

Newsletter

The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care



40 Years of Tails and Triumphs!

A Healthy Harlie

By Olivia H. Miller

Harlie (aka Harlie Quinn, a nod to her one blue and one brown eye) is a 110-pound husky/St. Bernard/Great Pyrenees mix owned by Lynn Anderson. Six years ago, she explained, her boyfriend flew to California to help a friend drive back to Cape Cod. He was looking for a puppy and saw on Craigslist there were puppies in Kansas. They made a pit stop and the rest is history.

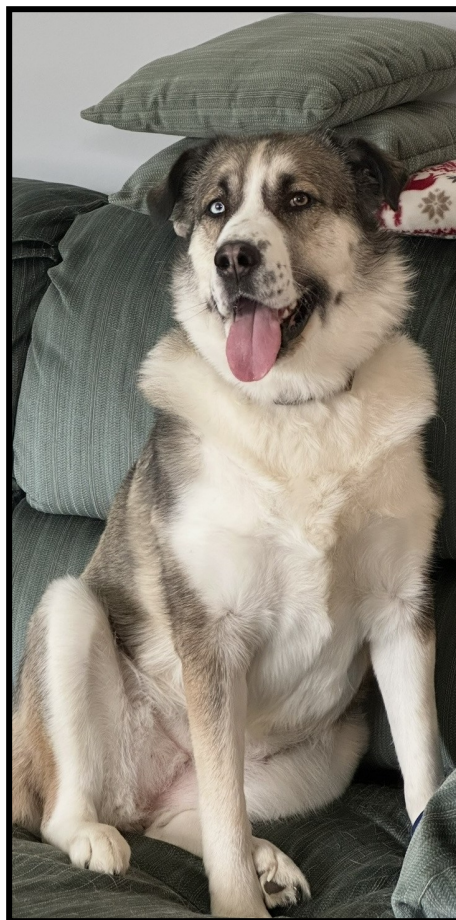
"She looked at him and he saw those two eyes and said, 'Ya, that's the one,'" Lynn said. "She was just a puppy but she was so chill. She sat on his lap all the way back to Cape Cod."

You're not in Kansas anymore, Harlie. Welcome to Orleans! Harlie turned out to be a great dog. "I'm 'her person,'" said Lynn. "She's never bit or hurt anyone. She just makes her presence known with her very deep bark."

Harlie has always been very healthy but early in September, something was off. "She was drinking a lot of water," Lynn noted. "Obviously dogs drink more water in the summer but we're in September and she was downing a whole bowl. Of course, she had to urinate more and she'd go outside immediately."

Harlie was also lethargic and not eating. Lynn wondered about diabetes or a UTI. Then one day Harlie got up and Lynn saw blood.

She called her boyfriend at work and said, "That's it. We're going in." She then called Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth and explained what was happening. They told her to come right in. A urine test came back normal but an ultrasound showed bad news. Harlie had an infection in her uterus (pyometra), a life-threatening condition that required surgery to remove her uterus.



Timing is everything. It was Labor Day weekend and surgery couldn't happen until Tuesday. Lynn took Harlie home with enough antibiotics to get through the next three days.

"Those days were terrible," Lynn admitted. "I had to crush the antibiotics into dust and put them in applesauce because I couldn't get her to eat anything else. I had to wait until she'd lie on her side and I'd put it in her mouth one fingerful at a time. We did that Saturday, Sunday and Monday."

Tuesday morning finally arrived. The surgery, an ovariohysterectomy, successfully removed the infected uterus and ovaries. Harlie went home that night, albeit with a shaved belly, 20 sutures and a big "cone of shame" around her neck. "The first week was tough because we have a small cottage and there's not much room for her to maneuver. We ended up getting a kong collar, which looks like a big floaty, so she could move around without being disoriented and bump into everything."

Harlie is now nearly back to normal. Lynn expressed deep gratitude for the "amazing support" from the Sampson Fund for Veterinary Care, of which Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod is an affiliate member. "The cost of the surgery was out of my range and if this wasn't available, I wouldn't have been able to swing it. The Sampson Fund made it doable, which was incredible."



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Dear Friends,

Fall is here! After a very hot summer, I welcome the cooler, sweater-weather days.

The Sampson Fund is preparing for several fun seasonal activities. On Sunday, October 25, we will be at Hyannis Country Gardens' Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade to watch costumed dogs - and sometimes their people - compete for Best in Show.

Then, on Saturday, October 31, Barnstable Farm & Pet and The Good Dog will hold a Fall Vendor Fair featuring prize drawings, a costume contest, and family-friendly activities. Both events will raise money for The Sampson Fund.

As you might expect, the need for financial help for critical veterinary care has increased tremendously. Through June of this year, requests for help increased 36% over the same period last year. Thanks to your support we have been able to meet this challenge.

Last month we lost a dear friend and vigorous supporter of The Sampson Fund. Board of trustee member, Danni Jesudowich worked tirelessly to help The Sampson Fund help pets on Cape Cod. Our sincere thoughts are with her husband, Alex, and dog Cocoa Puff at this sad time.

Patti

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& THE GOOD DOG LLC**
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SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT LOCAL • HELP LOCAL

A fun, family-friendly event featuring
*local vendors, drawings,
a costume contest & more!*

DATE & TIME
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST, 2026
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION
Barnstable Farm & Pet
48 Lombard Ave.
West Barnstable,
MA 02668

THE DAY INCLUDES

- Shopping local vendors
- Prize drawings
- Costume contest
- Other family-friendly activities

PROUDLY BENEFITING THE SAMPSON FUND

Register Online  \$10 Fee Required

HOWL-O-WEEEN PET PARADE

Oct 25th 12pm - 1:30pm



**Benefits the Sampson Fund
& Companion Animal Program**



*In memory of Danni Jesudowich
November 1, 1956 – September 7, 2026*

Many thanks to everyone who donated to The Sampson Fund in memory of our long-standing board member, Danni Jesudowich. Danni brought incredible energy, intelligence, and humor to all her endeavors, and she will be greatly missed.

"I always say, if you
want love, get a dog."

Dolly Parton

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