Lizzy Talk



A Newsletter From Lizzy



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A Broken Heart is Healed

Have you ever had your heart broken? Most of us have at some point in our lives. Whether it was because of someone important leaving us or from a life circumstance beyond our control; the pain we felt is undeniable. The mind-numbing, overwhelming sadness that engulfs us usually subsides over time and we work hard to move past the painful time in our lives. We work hard at getting better and feeling whole again. We might accomplish this transition with professional help, with the assistance of friends, or simply with our own mental fortitude. We are intelligent human beings with the ability to process thoughts and feelings. This aptness helps us focus on the task at hand and we eventually develop the ability to be happy again. As humans, we understand.



But what happens when the sorrow descends on a being who cannot express feelings or emotions? Imagine, for a moment, that an unfortunate being's heart is broken and it has no ability to process grief. At ***Lizzy's Fund*** we often see senior dogs who are experiencing sadness; who have had their hearts broken by life events beyond their control. Perhaps their owner passed away or simply could not take care of them any longer. Worse, another more incredibly sad situation is when an owner simply does not want to take care of an older dog anymore because they might require more help than the owner is willing to give. We call this dog a "disposable dog".

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Regardless of the unfortunate circumstance, here at ***Lizzy's Fund***, we see a sadness that cannot be explained to the dog. All we can do is love each one of them, and do whatever it takes to make the dog whole again. Whether the care is surgical, medical, alternative care medicine, we provide that help to make that soul feel physically better and loved. Once this is accomplished, the process of finding a loving home begins. Our goal is to see that the dog is placed in a home where they will find love again, which will heal their sadness.



Unfortunately, sometimes even after every effort was made to make them healthy, the older dog's issues may be too great and it cannot be permanently adopted. Then these dogs are then placed in our hospice "*Lizzy Care*" program. Permanent fosters open their hearts and home and agree to take care of the dog for them for the remainder of its life. This program provides all financial support to the foster to provide comfort for these deserving seniors. We consider these wonderful permanent fosters to be Lizzy's Humane Hero's. Their compassion and kindness is humbling.

Whatever their circumstance as to the reason why the senior dog has been abandoned, there is no way to explain it to the dog. All we can do is help them get healthy and find love. What an amazing gift we have the ability to provide. This gift gives back in more ways than you can imagine.



Can you find it in your heart to open your home to a senior that has experienced sadness?
We promise you, the reward is unbelievable….

Update on the Brody Memorial Fund

Gone, But Never Forgotten

by Gail Diedrichsen

I have lived with many dogs in my day. I have loved them all, but there have been a few who became my "heart dogs." My collie, Brody, was one of those dogs. He and I had an extremely tight bond and his memory will be with me forever.

I adopted Brody when he was already an adult dog. He was being held at animal control after his owners had refused to pay a fine. Brody got lucky and a rescue organization pulled him. However, from the day I adopted him nobody was more lucky than me.

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He was my partner in performing animal assisted therapy volunteer work. He was a remarkable working dog. Paying it forward, we volunteered together for years. We visited nursing homes where our clientele remembered Lassie. Besides visiting seniors, we visited classrooms, where we encouraged reluctant readers. Teaching reading was where Brody put his best paw forward. He was so loved. He was a fantastic ambassador collie for CRGI (**Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois**).



The day after Brody left us, ***Lizzy's Fund*** proposed initiating a way for me to keep his spirit alive. More importantly, their suggestion would make it possible for Brody's legacy to continue. The idea has proven to be a good one and has helped so many dogs in need. Although Brody is no longer by my side, he continues to spread his compassion and goodwill.

Lizzy's Fund, an organization that assists senior dogs of all breeds, already had an established relationship with CRGI and had been an incredible partner for many years. Then in 2021, the ***Brody Memorial Fund*** was established on the day he died as a restricted fund expressly committed to helping senior collies exclusively.

Not including the already twelve collies financially assisted by ***Lizzy's Fund*** *before* the ***Brody Memorial Fund*** was established, Brody's Fund has now assisted eighteen more collies. Disbursing almost $36,000 since its inception, covering many of our seniors collies medical expenses.

This July 1st marked the four year anniversary of Brody's passing. It seems like only yesterday he was with me. Although, after his death I was broken hearted and dealing with my emotions, establishing his memorial became the silver lining to no longer having him by my side.

Brody's Memorial Fund has enabled homeless senior collies to live out their days surrounded by people who care for them and love them.

Lizzy's Fund shares, *"The joy Brody brought not only to his family, but to everyone who met him, is being played out over and over again through this amazing dogs memory."*

Summer Warning



At *Lizzy's Fund*, we care deeply about senior dogs—let's all do our part to keep them cool and comfortable this summer. 🐾💛

🌞🐶Summer Safety Tips from *Lizzy's Fund*!

Hot weather can be tough on our furry friends. Help keep them safe:

- ✅Provide fresh water
- ✅Ensure shady spots outside
- ✅Avoid hot pavement during walks
- 🚫Never leave pets in a parked car!





Lizzy's Fund has 3 parts:



"General Fund"
provides financial assistance for medical needs to all breeds of senior dogs, aged 7 and older in rescues and shelters.

"Brody Memorial Fund"
provides the same financial assistance as the General Fund but is restricted for the care of senior collies only.

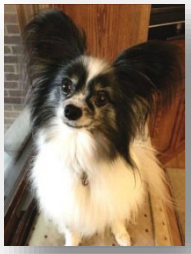
"Lizzy Care Fund"
provides hospice care for senior dogs that have been cared for but due to severe health issues, cannot be adopted. This Fund is staffed by permanent fosters to provide comfort care to senior dogs.

Lizzy Angels

Lizzy's Fund is extremely grateful for each and every "Lizzy Angel" that generously makes donations for the care of our very special senior dogs. Your support is extremely important, and it enables us to continue with our mission to provide care and support to senior dogs from shelters and rescues. We feel truly blessed that, because of our Angels kindness, senior dogs are getting the care that they deserve and that they feel love and compassion.

We personally acknowledge every donation. In the interest of protecting our donor's privacy against poachers of data, we do not publish lists of our donors in our newsletters or on our website.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



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is an IRS approved not-for-profit charity that provides financial support to senior canines, aged 7 and older.
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