

Snuffy Animal Medical Emergency Rescue Fund

Sadly, there are times when some animals have few options when facing severe illness or injury. We think it's important that owners should not have to elect euthanasia because they can not afford expensive treatments or cannot manage the time consuming responsibilities of rehabilitation. Many can be helped if we can find the means, and our staff is volunteering our own time and efforts to heal these animals to the best of our ability. Snuffy has inspired us to continue a rescue fund to help the pets of this community. With your support, it is our goal to be able to help all pets like Snuffy who need us.

Snuffy's Story

Snuffy is a gentle young male Saint Bernard who was found injured at the side of the road at Donner Lake after apparently being hit by a car. An employee at Mountain Hardware brought Snuffy to us for help. Without an owner who could take care of his needs we took Snuffy on as our own responsibility. Radiographs revealed that Snuffy had a badly fractured acetabulum, the socket of the hip where the head of the femur fits. The best way for him to live out his life without pain from this injury was to have surgery to repair the hip with a plate, screws and pins. This being a difficult fracture to correct, would require an orthopedic specialist, and we were concerned about how we could come up with the money to help Snuffy and then find a new home for him.

After postings and spreading the word, the community quickly responded to his plight and raised enough money for his surgery and postoperative care including some physical therapy. We took Snuffy to Dr. Pelsue in Reno for his surgery. He was very kind to keep costs down and do everything he could for us. Snuffy is now recovering with us at Donner Truckee Veterinary Hospital for four to eight weeks of strict rest with minimal movement. There can be complications that come along with such an injury and it is possible that Snuffy may require further surgery. With time and patience he will begin his physical therapy to strengthen his muscles and start back on the road to being a playful puppy again.

If I can somehow restrain myself from adopting him myself (I am quite in love), we have found a wonderful new home for him, fantastic dog owners who will give him all that he deserves; loving people, nice fenced backyard and two other big young dogs to play with.

We were amazed by the response we received on Snuffy's behalf. We were touched by everyone who showed their concern and the generosity of giving that happened so quickly. Many thanks to Taylor and Kelly, and to the employees and patrons at Mountain Hardware who really rallied for us, as well as countless others who came to visit Snuffy, give contributions, and offers of adoption. The staff of Donner Truckee Veterinary Hospital wishes to express our gratitude to the many kind people of Truckee Tahoe who donated to help a wonderful dog out of a bad situation. We are proud to be a part of such a compassionate community.

If you would like to donate to SAMEF please call us at (530) 587-4366