



Their Welfare is in Our Hands

Animal Assistance League of Orange County

Holiday Greetings!

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Dear AAL Supporter,

AAL is a magical place of love and hope, and every dog or cat that is lucky enough to be rescued by this no kill organization is cared for as if they were our own pets. It is one of many reasons that AAL is so unique, so special, and is so needed.

Dear Nicky,

I will never forget the first time I saw your face. The photograph of your face, pummeled and bleeding, your body ripped to shreds, your soul so beaten down that I didn't know if you were ever loved for even one minute in your lifetime. Your eyes spoke the horrors of the cruelty and savagery you experienced as a "bait" dog in the bloodthirsty world of dog fighting. You were broken, physically and emotionally, and after being shot with a 38mm bullet, your battered body was dumped like trash on the street. Many walked by you as you lay in unimaginable and excruciating pain and you wondered if this was the end.



The day that you were rescued by AAL was the beginning. I held your raw face carefully in my hands and promised you that one day, you would know what it felt like to bask in the sun, to roll in the green grass, to have your belly rubbed, to fall asleep in the backseat of the car, to stick your head out

the window and feel the wind blow on your beautiful face. I gently hugged you and promised you that no one would ever hurt you again. I looked in your eyes and promised that you would be safe and you would be loved. It has now been one year that your trainer has been preparing you for the life you deserve, guiding you to trust again. Your smile reminds us why we work so hard to change lives.

But saving lives costs money, and we are really struggling. There are veterinary bills that need to be paid, food expenses climbing, ongoing repairs for a 50 year old kennel, and training costs to help animals like you to recover. Our days are filled with financial worry and our hearts ache because there are so many that need help...

Dear Murphy,

Late one night, a woman knocked on the door, holding you in her hands, saying that she had just found you on a sidewalk in a nearby neighborhood. Your tiny 5 pound body was unable to stand without falling over. We rushed you to the emergency room and received the devastating news that your life had been harder than anyone could have known. They told us that a birth defect caused your neck vertebra to rub on your spinal cord, damaging it over time. Your owner never had it corrected, leaving you stumbling for most of your life until you had to drag yourself around, scarring the tops of your paws. And when you could no longer walk, your owner's last act was to lay you on a sidewalk and drive away, leaving you alone and defenseless. You were so scared and the lost look in your eyes makes me wonder if ever, your owner loved you. You are only 4 years old, and your story could have ended on that sidewalk, if it weren't for AAL and an incredible "special needs" home who took you in and made you feel safe and loved. Murphy, you will never be abandoned again.



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