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## HOLIDAY TAKES A BREAK

Working on the reservation for several years, I've come to know quite a few "regulars," those owned dogs who tend to roam but are friendly and who will always accept an extra dinner if offered. Holiday lived across the street from the clinic where I work. Like many pet



owners, Holiday's family doted on him when he was a pup but as he got bigger and they got busier with a new baby, he was more or less left to his own devices. Four days before Christmas this past year, Holiday was on his walk about town and was hit by a car right in front of the clinic. A coworker and I went to investigate and found he had managed to limp back home, but one of his back legs was dangling at a very disturbing angle and was covered in blood. After some tough discussion with his owners, they agreed to surrender Holiday to Blackhat so that he could receive the care he needed for the best chance of recovery.

We were certainly not looking for a Christmas foster, but Holiday came to our house on December 23rd after having a major surgery which inserted four pins into his tibia that were held together with "external skeletal

hardware." We learned pretty quickly what that meant when changing the bandage for the first time. It basically looked like a metal handle drilled into his leg. After several bandage changes that were extremely stressful to human and canine parties alike, we learned

about bully sticks. As disgusting as they are, Holiday thinks they are the best thing since sliced bread and will let any type of veterinary procedure happen with barely any wiggling as long as he has his "stick."

Holiday is now going on two months of bed rest. This means being crated all day with brief potty breaks and dressing changes. While he is very anxious to run and play, he is taking rehab like a champ. He rarely whines or barks and has been as sweet as sugar. Over the past several weeks he has had all four of the metal pins removed from his leg and now has two weeks of rehab to go. He should be ready for adoption in mid March and is certainly ready to be romping in a forever home. - Kim Parr

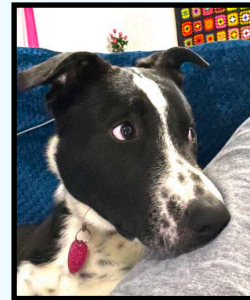


Penny

## Memorium

The Deuby family: In loving memory of sweet dog Penny who was adopted in 2005 while we were living in Chinle. May she rest in peace.

## See Jasper Sit!



Jasper is a sweet survivor. At some point in his life he was hit by a car. He suffered terrible injuries and somehow survived. His bones have fused but left him unable to sit or stand for more than a minute or two.

The veterinarian told us that Jasper needed a surgery to reset his bones, by a specialist.

After a long, difficult operation and recovery, during which his hard mass of healed bone broke the surgeon's drill, Jasper is doing great! His foster mom, Margaret, reports he is bearing weight on his injured hind legs and just needs to gradually increase his exercise regimen to build up the atrophied muscles. He is ready for adoption to a home that will give him regular, but not overly strenuous, exercise. "The people at the vet's just loved him. He is so friendly!" said Margaret. We know Jasper will continue to be the loving playful dog that he was before surgery, just better without the old pain. His future is bright.



## Wanted: Dog House Builders

Four Corners Expos wants to raffle off some doghouses at the upcoming Durango Home and Ranch Show as a benefit for Blackhat and another rescue! If

you like building stuff, email [cfisher@bcimedia.com](mailto:cfisher@bcimedia.com). She will provide you with plans and materials. The show is tentatively scheduled for April 24 and 25 but it may be postponed or even cancelled depending on what COVID is doing by then. Many thanks to Four Corners Expos for continuing to support us!

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## PUPPY LEGS UPDATE

In the last issue, we introduced you to some Blackhat puppies with leg issues: two with multiple fractures and one that had to be amputated. Several of you donated for their surgeries and wanted an update, and we're tickled pink to tell you all three are doing well!

Stumpy, now Eileen, has adjusted well to being a tripawd. She is living in Florida where she doesn't have to worry about snow, and has lots of playtime with her sister, also a Blackhat adoptee. "She's such a little crazy ball of joy and goofiness!" writes her adoptive mom, Katie. "She and her sister love each other."

Miller is out of his cast and has fully healed, after plenty of time without much activity. And he just landed his forever home in Gallup, with a doting mom!

Mesa, the former Kobe, is happily ensconced with his new parents in Window Rock — ironically, the place where he was found. He had an operation to put a pin in his leg and had more time of restricted activity. Great news came at his last checkup - he has fully healed. "He's doing great," says adoptive mom Abigail.

All the adoptive moms agree: There's no reason not to consider a less than perfect pet ... they may be the perfect pet for you.



Stumpy/Eileen



Miller



Kobe / Mesa

## The Numbers

### For January - December 2020

\$42,236.00 spent on foster animal veterinary services

\$14,165.00 spent on foster animal care

\$4,804.00 spent on transporting dogs

\$4,154.00 spent on community/partner support

228 animals found their permanent homes

### For January – February 2021

103 animals taken into foster care  
42 adoptions

25 transferred to partner rescues  
36 still looking for homes

\$4,928.00 spent on foster dog support

\$12,932.00 spent on veterinary services