



Cody's Chronicle

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A Fond Farewell

CCHS bid a sad farewell to our beloved mascot “Cody” when he passed away peacefully at the age of 16 after almost 8 years with us. Shelters do not typically seek out “mascots,” as the goal is to adopt every animal into a loving home and CCHS is no exception to that belief...until Cody. Cody just kind of happened. Cody was rescued in 2001 after we received a report of a skinny dog in an alley with no shelter. What an understatement! Every bone stuck out of his body, his ears had suffered severe frost bite and had frozen off and he weighed a mere 25 pounds.



Liz Clouthier, CCHS Volunteer, was one of Cody's favorite visitors.

We did not know if he would survive, but survive he did!

Cody loved the shelter and he loved everyone, everyone except other dogs! In effort to limit

his exposure to other dogs, Cody took over the office closet as his new home. We had all become completely attached to “Cody with No Ears” as we would affectionately call him (as well as Love Sponge, Cody the Wonder Dog, Cody Wiggle Butt and Code Man). He did get adopted for a short time but was brought back due to his not doing well around other dogs. Imagine that! We don't know who was more excited, us or him! After a big hello, many kisses and a wiggle that wouldn't stop, he walked right into his closet and laid down almost with a sigh of relief as if to say “Ahhh, I'm home!”

Our excitement was short lived as soon after he returned we noticed a “cough.” A visit to the vet revealed that he had congestive heart failure and

maybe 6 months to 1 year to live. It was at this point we decided it was best to let him to live out his days at the shelter as the stress of going into a new environment could worsen his condition. Cody continued to thrive with us at the shelter and became our own “Wal-Mart” greeter and Cody & “Cody's Closet” became our tourist attraction. Visitors would request walks or visits with Cody. That dog probably walked more miles than we will ever know. One year turned into 2, then 3, then 4. He had his share of close calls but he continued to bounce back. He was our own Energizer Bunny who just keeps going. Our goal was to “just let him make it to the new shelter.” And “make it” he did. We even made “Cody's Condo,” his own private room at the new shelter. Cody got to enjoy his room and the new shelter for almost 5 years until reaching that point of just not being able to go on.

We have asked what kept him going all these years. I believe our community kept him going. Everyone who took a moment to share with him kept him going. He loved everyone, even though his first 9 years were filled with neglect, our “love sponge” soaked up every bit of affection and gave it back in return. Cody had a huge impact on People. His story educated them about abuse/neglect, and how animals deserve and need love and respect. How can we honor that? By continuing our mission to improve the lives of animals who need us most. We promise you that Cody! We know you are enjoying rolling in the dirt, soaking up the sun and still loving life and we will never forget you, our dear, sweet friend.

Susan Ingram



Cody's Cause

Help Stop Animal Cruelty and Abuse

Despite Americans' love for animals, an animal is abused or beaten every 10 seconds in the US. Animal abuse and neglect is not only wrong; it is against the law in every state. It all starts with YOU being the voice for these animals and reporting abuse/neglect to local law enforcement. Speak out about what is often a silent crime that goes unpunished. **Provide as much as information as possible when reporting animal cruelty.** The details that you provide can go a long way toward assisting the investigating officer. It helps to write down the type of cruelty that you witnessed, who was involved, the date of the incident and where it took place. Follow up and make sure law enforcement acts on your report.

Learn to Recognize Animal Cruelty and Neglect

- Wounds on body, patches of hair missing, matted and dirty.
- Tick or flea infestations - left untreated can lead to an animal's death.
- Extremely thin, ribs showing or weakness.
- Limping or signs of injury with no signs of being treated.
- An owner striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal.
- Animals who cower in fear or act aggressive when approached by owner can be a sign of abuse.
- Dogs left alone without food and water, often chained up in a yard day after day.
- Dogs kept outside without shelter.
- Dogs tied outside on very short tie outs or constantly tangled around obstacles in yard.

Resource: www.asPCA.com and www.bestfriends.com

Help make their voice heard by reporting animal abuse and neglect. It all starts with you!



Your support will allow us to continue our efforts to help animals in our community that desperately need us. Thank you for making a difference and supporting CCHS!

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Good Bye Dear Friend

*With a heavy heart and a tear in our eyes
After all these years, we say goodbye
To our beloved Cody who was loved by all
And will be remembered by those who answered his call*

*Once in an alley and left for dead
His physical body barely fed
But his spirit was there deep inside
And once he was rescued he could not hide*

*His love for life and his will to live
He's the true meaning behind why we all give
Of ourselves, our time and all that we do
To rescue these animals each and everyday through*

*One last hug and one last kiss
You have no idea how much you'll be missed
So with a heavy heart and tears in our eyes
Just for now, our sweet boy, we say Goodbye*

Best Friend
Best Friend



We will miss you!

