

National Be Kind to
Animals Week
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Suncoast
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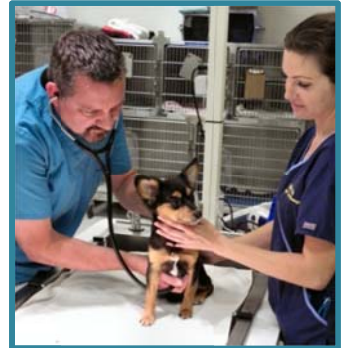
Celebrating 40 Years

Helping Animals and People Since 1971

Dear Friend,

He is just 9 pounds but has a heart as large as his name, TITAN. At first glance it appeared the 10 month old youngster would be a very good adoption candidate. Surrendered by his owners because they were moving (an excuse heard far too often), the male Rat Terrier/Chihuahua type was a small dog with a sweet temperament.

We had been told that his limp was caused by a fall into a man hole. We were also informed that it had not been treated. Upon examination it was found that TITAN's injury was indeed very serious. It appeared that either the fall, or a panicked attempt to free himself had done extensive damage to his hip and leg. Whatever the cause, it became evident to our veterinarian that the injury had been left untreated far too long. It was determined that TITAN would have to undergo an orthopedic surgery called femoral head osteotomy (FHO), if he was to have a quality life. Without this procedure, he may never have complete use of his leg. Months of healing improperly was already causing the little dog severe pain and discomfort.



We wanted so badly to help TITAN, however, realizing the poor financial status of our shelter angel medical fund, and of our overall humane society the estimated \$1,500 - \$1,800 surgery was out of the question. At least we thought so until we received an unexpected offer. An area veterinarian offered his clinic and expertise to perform the surgery, at a minute percentage of the cost. Thanks to this compassionate gesture and a lot of hard work, TITAN is making a speedy recovery and will soon be enjoying a wonderful permanent home.



We are grateful for the responses received from the media coverage that informed the public of our threatening financial situation. Limiting the area in which we are able to accept animals, along with a reduction in staffing will serve to cut spending, however, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If Suncoast Humane Society is to survive as an effective animal care and welfare organization, WE MUST RECEIVE THE FUNDING TO DO SO. Important services, including low-cost spay/neuter, affordable vaccinations and preventive health care, and yes even the shelter angel program which saved TITAN and so many others, are in danger of being lost.

Please help us make this year, our 40th anniversary, a year to assure the future of Suncoast Humane Society. PLEASE HELP US HELP THEM.

Sincerely,

Phillip R. Snyder
Executive Director