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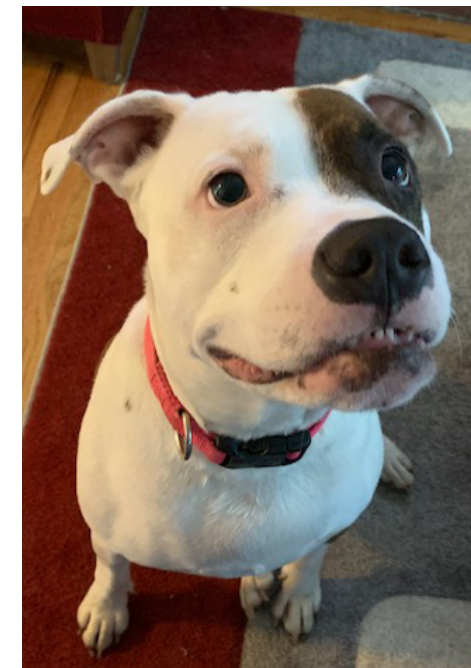
Nalah Unleased

By Olivia H. Miller

About a year ago, Nalah, a three-year-old female pit bull, began limping. Her owner, Jessica McDonough, wasn't overly concerned because eventually the limp went away. Last fall, the limp came back. A veterinarian diagnosed it as a muscle sprain and put Nalah on an anti-inflammatory, which helped; once again, the limp was gone.

A few months later, however, the limp returned. This time, Jessie brought Nalah to Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod in Yarmouth where they identified the issue – a torn cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) in the dog's rear left leg (comparable to a torn ACL in humans). To repair the tear, Nalah would require Tibial Tuberosty Advancement (TTA) surgery, the most common orthopedic surgery performed in dogs.

"She is an active dog," said Jessie. "We have a fenced-in yard and the tear was likely caused by running and jumping." An X-ray showed her left hind leg had a curved knee (patella), which could have pre-disposed her to a tear. Whatever the cause, Nalah needed TTA surgery and the procedure is expensive. "She was such a young



dog and we didn't have the funds for the surgery to repair her leg. I wasn't sure what we were going to do."

Fortunately, Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod, an affiliate member of The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care, told Jessie about the fund. She applied right away. "I heard from the Sampson Fund quickly...either the same day or maybe the next day. I got them a copy of our most recent tax return and we were good to go. It was very easy and so quick."

Nalah underwent surgery in early April. "All went according to plan,"

Jessie said. Well, maybe not Nalah's plan exactly. For the first six weeks following surgery she would need to be crated. "It was difficult because she seemed confused about why she was constantly in the crate." Eventually, she could go on short leashed walks. Now, several months post-surgery, Nalah is fully recovered.

The McDonoughs are thrilled with the outcome and grateful for the financial assistance provided by The Sampson Fund and Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod.

"I can guarantee that we wouldn't have been able to do this without the Sampson Fund," Jessie acknowledged. "They were the first place we contacted and they turned out to be the first to help. I am so thankful."

Nalah, in case you are curious, was named for the lioness in The Lion King. "I had a cat named Simba when I was a child," Jessie explained, "and I swore that someday I would have a dog named Nalah." With the recent release of the movie it's perfect timing for Nalah to be released as well. She's out of the crate, running and jumping in the backyard again...living the carefree hakuna matata life!

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*To provide financial assistance
for veterinary care for critically ill
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Dear Friends,

It has been a hot and steamy summer so far. I hope you and your pets have stayed safe and comfortable.

Our dear friend and avid Sampson Fund supporter, Irene Cooper, passed away this spring from an aggressive type of throat cancer. She started and chaired the successful Plants For Pets Garden Events. Irene was eighty-two years old, only five feet tall and barely one hundred pounds...but she was a powerhouse. She will be missed. She leaves her two daughters, Sue and Mindy and her partner of many years, Charlie Wilson.

We are grateful to Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation and Job Lot patrons for their donation of \$677 to The Sampson Fund. The Foundation generously supports non-profit organizations in the communities where Ocean State Job Lot stores are located. We appreciate this commitment to helping pets on Cape Cod receive critical veterinary care.

The Ninth Annual Sampson Fund Day on June 21 at Moby Dick's Restaurant in Wellfleet in was a huge success. We are grateful to Todd and Mignon Barry, owners of Moby Dick's, for their continued support.

The Sampson Fund Board of Trustees recently participated in some strategic planning facilitated by Marc Goldberg and Patty Watson of SCORE. It was an excellent process and one of the many things that came out of the sessions was an updated mission statement. To provide financial assistance for veterinary care for critically ill or injured dogs and cats on Cape Cod and the Islands when owners cannot afford treatment. It states succinctly what we do.

Mark you calendars now for an upcoming fun event. The folks at Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists are hosting BARKS & BREWS at Cape Cod Beer in Hyannis on Saturday, September 28 from 5 to 8 to benefit The Sampson Fund. We hope to see you there.

Patti

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ONGOING:

*Develop and maintain a strong social media presence for The Sampson Fund

*Manage our donor database. This would involve updating as donations are made and printing labels approximately five times a year. Also it would involve sending emails to our donors periodically.

*Research grant possibilities and help in completing applications.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

*Join other Sampson Fund volunteers and board members at various events throughout the year. It involves being at our Sampson Fund table, greeting

visitors, selling Sampson Fund hats, t-shirts and giving out information on the organization.

*Distributing Sampson Fund event fliers to high traffic areas like post offices, banks and veterinary hospitals.

*Chairing/participating in Sampson Fund fundraising event. Past events have included an author talk/booksigning, birdhouse auction, plant sale, and dog wash. We are looking for folks to brainstorm some new events as well.

If you are interested in helping out or want additional information, contact Danni Jesudowich at dannijesudowich@gmail.com.

Remembering Our Pets

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The Society 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.

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