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THANK YOU

FOR COMING THROUGH OUR DOORS...

AND OPENING
DOORS FOR OTHERS.

Dear Fellow Animal Lovers,

Last year we wrote to you about the excellent care our dogs have received from the students and teaching staff at Cornell's Hospital for Animals and the opening of the Small Animal Community Practice. Students now have real-world experiences that are more similar to their future practices while also learning about the business aspects of running a veterinary practice. You responded with nearly $10,000 in donations! Thank you.

This year we are giving thanks to you for bringing your animals to Cornell, opening doors for others through your patronage and donations — families in distress, the animals in our lives, students who will go on to be our future veterinarians. Thank you for your generosity and caring about our community of animal lovers.

Bill and Janet Hansen, Lee Lee and Rondo

One-year Cancerversaries

Just weeks after Leni and Al Rayburn got the news of Leni's cancer, Ruffy, their 12 year-old Scottie, was diagnosed at Cornell with cancer of the kidney. They heard the costs of treatment. They knew they couldn't do it.

They decided on surgery only after long discussions together. It was emotionally and financially daunting. Then the call from Cornell came that a grant from the Petco Foundation & Blue Buffalo Foundation was available to them if they wanted to pursue surgery. "It was the first grant we had received in our lives." Now the have a different dog — Ruffy is playing and acting like his normal self — and with all the attitude you'd expect from any Scottie.

What a difference a year can make. "We appreciate every day we have with him."

Your gifts for Cornell University's Patient Assistance Program help other pet parents with their high costs of veterinary care. Cancer patients receive assistance specifically through the Petco Foundation and Blue Buffalo Foundation Cancer Treatment Support Fund. You can help other families in need. Visit www2.vet.cornell.edu/giving /thank-you

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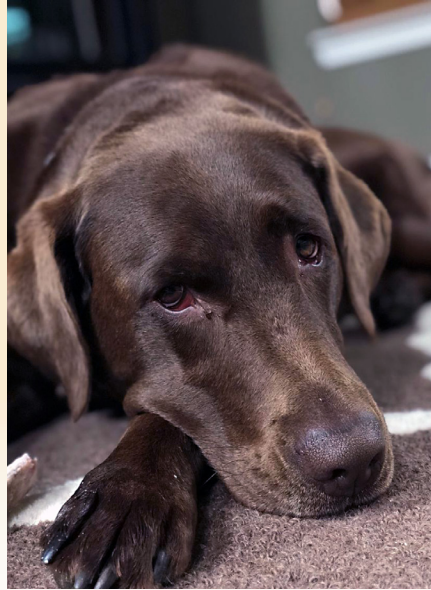foundation

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Family First

Michael and Fran Kramer had never been through a major surgery with a pet before.

At three years old, Pinky had some lameness in her right leg which didn't seem normal. After eight months and no improvement, their veterinarian suggested Cornell for a possible orthopedic surgery.

When they found out Pinky needed surgery for a torn cruciate ligament, they discussed it as a family. "We all agreed she's an important member of the family and needed the surgery to get better." The surgery was a success and they worked as a family to do Pinky's rehab at home. Unfortunately, less than a year later, her other leg needed the same surgery. Back to Cornell.

Now, at five years old and a little more than a year after her second surgery, Pinky is going on hikes of eight miles or more. "Every time we go hiking we think of Cornell and want to say 'Thanks.'"

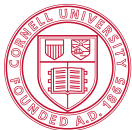*Read more about Pinky at www2.vet.cornell.edu/news*

I Love Cornell

My name is Gertrude, or Gerty for short. As you can see from my picture, I love the snow and running in the woods behind my house.

Like many of you who have been diagnosed, I had no idea I had a heart problem. My arrhythmia — a slow heart beat — was pretty serious and they thought I should have a pacemaker. My parents were pretty scared. "One day, she couldn't stand up without collapsing, wasn't hungry and was trying to catch her breath. We called her doctor who recommended we take her to Cornell right away."

They packed me up and we saw Cornell's amazing cardiologists. Turns out my heart problem was from an infection that an antibiotic could fix — it was slowing my heart and I didn't need surgery! My dad monitored my heart for the next five months, but now I can run and jump and chase mice without a problem!

My dad, David Muroff, still can't believe I didn't need surgery and is so thankful. "That's one of the many things I love about Cornell; they don't walk away from you until they're sure you know what's going on and what to do."

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