

Harley's Hope Foundation helps young dog with broken neck

Linx, a 10 month old Shih Tzu with a neck fracture, is alive today thanks to the combined efforts of four entities - Harley's Hope Foundation (HHF), Colorado Canine Orthopedics (CCO), Peak Performance Veterinary Group (PPVG) and the ICU at Southern Colorado Veterinary Internal Medicine. The dog's pet parents, a young military couple new to Colorado, are immensely grateful for the collaboration that spared their dog who was literally on the brink of being euthanized due to excruciating pain.

When Madison Adams' young dog, Linx, began crying in pain last January, little did she know it was the start of a fight to save Linx's life. Linx was taken to a local veterinary clinic where Madison was told he probably had a pinched nerve. When the pain began again a month later, but far more intense than before, Madison and her husband made two trips to the animal emergency room - twice in the same weekend. They were told that Linx might be suffering from a bulging or herniated disc and would probably need surgery. At this point, the Adams' were referred to Harley's Hope Foundation for help.

HHF staff set up a consult between the Adams' and



Colorado Canine Orthopedics, where it was discovered that the young dog had sustained a fracture to his neck. The injury is thought to have occurred when Linx tripped on concrete steps leading up to this family's apartment. Linx was immediately admitted to the ICU at Southern Colorado Veterinary Internal Medicine so his movements could be restricted. When regular pain management failed to relieve Linx's agony, the veterinarians at CCO called in the pain management specialists from Peak Performance Veterinary Group. Within a matter of hours, Linx's pain was under control. Within a matter of days, the little dog went home to recuperate. Linx is doing much better.

This case highlights the importance of separate entities working together for the common good. HHF routinely

assists pets and people in need by coordinating efforts with animal welfare professionals and area veterinarians. HHF has provided assistance to over 70 pets and medical services dogs since the inception of its Pet Assistance Fund in December of 2010. It currently collaborates with over a dozen local animal care providers and specialists.

Harley's Hope Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity with a unique mission; preserve the human-animal bond and keep pets home where they belong. The nonprofit provides direct services and resource referrals to individuals in danger of losing their pets. For additional information on Harley's Hope Foundation, visit www.harleys-hopefoundation.org, call (719) 362-6335, or find us on Facebook.