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## HALO PURELY FOR PETS AND FREEKIBBLE.COM TEAM UP TO HELP RESCUES FEED THOUSANDS OF DOGS



When pictures can actually tell a story, and capture the reader more than words, they need to be shown! This little Pyrenees mix pup is from Angel Dog Rescue, in Georgia. Susan Haley, the founder of Angel Dog Rescue woke up at 2 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26 and got in her vehicle to make a long drive to Dallas, Ga. There she met with several other rescues who were the first to receive the first part of a generous donation of Halo Spot Stew, donated through Freekibble.com by Halo. Once there she met up with the other rescues and the truck driven by Velik. Below you will see and read Donna's account of the Georgia stop. The little one to the right is looking for a home at Catoosa Animal Control in Ringgold, GA. Darla Procter the Director was thrilled with the donation and it would seem this little one was too.

After leaving Georgia, Velik drove the truck to Jacksonville, Florida where Dorie, the founder and director of Akita rescue of Florida was waiting. Again several rescues from the northern part of Florida were there to take part in receiving Halo Spot Stew for their own rescue and shelter dogs. Continued on page 2



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The little pup to the left is one of the puppies at the Humane Society of Inverness who was fortunate enough to be able to partake in this wonderful donation of super healthy and delicious food. No words needed here as to the impact of this donation from Halo foods!!

Once again, when all of Jacksonville was unloaded Velik got into the semi and headed further south to Clewiston, Florida. Here several more rescues enjoyed the benefits of this great donation. There are not enough pages in this newsletter nor enough words to express the huge impact this donation has made. Emails that followed in the days after the donation were incredible. To receive an email from the director of an animal control stating that because of this donation the pups that had come in were sure to get their vaccines – to hear a rescue person almost in tears with their emotional thanks that they were safe for a short time.

The days that followed after the food drop off, will live in the memories and hearts of everyone involved. We can not thank Freekibble.com or Halo enough. Though it is important to let these large Corporations know just how much they can help us as rescues, and as individuals. I work for a law firm in Fort Lauderdale. After many years of working, I have been blessed to be employed by a corporation that truly believes in empowering their employees and supports what they do. Ruden McCloskey has always been good to me and supports the work I do in rescue. Many attorneys, paralegals and secretaries have Sanctuary dogs in their homes, and help out at our events. Perhaps even more important is that they understand my occasional need to suddenly rush out of the office or to come in late. I am blessed to hear the stories of dogs coming into homes, cats they have found, or animals they need help with. It takes a community to rescue one dog.

A note from Donna Long regarding the donation from Halo:

Wednesday  
August 26, 2009

I had the privilege of being part of the most awesome food donation distribution this morning!!



Due to the insight and coordination of a wonderful 13 year old, Mimi Ausland from Bend, Oregon, (who started [www.Freekibble.com](http://www.Freekibble.com) in 2008), 35,000 lbs of pet food was donated by FreeKibble and Halo, Purely for Pets ([www.halopets.com](http://www.halopets.com)), a high quality holistic pet food. These two great companies, FreeKibble and Halo, Purely for Pets have combined efforts to provide this nutritious pet food to thousands of homeless pets in shelters and rescues. This great donation included 16,000 lbs of Halo food for Georgia rescues and shelters, and the other 19,000 lbs going to Florida rescues and shelters. Not only will this food help the shelters and rescues to feed the animals they have, but it will literally free up money for the rescues, allowing them the ability to pull more animals from county kill shelters. The economy has drastically cut down on both money and food donations to both res-

cues and shelters, so this donation is literally a “God send”.

More than twenty devoted people showed up to unload the tractor-trailer at 7 a.m. this morning in Dallas Ga. At least 7 of which were not affiliated with any shelter or rescue, and graciously volunteered their time to help in this endeavor for the love of the animals! I can’t thank those volunteers enough, such a selfless act and so early in the morning. One very exceptional volunteer who jumped right in and made himself an invaluable asset was Joe Gibel! All the volunteers helped and did such an awesome job. Thank you also to Kenny Cook of Pyramid Masonry for the donation of your forklift, and Mike Merck Continued on page 3



for bringing it over for us to use, this alone made our task so much easier!!! It literally cut our job in half, we are very grateful, as our budget just wouldn't allow us to rent one. Monty Johnson of Forgotten K9s, you were terrific with that lift, definitely made the team so much more efficient!! I applaud each and everyone one of you, and I am truly appreciative and in awe at all of you great people that came together, for the love of these innocent animals who are in this situation due to no fault of their own. Kudos to each of you!!

Everyone came together without any dissention to unload and transfer all this food, in an effort to provide this great nourishment to these wonderful abandoned and forgotten animals that have no idea where their family went or why they are now without homes. The people at all these shelters and rescues have a fierce devotion to help care for and to find homes for all the animals they can. I have heard many say horrible things about shelter staffs, but I can honestly say that these shelter workers and volunteers love and care for these animals. They have a tough job to do and it is their love of the animals that keeps them striving for better situations at the shelters. The rescues that pull from these and other shelters, their passion keeps them moving forward even during these tough economic times as they strive to pull more and place more in great homes. With more people leaving their pets at shelters due to losing their homes, jobs, etc., there are more animals to care for at both rescues and shelters. The number of animals being turned in on a daily basis at shelters has doubled this year from last, if not more, from what I have been told by several shelters, it is a very sad situation.

Stricter spay and neuter laws are needed in the south, along with more affordable places to have animals altered would help tremendously to cut down on the number of abandoned and unwanted pets. Thank you LifeLine (who was there this morning) for providing a clinic with lower cost spay and neuter programs, and for being there to help too!!

Palena Dorsey at Sanctuary Animal Refuge, thank you so much for keeping all the Georgia animals in mind for this great donation when this awesome opportunity came up. We can't thank you enough for thinking of us, otherwise our Georgia shelters and rescues would have missed out on this great food donation from Freekibble and Halo.

Our hearts literally go out to Mimi, FreeKibble and Halo, Purely for Pets! Your Generosity and combined efforts have brought about this great donation which will feed thousands of homeless pets, we truly can not thank you enough. It is through great efforts of kindness and generosity that great deeds are accomplished and this was by far the greatest deed I have had the honor to be a part of. I am truly touched as I write this with tears of joy, over all that was accomplished through the effort of so many caring and compassionate people! Thank you!!

help Carol and Mimi in their endeavors. We need people to help write the letters to the corporations to obtain the donations for each state. Think of it the next time you say no to a donation because you may not need it.....remember that someone else does and take the time to find the group that does. Help don't "hinder" rescue. Think about the big picture, not just what is in front of you.

**Only 1 out of 10 dogs born ever get a home. Only 1 out of 12 cats born ever find a home. 800 dogs & cats are KILLED each HOUR in the U.S, because there are not enough homes for them. Saving one animal will not change the world, but it will change the world for that one animal.**





## Junai's Journey...

This is the picture we received along with this note:

**Can anyone SAVE this girl? Sweet old girl that's blind🙏**

**A334322 Frenchie 8 years Female - Stray**

Well save her we did! Yes she is old, but we came to find out that she is not blind. She is very skinny but we are working on that and she is enjoying every minute of it!! She is a love... a true sweetheart! On her ride home we got to know each other, and she enjoyed a hamburger patty and an orange milkshake. She now resting and rehabilitating at the Sanctuary while she waits for her new mom Jacque, to come and get her. She is very a very special little girl that loves to sleep on the bed, or lay at my feet when I am on the computer. Thanks to a simple note, Junai will go to a wonderful home and a new mom who will cherish her, in just a few days.



**.Pease check out our other dogs - we have two younger Bostons, Chis, an American Eskimo baby, two adult American Eskimos, several great huskies, a Malamute, a couple of Rotties and so many more needing homes.**

From the Desk of the Director...

As the economic situation in the world continues to be turbulent, it is more important than ever, for rescues to rally together to reach a common goal – saving lives! It is important that we all put differences aside when there is a chance to make a difference, to check egos at the door and to remain humble. That was seen this past week with the FreeKibble and Halo donations. Too often animals die or are forgotten simply because of the dislike between two people and their refusal to work together. When a life is at stake, no one's ego should get in the way of getting that helpless animal to safety.



As the times seem to be getting worse, (yep we all got the tax bills) we must learn that we are not heroes in ourselves, we are not a huge part of anything but simply grains of sand on a vast beach.

All too often we see rescues hating each other without knowing each other, making judgment calls that they know nothing about. The devastating fact is that, there is so much need out there and that so much time and energy is wasted doing just this.

As to being grains of sand, it's simple. One grain of sand is nothing and yet many grains of sand together create a huge foundation to walk forward, in the paths and goals we all have.

In this coming 12 months we hope to grow the groups that participate in free food, we hope to begin our medications and supplies bank and to also grow the Mosby Foundation, so that they can help more rescues and more animals in need. Please visit the Mosby Foundation that is located in Virginia, by going to [www.TheMosbyFoundation.org](http://www.TheMosbyFoundation.org). We hope to help double the number of people that visit [FreeKibble.com](http://FreeKibble.com) so that more rescues and animals can receive free food. These things cannot be done without all rescues stopping the nonsense and starting the work needed to move forward on the path.

We need rescues in all states to send us contacts for drop off points of donations and to have them be ambassadors to help Carol and Mimi in their endeavors. We need people to help write the letters to the corporations to obtain the donations for each state. Think of it the next time you say no to a donation because you may not need it.....remember that someone else does and take the time to find the group that does. Help don't "hinder" rescue. Think about the big picture, not just what is in front of you. *Palena Dorsey*

## Hairballs Are a Feline Fact of Life



### Hairballs: They are a feline fact of life, but there are ways to keep them under control!!

Finding your first hairball can be a scary experience. They can be large, tubular structures, or they can be small and mixed with food or fluid. Hairballs are a normal physiological occurrence in cats, who ingest their own hair while grooming themselves. While there is no veterinary consensus on how they should be managed, four common remedies exist to help decrease the frequency or size of hairballs: lubricants, fiber supplements, special diets, and improved grooming. The most important thing to remember about any hairball remedy is that it is a management tool for a normal process. Hair is not digestible, and it needs to pass out of one end of the cat or the other. A run-down of remedies As for lubricants, mineral oil **should never** be used to control hairballs. If a cat does not swallow the oil properly, small droplets can enter the airways and cause problems. There are

numerous safe lubricants: flavored petroleum pastes, such as Petromalt, that help Kitty pass hair more easily. Some cats love these products and readily lick them from fingers or off of their paws. But others refuse the lubricant or shake it off. Some cat treats, such as Pounce Hairball Treatment and Hartz Hairball Remedy, contain a lubricant in the middle. Dosing regimens for lubricants vary from daily to a few times weekly. The only problem with giving too much lubricant is that it can lead to soft stools. Fiber supplements, often containing psyllium, are sold in powder, capsule, or chewable-treat form as a hairball remedy. They can be administered directly into a cat's mouth or mixed in with food. The fiber helps cleanse the lining of the intestines and promotes normal intestinal contractions. This helps hair pass in the stool. Special hairball diets, such as Science Diet Hairball Control Formula, Iams Hairball Care Formula, Pro Plan Advanced Hairball Control, and Amore 9-Lives Hairball Control (canned), are widely available. These diets contain fiber and are formulated to reduce hair buildup in a cat's stomach and intestines. Many owners like giving their cat these foods, but there are no published scientific studies supporting the claims of the diets. But owners have reported success with them. Finally, you can help reduce the amount of hair your cat ingests by combing and bathing your pet more frequently. You can also reduce hairballs by trimming your cat's coat, because shorter hair means less hair mass will build up in the stomach or intestines. When to worry When should a cat owner be concerned with hairballs? While a cat with infrequent hairballs does not need treatment, I would recommend trying one of the above remedies if you find your cat vomiting up a hairball once a week or more. Taking action is important: If a cat cannot hold down food and water because of hairballs, there is a danger of dehydration. Also, it is possible for hairballs to become impacted and cause gastrointestinal obstruction; these obstructions require surgical removal. While hairballs are the most common cause of vomiting in cats, if your cat is vomiting but not producing hairballs, another problem is likely. She may have eaten too quickly, or she could be sensitive to a particular diet. Or she may have a viral or bacterial infection. In some cats, frequent vomiting is a sign of serious disease, such as inflammatory bowel disease. Also, if your cat is gagging but not actually spitting up anything, she could have asthma. Remember that hairballs are normal, but if your cat starts having them with increased frequency or the common remedies aren't working, something else may be going on. Seek veterinary advice in these situations.



# REMINDER



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**An Angel to Many Animals, and a Dear Friend to the Sanctuary**..... please meet Carole Adams, founder of **The Mosby Foundation**, and nominee of **Animal Planet's Hero of the year**...

The first of the two reversals in fortune that framed Mosby's life occurred early on a morning in June 1997. At this time a callous and irresponsible person abandoned a puppy by the railroad tracks at a station in Florida. Terrified and confused, the puppy took refuge under a parked car near the tracks. Fortunately, as an Amtrack train groaned to a stop, the puppy fought off the impulse to bolt and run. For fifteen feet away, on the unpredictable hinge of fate, a door opened through which passed Carole Adams. Carole was on her way to Boca Raton to close out the condominium of her parents who had recently passed away. To ease the sadness of her trip, Carole decided to detrain in Dade City, FL to visit some family members. Thus fate, by its incomprehensible manipulation of time and space, put Carole within fifteen feet of the terrified puppy who later would be known as Mosby. At that moment, two souls became instantaneous winners in the lottery called life. Mosby won life-time rights to the greatest home he could ever have asked for and Carole won the love of her life.



On July 4, 1997 Mosby settled into his new home, a simple rustic cabin that was surrounded by the mountains of Marble Valley in western Virginia. His new family consisted of his savior Carole, a handful of canines, a pair of felines, half a dozen equines, dozens of ovine and one old grouch, Carole's husband.



As dogs are known to do, Mosby was constantly reminded by his new canine brothers and sisters that he defined the bottom of the pecking order. But Mosby didn't mind simply because, as all who knew him would quickly discover, he was devoid of any sense of social order. He simply loved and respected every creature that he met, be it two legged or four. His creed seemed to be that any mammal blessed with that spark called life is inherently good. What a romantic! He knew he had been given a second chance at life and he was going to make the most of it. Mosby had no time for rivalry, petty jealousies, bickering and the like. Shameless love was his game.

It was quickly obvious to all members of his extended family that Mosby possessed special social skills. Even his ewe sisters did not mind his presence. During lambing season the ewes granted Mosby free access to the lambing pens. They knew the worst they or their lambs could expect from this Malamute/Husky mix was a sloppy wet kiss in the face.

For years deer had been grazing in the back yard of Mosby's home but would scatter at the hint of a dog in the area. But this was not the case with Mosby. If Mosby happened to be sunning himself where the deer wanted to graze, they simply stepped around him. Again, they knew their biggest threat was a sloppy kiss attack. It was not unusual to see Mosby napping in the back yard and surrounded by a dozen deer. Peaceful co-existence was a way of life with him.

Donkeys as a rule do not tolerate the presence of dogs. But this was not the case with Mosby and his equine brothers and sisters. They too quickly recognized his benevolent saintly qualities. The donkeys not only tolerated his presence, they welcomed it. Often as Mosby approached the group, each in turn would lower his or her head to receive one of Mosby's famous kisses. The traditional donkey-dog tension was nonexistent with that combination. Once again Mosby took a behavioral norm and stood it on its head.

When Mosby was about two years old, Carole began to take him to work with her at Sue's gift shop in downtown Staunton. Mosby now had a new world to conquer with his charm: the world of people. Five days a week, like the Man of LaMancha, he rode into town to pursue his impossible dream, to love and be loved by all he met. It was a rare event indeed when a customer, upon seeing Mosby stretched out on the floor like a

speed bump, could resist the urge to stop and pet him. By now Mosby was a hundred pound fluffy pillow with a multicolored coat of long fine hair comparable only to that of the finest cashmere. To one end of the "pillow" was Thus physically and emotionally blessed, Mosby began his adventure into the world of people. He showered love and kisses on all he met. From babies to the elderly, from the disadvantaged to the social kingpins, Mosby was shameless in his love for one and all.

Mosby's home away from home, Staunton, is well known for its picturesque well preserved historic district. Since North-South Interstate 81 and East-West Interstate 64 intersect in Staunton, the town is a natural rest stop for the motoring public. Tourists who happened to stop by Sue's shop often planned their return trip to include another "Mosby moment." If the tourists had children, the return for a "Mosby moment" was often mandatory. Many a poor parent had the burden of explaining to their child or children why they couldn't take Mosby home with them.



Mosby could warm anyone's heart. This was no less true for the men who happened by. One scene was often repeated over the years. As Mosby greeted the men who came into the shop, most would respond with a manly hug of the big dog. Mosby, of course, would respond like Mount St. Helens, spewing forth love and kisses for his new found best friend. The object of Mosby's affection would often explain with manly pride to the audience of this performance how he had always had a magical way with dogs. Those in the audience that knew Mosby politely held their smiles until the man left. Shucks, everyone knew Mosby would have done the same for Mephistopheles himself.



Thanks to Big Pete, a retired native New Yorker, not only were the patrons of the gift shop exposed to Mosby's charm but also scores of other merchants, bankers and citizens of Staunton. Part of Big Pete's routine was to stop by his daughter Sue's shop, have a cup of coffee or two, discuss a few of the world's problems, and then visit other members of the downtown community. Somewhere along the way Big Pete and Mosby formed a bond of mutual admiration. The two made quite a pair: Big Pete the experienced, crusty, no nonsense New Yorker and Mosby, the romantic, the innocent kid from the country. They cruised downtown Staunton in their perfectly symbiotic dance. Sometimes they took an elevator ride to the top floor to pay the bank President a visit. More often they stopped by the commercial loan department to visit with Phyllis. Mosby knew she kept dog cookies in her desk drawer just for him. What a nice lady, he thought. If Mosby was thirsty, he and Big Pete paraded around the corner to Chuck's shop. Chuck, in the true spirit of Southern hospitality had given Mosby his own water bowl with his name on it. Chuck is a true Virginia gentleman, Mosby thought. The kid from the wrong side of the tracks was on the top of the world. Life was good. People were good.

Being blessed with such an easygoing nature, Mosby was a natural candidate for pet therapy dog training. So no one was surprised when after eight weeks of training with Carole, Mosby became a certified pet therapy dog. Mosby embraced this new responsibility with gusto. Working as a team, mostly on Thursdays, Carole and Mosby would visit one of the local nursing homes. It was truly amazing to see this hundred pound dog work his gentle magic on weak, frail and lonely senior citizens. For many Mosby provided a bright warm respite from an otherwise uneventful existence. To many Thursday night was "Mosby night."

The kid from the wrong side of the tracks had evolved into Staunton's unofficial Ambassador of Goodwill.

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No creature loved life more than Mosby.

On the unpredictable hinge of fate, the door slammed shut on Mosby's idyllic life. A blast of buckshot from fifteen feet destroyed the face of one of God's most beautiful creatures. The manipulations of time and space that put Mosby within fifteen feet of his murderer are as incomprehensible as the combination of events that put Mosby within fifteen feet of his savior six years earlier. Fate is fickle.

Mosby's senseless death on August 8, 2003 and the resulting public outrage became a national story. Thanks to the power of the news media, it became clear that his death was much more than an isolated family tragedy. From articles in the local Staunton and Waynesboro papers, Mosby's story spread to Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, Richmond and Washington, DC television stations. From the Washington Post articles, MS-NBC's Keith Olbermann made the Mosby murder and the resultant public outcry a number one story on his "Countdown" program. From the Richmond Times Dispatch article, Mosby's story hit the Associated Press wire service and generated news articles from Virginia to Florida to California. A trucker returning to Virginia saw the story on a Cleveland, Ohio television station. People Magazine, with the largest circulation of any weekly magazine in the US, sent a writer and photographer to Staunton to do a feature story on the murder of Mosby. A Pulitzer Prize winning photographer for the Washington Post did an internet accessible photo tribute to Mosby.

The heartwarming public response to Mosby's death came in so many special ways. A neighbor's children sent Carole their crayon tribute to Mosby. A business man from North Carolina took time from his hectic schedule to write a poetic tribute to Mosby. A most wonderful gentleman from Paris, France sent many letters of condolence, including one on the first anniversary of Mosby's death. Who can forget the stranger from the Washington, DC area who was so enraged by the Mosby story in the Washington Post he immediately drove the 150 miles to Staunton and contributed \$500 to The Mosby Fund. To help in the healing process, a dog breeder from Waynesboro offered Carole the pick of any of the several litters the breeder was expecting.



Many kindhearted people sent money as well as cards and letters. The money has been used to assist in the medical treatment of rescued dogs. So far this Fund has saved several dogs from certain euthanasia. Each of them is now in loving and permanent homes. The Charlottesville SPCA alerted Carole to a wonderful mixed breed dog who tested positive for heartworm. The Mosby Fund paid for the treatment and the dog is now healthy and placed with Central Virginia All Breed Rescue.

In February 2004 the man who shot Mosby was tried and convicted by a jury of his peers of Felony Animal Cruelty. He was fined \$1,500 but received no jail time. With respect to Virginia Law, the felony conviction was precedent setting. Within hours of the conviction, Fox News and MS-NBC News ran the story of the conviction nationally. There is some comfort in knowing that Mosby's death and the resultant public outcry demonstrated that most people have zero tolerance for anyone who acts with cruelty and malice towards companion animals.

To insure that Mosby's legacy of kindness and compassion to all he met endures, Carole and friends have established "The Mosby Foundation". The purpose of The Foundation is to raise money by contributions from like-minded souls for the purpose of giving rescued, sick, injured, neglected or abused dogs the second chance in life that Mosby was given. Mosby's second chance life touched so many people in such a positive way. Surely there are other such angels out there in need of a helping hand.

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING CAROL AND THE MOSBY FOUNDATION DURING THE VOTING FOR ANIMAL PLANET HERO OF THE YEAR. [www.animalplanet.com](http://www.animalplanet.com).

## A word from our adopters!

Often the best gifts come when you least expect it....



The Sanctuary receives hundreds of phone calls and emails a week with animals and people needing help. One such please came from a fellow rescuer about a breeder who needed help with some of her dogs. We responded, and that is when Lestat came into our lives. This little boy had lived his life in a cage, literally. He was sway backed – so scared that if you would approach him he would sink to the ground trying to hide and wet himself. After much work he was free of internal parasites, fleas and had the mats cut out of his hair this is where a wonderful couple by the name of Robert and Rita enter the picture. They are two of the most incredible people I have ever met. I had told them that Lestat was not ready to be adopted yet, but they said that they knew the breed and wanted to meet with him. That was the best day of Lestat's life. When I first met them I do not think I was prepared to meet such a perfect couple for him. And now, with the almost daily updates I get of Lestat, who is now named Jake, I know it was the right choice. Here is the update from Rita and Robert.

Palena,

Palena,

Bob, Rita and Pauley drove south to meet Lestat, who would become Jake, and fell in love when they saw him. We have lived with Afghan Hounds for almost forty years now and simply love the breed. Jake came to live with us on August 9th and it seems like he has been here forever, blending right in with the family. It took Pauley, an Affie who is 8 years old, a little while to warm up to him but they are fast friends now.

He is still not happy about bath time but being an Afghan hound means a lot of grooming so we will have to work on that. He has not had any accidents in the house and loves to go for walks with Pauley. His favorite thing is chasing squirrels, rabbits, butterflies, well lets just say anything that moves is fair game. He loves to have company and all our friends have been coming over to meet him and bring new toys. This shy little boy is out of his shell and his developing a very loving personality. Jake has found his forever home with a family that needs him as much as he needs us.



Rita

## Remember me???

Hey Tina! Long time no talk! You may not even remember who I am.. My fiancé and I adopted an English Bulldog puppy with extreme mange from the sanctuary a couple years ago. I've attached some photos of our Zissou to help rev up your memory! Anyway just wanted to check in and say hello! Wonderful newsletter as always!

Lauren Rash



KCS is easier to treat in its early stages. The problem is that an eye suffering from early stage dry eye looks normal. If you see that the eyes are red or has a thick discharge then you should suspect a canine eye problem and seek veterinary care.

Because it is not easy to diagnose, the eye problems are often attributed to other causes.

Your veterinarian will do a physical examination of your dog and do what is called a Schirmer tear test (STT). Anesthesia is not necessary to perform the test.

## Dog Breeds Known for Canine Dry Eye

Dry eye is more common in the following breeds:

- \* Cocker Spaniel
- \* Shih Tzu
- \* Lhasa Apso
- \* Bulldog
- \* Schnauzer
- \* West Highland White Terrier



## Treatment of Canine Dry Eye

The obvious goal for treatment is to stimulate tear production and reversing any harm that might have occurred. The medications Cyclosporine and Tacrolimus has been an important part of successfully treating dry eye. Newly developed lubricants will help to keep your dog comfortable. Treatment is dependent on sticking with the treatment program and having a veterinary professional monitor success.

Misdiagnosed cases of mild KCS often seem to respond to topical antibiotics or corticosteroids alone due to their lubricating effects and clinical signs return when these medications are discontinued.

Treatment of KCS due to decreased tear production should (1) stimulate tear production, (2) replace tears until production increases, (3) attempt to reestablish the bacterial flora, and (4) decrease inflammation. In recent years two drugs have been used for the stimulation of tear production, cyclosporine and most recently, tacrolimus. Both medications inhibit T-lymphocyte proliferation.

In most cases your dog will respond to cyclosporine treatment 14 - 16 days. You may need to continue therapy for 2 months. If the condition is caused by immune-mediated KCS (immune response causing inflammation) then your dog will need medication for the rest of its life.

Your dog might need artificial tear replacers. Brands include Genteal® gel, Celluvisc®, and Lubrithal® .

If your veterinarian sees signs of bacterial infection and/or a corneal ulcer then the topical antibiotics will be prescribed.

Not all forms of Dog dry eye respond to treatment. This is particularly the case when the condition was triggered by a prescription medication. Another approach to try parotid duct transposition (see below).

## Treatment of Parotid Duct Transposition

Salivary (Parotid glands) glands exist on each side of your dog's head. In this procedure the glands are redirected to the eye via a parotid duct. The saliva moves down the duct into the lower part of the eye.

## *In The Kitchen With Olive*



*Yes you guessed it I got a new bed! So to go with my new bed Mom made me and my brothers cupcakes with chocolate frosting!*

### *Cupcake*

*1/2 cup honey*

*2 cups gluten free flour*

*1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise*

*1 tablespoon peanut butter*

*1 cup warm water*

*1 teaspoon vanilla*



First Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Then mix ingredients until everything is really blended. Line a muffin tin with cupcake papers. Fill each one about half-way. Bake for 25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted in the middle of a muffin. Decorate them with some cream cheese and carob frosting. Store in an airtight container.

### *Frosting*

*12 ounces nonfat cream cheese (room temperature)*

*3 teaspoons carob*

*1 teaspoon vanilla*

*1 teaspoon honey*

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