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Meet Mopsey, "The Miracle Kid".



Dear Mr. Sohn,

It was Thanksgiving eve; among the holiday prep and excitement Mopsey, an 11-year-old Old English Sheepdog, and her brother Rufus came into the kitchen for a treat. As they both trotted out, Mopsey fell to the floor and could not get up; her right leg, from the hock down, was hanging limp.

After a trip to their local emergency veterinary hospital, it was clear Mopsey had fractured her right hind leg. Tests revealed why her leg had broken: it was cancer. An unseen tumor had been weakening the bone structure in her leg, leading to a pathological fracture.

Mopsey was diagnosed with suspected osteosarcoma, an aggressive form of bone cancer infamous for its ability to rapidly spread to other parts of the body. This type of cancer is immensely painful with very minimal chance of recovery.

Steven, Mopsey's owner, was presented with two terrifying options: amputation of Mopsey's right hind leg and chemotherapy, or euthanasia. They had estimated that it would be only a matter of days until the disease went to her lungs. Without chemotherapy, she was given six months to live.

Steven elected to take Mopsey to the Animal Medical Center (AMC) for a second opinion.

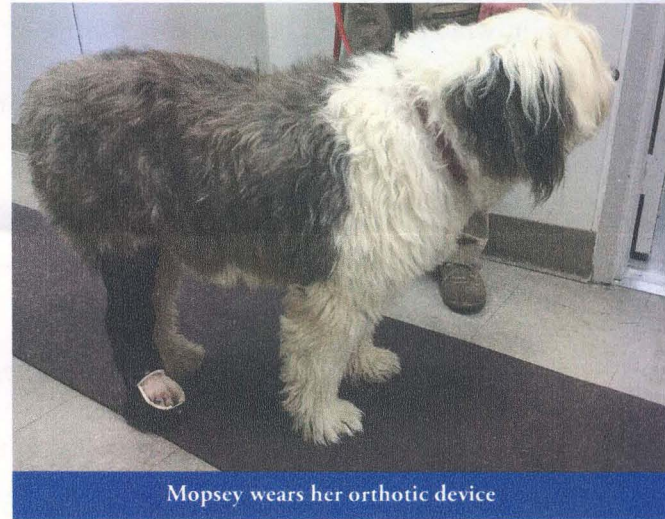
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When she arrived, Mopsey was examined by Dr. Rob Hart, Director of Orthopedic Surgery.

"Mopsey had me baffled," says Dr. Hart. "I was certain that she had osteosarcoma, but she was either the most stoic dog I have ever met, or she was simply not in pain."

Osteosarcoma is a very painful disease, and Mopsey showed almost no signs of distress or pain. On top of that, the fracture in her leg had already begun to heal. It was clear that this healing process was a rare event – so rare, that some AMC veterinarians had taken to calling her "The Miracle Kid."

Since Mopsey seemed comfortable, Steven was reluctant to pursue amputation. Dr. Hart recommended that Mopsey be seen by Dr. Leilani Alvarez, Head of the Integrative Medicine Service.



Mopsey wears her orthotic device

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Mopsey lies in the grass

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Collaborative care is what makes AMC stand apart – an interdisciplinary approach utilizing all of our specialized veterinary services – 17 under one roof. Our unique and coordinated model assures the best possible outcome and quality of life for pets and their owners.

Dr. Alvarez looked over Mopsey's leg and created a multi-faceted treatment plan.

Dr. Alvarez made a plaster mold of Mopsey's leg and worked with an orthotics company to create a custom-fitted device for Mopsey. The orthotic device allows her leg to be braced and supported while allowing Mopsey to put some weight on it, which helps the bone healing process.

In addition, Dr. Alvarez prescribed a regimen of acupuncture, pain medications, natural supplements and regular outdoor exercise, which has revitalized Mopsey and restored her trademark enthusiasm.

"Mopsey's response to therapy is nothing short of a miracle," says Dr. Alvarez. "Integrative medicine offers options for pet owners who may not want to go through with conventional treatment or when those treatments may not be feasible."

In Mopsey's case, integrative medicine kept her safe from the risk of losing her leg and so much more. Mopsey also received three radiation treatments from our oncology team after it was determined that her tumor was growing larger. Thanks to the dedicated team of specialists at the Cancer Institute at AMC, Mopsey's owner received sound medical advice and encouragement, and Mopsey got a new nickname!

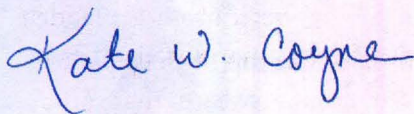
Steven believes that Mopsey's story is important for pet owners and anyone suffering from illness to hear. "Miracles happen; you can heal."

The Miracle Kid was originally given six months to live. Through the Integrative Medicine Service, she is now over a year out from her original diagnosis, and is as vibrant, energetic, and as inseparable as ever from her brother Rufus. It wouldn't have been possible without support from our generous donors and the collaboration between AMC specialists.

Dr. Hart could have just held onto Mopsey's case and amputated, but he saw a possibility to save Mopsey's leg without surgery and collaborated with Dr. Alvarez to determine the best course of action for her recovery. This cooperative approach and level of care are part of the reason that Mopsey is healthy today.

Thanks to your generous donation, we have been able to give Mopsey and her family the options they needed to save Mopsey's life, and restore her to health.

Sincerely,



Kate Coyne, CEO
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