

# Amy & Thumper

These two dogs had been left with a friend by the owner when he relocated to Calgary. They were rescued by a neighbour in early spring when she heard them howling in the backyard.

The lady fully admitted she could not afford to look after the dogs, and had kept them outside all winter and fed them only table scraps.

Both dogs were emaciated when they arrived. Amy had an ACL repaired previously, but had re-injured it and it was now infected and oozing.



The ACL was repaired again and both dogs started on a slow weight gain schedule.

They were placed in excellent homes. Thumper gained weight and became a loved member of the family. Sadly, Amy could not recover from the deprivation and injury, she died six weeks after surgery.



# Thelma

Thelma was rescued from a puppy mill by Iowa Bullie Rescue. With a huge amount of help from Basset Rescue, Thelma was transported here by the 'underground railway'. Volunteers would drive her 200 miles and hand her off to the next volunteers who did the same until she arrived at our door!



Thelma had been kept in a wire cage in a garage and bred over and over again. Her pads were so raw from the wire floor she would not walk. She had infections in both ears and was virtually blind from untreated entropion. She was terrified to go outside as she never had been out of the garage. She had huge teats and was still lactating.

Thelma was spayed, lumps removed from four teats, ears cleaned and treated and the entropion fixed to ease her discomfort. It was also discovered she had a severe heart murmur.

Thelma died 11 months later because of her heart, but in that time she learned to enjoy the outdoors and knew that we loved her.



# Alice

The breeder gave Alice to a friend of hers, but he quickly realized he was unable to care for her with her special needs.

Alice was born with Spina Bifida and is incontinent. Her hocks are also fused and cannot bend or flex.



We were told that she would never walk, but that wasn't a concern to us. When she arrived Alice was so small and weak we had to 'tripod' her just to get her tiny diaper on.

As she got stronger Alice started to try and walk, but her unusual shuffle ripped the skin off her hocks. With this in mind we had custom made little boots for her. We clipped the boots to her harness so they wouldn't fall off.

We added a ramp to our deck so Alice has the freedom to run with the other dogs.

And yes, she can RUN!



# Tyke

(originally named 'Spike')

Tyke was the victim of a drug raid, and his original owner thought he had bought a pitbull and abused Tyke daily to make him mean.



Tyke also had an elongated esophagus which meant he would vomit up whatever he had just eaten. For a dog fed once a day this was a slow starvation. His lungs were also compromised by inhaling some vomit each time.

We feed 'free choice' so Tyke could eat one or two kibbles whenever he wanted. We also built a stand so Tyke's front feet were on the first step and the food was on the second step. This angle helped the food stay down. He was also on a daily anti-fungal injection to help his lungs.

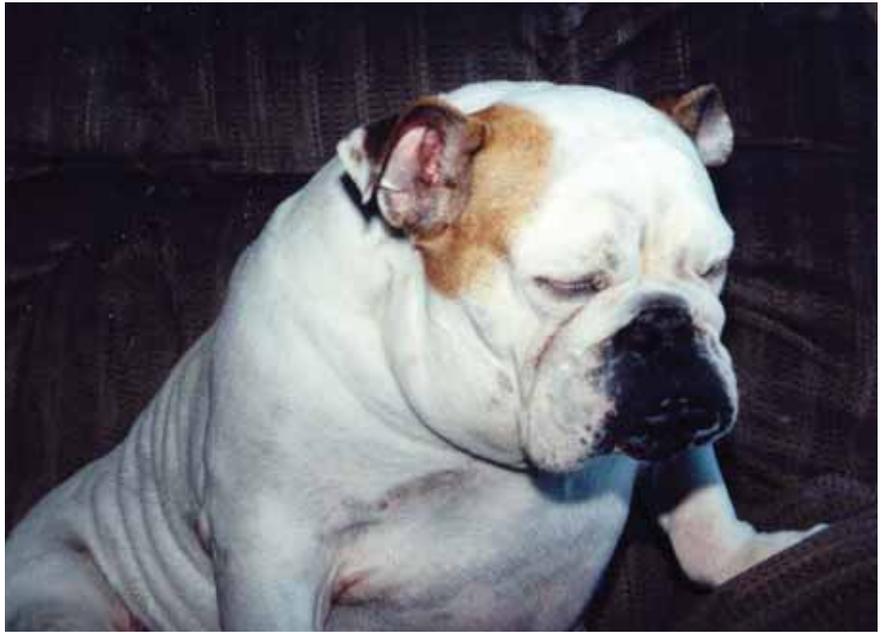
Tyke always remained somewhat fearful and would raise his paw or roll over in submission when approached.



# Lola

Lola came from the Toronto Humane Society where they had been unsuccessfully treating her for a tail infection.

We discovered that her corkscrew tail had grown around and right back inside. As the tail is an extension of the spinal column it was a tricky surgery to perform. Her tail was amputated and the abscess cleaned. Lola recovered fully.



# Beauty

This little girl was left tied to the door of the Barrie Humane Society with baler twine in the early morning before it opened.

Taped to the door was a note, my name is Beauty I am good with kids and dogs.

She had obviously just had puppies as her teats were huge and she was still lactating.

We had her spayed and lumps removed from three teats. My vet could not find a caesarian scar so her puppies must have been whelped naturally. Her uterus showed she had many litters.

Beauty never was very strong but was one of the sweetest dogs to come into rescue.