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A Life Saved Twice

by Olivia H. Miller

Found chained to a fence in Mississippi two years ago, Ginger was starving, covered in mange and had heartworm. Only about two years old at the time, she was going to be put down. Her life was saved, however, by a couple who funded her rescue and posted her story on Facebook.

That's when things turned around for the ginger-colored lab mix. Jennifer Wilson of Brewster saw the posting and was able to adopt her. Ginger settled into her new home, taking on the important role of emotional support pet. "She was my savior during COVID," Jennifer said. "She was timid when I first got her but now she goes up to people and expects to be loved.

"I volunteer with children and the little ones give her cookies and she always lets them pet her. Recently I spent the weekend with friends and one of them brought her 91-year-old mother. Ginger stuck close to her the whole time."

In August Ginger started acting funny. According to Jennifer, she couldn't breathe or walk. "I carried her to the car and brought her to Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists (CCVS) in South Dennis. They rushed her in and an X-



Ray showed she had a collapsed lung and air was leaking into her chest. They gave her oxygen and discussed treatment options with Jennifer.

"When they gave me the estimate, I didn't know what to do. I'm on Social Security disability and have a limited income. If I couldn't afford the necessary treatment, how could I possibly save her life? I had no idea. I was so upset and my daughter was in tears."

CCVS, an affiliate member of The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care, told Jennifer about the Fund. She applied and was accepted. As an affiliate member, the practice also reduces its

fees for those who receive Sampson Fund's assistance.

Ginger was transferred to the CCVS facility in Buzzards Bay where a CT Scan found an abscess in the middle of her right lobe. The abscess had opened, which is why air was leaking into her chest. The veterinarian performed a blood patch, a procedure in which they withdrew Ginger's own blood and injected it into her chest cavity near the hole. The treatment worked as planned: the blood clotted, and the hole in her lung closed.

After intravenous antibiotics to treat pneumonia and six days in the hospital, Ginger was able to return home. "She just finished a month-long course of antibiotics and has fully recuperated," Jennifer said. "We're gradually increasing her activity as tolerated but honestly, she would prefer lying in bed!" Jennifer said with a laugh.

"After all she had been through in her life, Ginger is such a great dog. I hadn't heard of The Sampson Fund and I was in a pickle. Ginger's condition was treatable but I couldn't afford the treatment. I didn't have enough money to save her life. I am so grateful to The Sampson Fund for helping us."

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*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.*



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Dear Friends,

We certainly had a summer of heat and humidity. I welcome these cooler, crisp days of autumn. My little dog, Holly does too.

Alexandra Horowitz, author, professor at Barnard and cognitive scientist, recently penned a piece in the Wall Street Journal where she listed her top favorite “dog” books. They are:

My Dog Tulip by J.R. Ackerley (1956), Dog Songs by Mary Oliver (2013),
The Friend by Sigrid Nunez (2018), The Dog by Kerstin Ekman (1986) and Dominic
by William Steig (1972)

I’ve read three of the five but will have to check out the other two books. I would add to Horowitz’ list Following Atticus by Tom Ryan (2011) and The Art of Racing In The Rain by Garth Stein (2008).

Looking for a holiday getaway? Sampson Fund volunteer, Susan Griffin of Susan’s Custom Tours & Travel has organized a trip to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, Maine on December 1-3. Susan will donate a portion of the sales for this trip to The Sampson Fund and Meetinghouse Farm. To reserve or learn more call Susan at 774-238-2332.

Many thanks to the members of the Cape Cod & Islands Association of REALTORS, Inc. who hosted a “Yappy Hour” at Devil’s Purse in South Dennis and collected donations for The Sampson Fund. Lots of dogs and pet loving folks made for a terrific event.

The Ocean State Job Lot recently held a promotion “to the rescue” where they raised funds for The Sampson Fund and other pet-related groups. We are grateful to have this community support.

We hope to see you at Barks & Brews on Saturday, October 22 from 5 to 8 at Cape Cod Beer. Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists and Cape Cod Beer are hosting the event to benefit The Sampson Fund. It will be great fun with live music, a silent auction, food, Cape Cod Beer drafts and LOTS of dogs. To purchase tickets or for more information go to www.capecodvetspecialists.com/barksandbrews.

Stay safe.

Patti

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