



SENIOR DOG RESCUE OF OREGON

Dear Friends, I am Amy Koehlinger, Freckles' foster mom. When our beloved golden retriever passed away, I wanted to teach my kids about grieving and giving back. We applied to foster dogs through Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon (SDRO), and had Freckles less than a week later.

Freckles turned out to be a very sweet Australian shepherd. His human had passed away and he was lonely. He had lots of medical challenges: he was obese, had a thyroid condition and had a canine version of lupus that caused sores in his nasal tissues.

We resolved to help Freckles heal through medication, exercise and love. He was settling in nicely when he tore the canid cruciate ligament in his back leg (the dog equivalent of an ACL tear in a human knee). It's a painful and debilitating injury and the surgery to fix it is expensive. Because SDRO is funded exclusively through donations and the hard work of volunteers, the organization uses their limited funds carefully to help as many dogs as possible. With the money it would take to fix Freckles' knee, SDRO could help so many other dogs who also needed love, care, and a new home. This left us in a quandary.

None of us were ready to give up on Freckles, so I started a GoFundMe campaign that raised \$1,000 in three days. At that point, SDRO was able pay the balance, so we proceeded with the surgery.

Freckle's recovery was long, and he needed around-the-clock care. The first few nights I slept on the floor beside his dog bed to give him comfort. SDRO volunteers checked in faithfully, and paid for treatments and medication.

It was a slow process, but over the next few months he healed, lost weight, got healthy, became brighter, and started trusting the family more. Before long, he was ready for adoption!

We feared that it would be hard to let Freckles go. He was part of our family. But his new family was perfect. When it was time for them to go home, Freckles got into their car without any hesitation. They send photos, and he is thriving!

I know that there are a lot of good causes to which you could give money. But having seen first-hand the difference that SDRO makes in the lives of dogs, I urge you to consider making a generous donation to Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon. The organization is entirely powered by volunteers – every penny you donate goes directly to helping older dogs like Freckles. These are dogs who would struggle in shelters, who are overlooked for adoption because of their age or who are considered unadoptable because of age-related medical issues. They have a happy ending in their later years.

SDRO and its team of volunteers and foster families send the powerful message that no dog is expendable. They all deserve loving homes.



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