

HEALING HEARTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

SAVING FAMILIES, ONE PET AT A TIME

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Imagine you are searching to find your perfect pet and soon you find a puppy that steals your family's heart. A little bundle of mostly black and white fur, with floppy ears, and piercing brown eyes showing love and loyalty to everyone. She loves to cuddle and her favorite place is by your side. Unfortunately, one day a freak accident occurs. Your sweet pup has been backed over by a pickup when she is only 4 months old. She is in pain and needs urgent help. Her back-left leg is broken and there is intense trauma to her skin on her stomach, causing some internal damage. Upon discussion with the veterinarian, it is determined she needs her leg amputated and surgery to fix the skin on her stomach. While you want to help your sweet pup as soon as you can, the financial burden that these emergency surgeries, care, and medicine weigh heavily on you. Who can you turn to for help? Hobo's Healing Heart.

This generous organization stepped up to help the Collins family, whose young puppy Dezi was injured after being in an accident with a truck. According to Dezi's owner, Kellsie Collins, "Hobo's Healing Heart helped us give Dezi the second chance she deserved. Dezi was so young when this happened, so she still had a lot of life and love left to give and we felt so powerless. We weren't ready to give up nor was Dezi. She has become our best friend and shows us every day that she was worth saving. We are forever grateful that Hobo's Healing Heart was able to help Dezi live a full and happy life!"

Without help from Hobo's Healing Heart, the Collins family would have had to look at euthanizing Dezi. Instead, Dezi is able to live a full life. While she may only have three legs now, she doesn't let that slow her down. "She has a personality that is truly bigger than life;

she brings us joy every day and we couldn't imagine her not being here. Dezi enjoys every day to the absolute fullest," Kellsie shared. "Not to mention, she is rocking the 3-legged lifestyle and can do almost anything a 4-legged dog can do. It's amazing how well she has adapted!"

Dezi isn't the only pup who has benefited from Hobo's Healing Heart. Alyssa Yenglin's three-year-old Italian greyhound, Moose, broke her front leg for the second time in a three-month span. This slowed down the cuddly pup who was always ready for an adventure with her owner and pup brother. Instead of romping outside, running in the sun, and begging for her favorite snacks, Moose had to have surgery and plates placed into her thin and fragile leg. Alyssa was immediately concerned about how she was going to afford the expensive surgery, as she has recently moved out onto her own and had also just paid for Moose's first broken leg a couple months before.

As she evaluated her options, Alyssa reluctantly considered rehoming Moose. "I was honestly thinking of rehoming her to someone who could afford to help her. It was either that or surrender her to an Italian greyhound rescue," Alyssa said. Luckily, Hobo's Healing Heart was able to help not only with the emergency vet bills, but also to keep Alyssa and Moose together as a family.

Moose is now both happy and healthy. "She runs and plays with her brother every single day. Moose lives her life to the fullest and doesn't ever hold back! We are so thankful for Hobo's Healing Heart. Without them she might not be the happy playful pup she is




today, running around like she was born to do," Alyssa shared.

Moose and Dezi are just two examples of the countless pets who have benefited through the help and assistance of Hobo's Healing Heart. Without the help of Hobo's Healing Heart, both families may have had to turn to surrendering or euthanizing their beloved pet. Hobo's Healing Heart serves all families and pets in need and through donations and active volunteerism, this organization will be able to continue serving those who need it most in the Black Hills. To learn more about what you can do to help, contact Hobo's Healing Heart by email at hoboshealingheart@gmail.com or by calling 605-569-6919. Hobo's Healing Heart is an organization for anyone who has ever loved a pet or been loved by a pet and it is through donations and volunteerism that this organization can continue to help families and their furry loved ones.



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