

# **Checking in with Leslie!**

Dear friends and fellow animal lovers,

Last month I got a text from a vet friend about a little Maltipoo that was relinquished to her hospital by her owners after she became acutely paralyzed. They couldn't afford the testing and surgery needed to treat her and didn't want to euthanize her as she had been theirs since she was a puppy. Would I take her? At that time the inn was full and I had to say no, so sorry. Fast forward a few weeks and two of our special needs dogs, Magic and Scooter were adopted. TOGETHER!!! I called the vet back and said if she hasn't been euthanized yet we have room! She was thrilled. Nube (our little white cloud) will probably never walk again but we can get her as healthy and functional as possible in the hopes that she might learn to spinal walk. If not, who cares! She only weighs a few pounds and can be carried everywhere, including in your purse. All she wants is to be held anyway. The reason I'm telling you this? PET INSURANCE!!!! So many people end up relinquishing or euthanizing their pets when they cannot afford their care. The cost of veterinary medicine has skyrocketed (in case you hadn't noticed!) and so many people cannot do the one thing they really want to do, which is take the best care they can of their pets. Pet insurance is critical in these cases. It pays for those tests and surgeries that you never think you are going to need until you do. Please consider getting it if you don't already have it. It truly can be and often is, lifesaving.

Warm regards,

V exlie Gallagher

### **Patient Spotlight**

### Huge Progress-Cotton Keeps Fighting

For this month's clinic spotlight, we're honored to feature the outstanding Cotton!!! Cotton is facing the challenges of Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD), with Susan leading the way in rehab. Following spinal surgery in November 2023 for cervical IVDD, he has shown so much progress, transitioning from acute tetraplegia to improved mobility with assisted standing and range of motion exercises. Cotton's owners and Susan (of course!) are incredibly dedicated to getting him walking again.





## **Quick Hits**

### And a Quick Welcome to <u>New Patients!</u>!

Before we get into our "Quick Hits" of the month, a warm welcome to our new patients!

Zoe, Sparky, Bandit, Tucker, Rylie, Koda, Cooper, Swagger, Budha, Stella Moose, Rocky, Uma, Ferdinand, Doge, Niki, Cooper, Jackson, Mason, Leo, Blue, Bacon, Baxter, Indy, Blue, Beau, Happy, Sophie, Luca, Aggie, Pup, Bowl, Piper, Cedar, Gwen, Mr. Cat, Andy, Eddie Money, Phoenix, Ziggy, Atticus, Reign, Cooper, Cookie, Shadow, Bailey, Lo, Brodie, Poochie, Ama, Dustin, Ollie, & Jif.

Your trust in us is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to being part of your pets' wellbeing. Questions? Visit our FAQ page on our website or <u>Contact Us</u>!

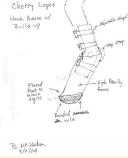




### Leslie is a 2024 Enterprising Women of the Year Winner!!!

This award recognizes women entrepreneurs from around the world who've not only excelled in business but have also been giving back and uplifting others. Congratulations and, may we say, "Well deserved!?"





### **Brace Yourself!!**

Cherry is an adorable German Shepherd born with a necrotic rear paw. Her mother eliminated the dead tissue (eating it to prevent the necrosis from spreading), thereby giving Cherry a chance at a healthy life. Her vet finished the clipping and cleaning and Cherry was good to go. What she was not able to do, however, was play with her siblings. They were too fast and rambunctious, so Cherry spent a lot of time alone, just watching. Her owner reached out to us to see if we could help. We worked with our friends at My Pet's Brace to design and create a prosthesis to



replace the missing paw. As Cherry is still a puppy, we also had to design it for future growth, and to be able to withstand the beating it's going to take as she (finally) gets to play with her siblings. The final product is a stunning success, if we say so ourselves: It fits perfectly, it's light, comfortable, rugged, and cute! She took to it right away. Her device will help her gain strength in that leg and prevent spinal misalignment as she gets older. Great job, MPB, and happy trails, Cherry!

- New rear-leg carts have been spotted on Ollie, Bentley, Lorna, Gluten, Andy, and Coco. And braces for stability and support have been created for Chloe, Lacie, Nemo, and Sophie!
- Leslie's March 21st appearance on the Veterinary Business Podcast was so well received that she's been invited to be part of a webinar that will be streamed on May 9. She's keeping busy, that's for sure! Click here to listen!



### **Google Reviews!**

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### □ What's new in the 2H4P Blogosphere?

Check out our four part story about the amazing Matilda and her journey from hoarded to healthy. She's a warrior, like all of our Foundation dogs. Discover scientific <u>case study blogs</u> on our website!



# **Foundation Highlights**

### Scooter and Magic Adopted!...TOGETHER! →

Did you hear that Scooter and Magic found a home? Together? With lots of kids? On a property so big it has streams and fields?

Score!

### 4 New Pups Started Their 2H4P Journey! 👃

Next up is our latest crew. Cedar, Noah, and Bella Boo. (That rhymes!) Dobie, Dobie, Mastiff. All hit by cars. Cedar even lost an eye in his accident. All here to mend and get ready for their forever homes. And we also welcome Nube, paralyzed with IVDD and relinquished for financial reasons. Cute as a button! Follow all of their journeys with us.







## **Product of the Month**



#### **ElleVet Sciences Calm & Comfort CBD + CBDA**

These tasty chews are designed for dogs who need fast relief in shortterm stress situations such as loud noises from fireworks or weather, veterinary visits, grooming or other similar stress-causing events. Believe it or not, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and summer road trips are right around the corner! Want to know more? Check in with staff to learn if ElleVet is a good option for your pooch!

## **Staff Spotlight**



Nathan has been a valued member of Two Hands Four Paws since February 2023. He entered the animal industry in September 2021, starting as a Veterinary Tech Assistant. This profession has always held a special place in his heart, and he feels grateful to be pursuing it now. Nathan finds the genuine care that pet owners have for their furry family members to be the most rewarding aspect of his job. Witnessing the progress and growth of animals like Sasha, Myron, and Mochi motivates him every day, and he finds the positive environment at Two Hands Four Paws truly inspiring.





Welcome Nyah! Nyah's favorite part of the job is witnessing the incredible transformations in pets and their owners during treatment, all while being part of a positive and supportive team environment. Outside of work, Nyah enjoys indulging in her hobbies, including golf, cross-stitching, and training her parrot, Mango. A lover of flavorful cuisine, her favorite dish is Beef Shawarma, and she dreams of one day exploring the majestic Swiss Alps. Nyah aspires to become a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) and Rehabilitation Technician.

### **Independently Owned**



### **Pups Over Profits Always**

Two Hands Four Paws is an independent business dedicated to prioritizing your pet above corporate interests. Our first tag line, many, many years ago was "It's All about the Dogs." It still is.

Your continued support of our business and our Foundation means the world to us—thank you.

Stay connected with us beyond social media – join our community on all platforms to get the latest updates and exclusive content.





**Thank you very much for reading,** Leslie and The Two Hands Four Paws Foundation

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