

NEWSLETTER

The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care



You Can't Keep a **Good Dog** Down

by **Olivia Miller, a writer who loves animals**

Cloverdale, a golden/shepherd/chow mix, is an irrepressible three-year-old that Kyra Jenkins adopted from a shelter in Mississippi at ten months. "I saw a picture of him online in a Red Flyer wagon," Kyra said, "and I knew. We got him in Rhode Island. He came out of the truck and peed on my foot. That was it.

"Cloverdale is the best dog I've ever had," she added. "I don't even like calling him a dog. He's an old soul. He 'talks' and is stubborn. I say that he loves like a golden and protects like a shepherd/chow."

Last fall the shepherd/chow part of him almost proved to be his undoing. Kyra's fiancé, Rico Holley, is a house painter on the Vineyard where the couple live with their two children. Cloverdale goes to work with Rico (and even has his own lunchbox, according to Kyra). Last October, Rico was on a ladder when he heard a truck coming down the dirt road. Before Rico could stop him, Cloverdale bolted for the truck. The driver slammed on the brakes but it was too late: he had run over Cloverdale's paw and the dog was dragged.

Kyra, a CNA at a



retirement home, was at work. When she got a chance to check her phone, Rico had left 20 frantic messages. She got the kids and headed to Vineyard Veterinary Clinic in Edgartown. Roger Williams, DVM, told her the injuries were serious. "They weren't sure Cloverdale would make it," she said. "One leg was broken, the other was mangled and they didn't know if there were internal injuries." Terrified, she went to see Cloverdale. "He was muzzled and bloody, but sat up when he saw me. It was like he was saying, 'I'm okay, Mommy.'"

Concerned that the

leg might need to be amputated, Dr. Williams discussed sending Cloverdale off-island. Kyra couldn't afford it. The doctor said he would do his best, explaining that the next 72 hours were crucial. It was totally up to Cloverdale.

An IV catheter was inserted to reduce the dog's fever, which he pulled out. "Cloverdale," Kyra warned, "you've got to leave the catheter alone." The next day Dr. Williams called. "He asked me if I was sitting down. I thought that was it." Again, Cloverdale had pulled out the catheter. But he was standing... despite a fractured left

front leg and severe road burn on his right front leg. Stubbornness works!

After five more days in the clinic, Cloverdale came home. His bandages needed changing every day; he couldn't handle stairs so Kyra slept on an inflatable mattress downstairs. Six weeks later a toe was amputated so the bones in his paw would line up correctly. Today he's missing some fur on one paw but is doing great – galloping on four legs and running on three.

Because of the extent of Cloverdale's injuries, treatment costs were high, but Vineyard Veterinary Clinic did what it could to help offset some of the financial burden. As an affiliate of The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care, the clinic provided services at a reduced rate and suggested that the couple apply for Sampson Fund assistance. Kyra's kids, Matthew, 12, and Aleeya, 4, even brought in their piggy banks. "I don't want anything for Christmas," Matthew told his mom. "I just want Cloverdale to come home."

"I'm so grateful to the folks at The Sampson Fund," Kyra said. They were so helpful and generous to us. I can't thank them enough."



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Christopher S. Donner, VMD, the founder and a trustee of The Sampson Fund, has been chosen to receive the prestigious Merit Award from the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association. This award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to animal welfare and the human/animal companion bond. Chris continues to bring wisdom and leadership to our Sampson Fund board of trustees.

Our cover story is about Cloverdale, a very special dog who has overcome horrible injuries. His community, his doctors and The Sampson Fund have come together to help this wonderful dog receive the help he needs to fully recover.

Mark your calendars. The Pancake Man, on Route 28 in South Yarmouth, will be giving diners a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, March 4. Donations on that day will be for The Sampson Fund.

On Thursday, April 10, the Hearth 'n Kettle restaurants in Hyannis, South Yarmouth and Orleans will be donating 15% of food and beverage sales to The Sampson Fund when diners present a copy of the flier that appears on the back of this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner while supporting The Sampson Fund.

We are gearing up for our spring and summer activities. Come by our table at the first annual Paws at the Beach event at Craigville Beach in Centerville on Saturday, May 10, from 11 to 3. This pet festival to benefit the Cold Noses Foundation will feature demonstrations, vendors and give-aways.

Our fourth annual Plants For Pets Garden Event will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 10 to 2. There will be plants galore at attractive prices, fun and funky garden décor, rehabbed tools and tool-sharpening, music by Tim Sweeney and The Fringe, hot dogs on the grill, bountiful baked goods and more. Help us top last year's sales of over \$7,000.

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our end of the year appeal. We are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely, Patti Smith

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The Society, begun in 2012, provides special recognition for those members who have included The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care in their long-term plans through bequests or other deferred-giving arrangements.

Christopher S. Donner, VMD, former director of Pleasant Bay Animal Hospital, founded The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care in 1986 and remains an active member of The Sampson Fund Board of Trustees.

Please contact us at sampsonfund@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.sampsonfund.org for a Christopher S. Donner Society membership form.

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Our three Pet Photos with Santa events were special holiday happenings. Many thanks to Country Garden, VCA Pleasant Bay Animal Hospital, Brewster Veterinary Hospital, Joe Yukna, Jack Bakker and Bill Kaser for helping to make them so successful.

Santa and a Quartet of Vizslas

Want to Volunteer?

There are lots of ways that you can help The Sampson Fund. To find out more, contact Danni at dannij240@comcast.net, 508-737-4431 or Nan at nanpoor@verizon.net, 508-432-0742.

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