tails** is published by All Pets Rescue. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit, all-breed animal rescue group.

Our goals and charter include:

- To provide shelter, care, and medical attention for homeless animals.
- To provide homeless animals with a permanent home
- To prevent abuse, misuse, and killing of domestic animals.
- To provide spay and neuter education to the public to prevent overpopulation and unwanted animals.

In addition, we provide educational links and information on animal health, diet, and training.

We differentiate ourselves from other rescue organizations by not limiting our focus to only the young, cute, cuddly pets that are in mass demand. We seek to rescue, to care for, and to heal the aged, the unwanted, the cast-aside pets whose only fault is not being young, healthy and cuddly anymore.

Supported by the generous donations of people like you, we are able to provide these deserving pets with the love, care, and medical treatments they may need.

Often, these medical treatments cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars, but when you look into the eyes of these poor unwanted pets and see their yearning, their desire to be wanted and loved again, it's all worth it! And when you donate to support this work, you say "YES" to helping All Pets Rescue make a difference in the lives of these pets in need!

### *Volunteers Needed*

APR is always in search of volunteers willing to foster dogs and cats. Taking a homeless animal into the home, nurturing it with love and training to prepare its precious life to become ready for a forever home is rewarding. Foster families frequently receive letters or phone calls from the new family many months after the dog or cat has been adopted, thanking them for giving their new pet a second chance.

We are also in search of volunteers interested in participating in fundraising activities.

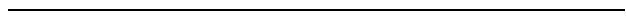
### *Cat Fostering*

Many people think of All Pets Rescue as a dog organization, never thinking of cats in a foster home environment. All Pets Rescue would welcome suggestions from our readers on ideas to promote our cat program.

Animal overpopulation still remains an issue in America but the numbers are significantly higher for cats, leading to abandoned cats when the shelters are full.



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## Safety Tips

- We've all noticed over the last few years that development and construction has risen greatly. With wild animals being displaced more and more, pets can be more at risk of encountering coyotes. Please keep your pets safe by never leaving them outside unattended.
- When walking in heavily wooded areas, be sure your dog's collar and leash are in good condition so your dog doesn't get loose and wander into dangerous areas.
- With the onset of winter fast approaching, please remember that antifreeze is poisonous to dogs and cats. Since it has an appealing taste to them, it's crucial to avoid antifreeze spills and puddles.

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## Final Thoughts...

In the pages above, we have shared with you a few of our many Happy Tails with Happy Endings that have come about as a result of the hard work of our dedicated volunteers.

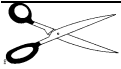
Though each of these stories begins with a grimace, with a tear of sorrow over the desperate conditions in which we find these wonderful pets, in the end, through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, the story brings a smile and perhaps a tear of Joy.

On our web page, [www.allpetsrescue.org](http://www.allpetsrescue.org), you can see dozens more of these Happy Endings stories, written without solicitation by our adopters. They are the ultimate testament to the work that we do!

To continue doing this wonderful work, we need volunteers, foster homes, and help with fundraising. Veterinary costs are our single largest expense and we need your help in whatever capacity you can provide it.

Please take a moment to fill out the form below to let us know how you can help. If you can support us by volunteering, that's great. If not, we greatly appreciate your financial support too. Every bit helps to make a difference for these poor animals-in-need. We thank you!

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**YES, I WANT TO HELP!**

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*Whatever support you can lend is greatly appreciated!*

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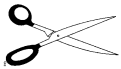
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