By JUDITH-ANNE KOLU

Upper Credit Humane Society volunteer

The Upper Credit Humane Society's Trooper's Fund was established in 2008 after we rescued the emaciated, near death lab/cross who was named "Trooper" due to his stoic fight to live.

The Fund has helped countless animals needing expensive procedures, unadoptable on arrival, go on to live full healthy lives like Trooper. Some of the animals helped were Patty and Maybelline, Lee, Harry, Tara (all extensive dental surgeries); Willow (leg amputation) and Merlin born without eyelids (major reconstruction).

Then there was poor dear Ben the Beagle approximately 12+ years old. On arrival at the Shelter you could smell infection from several feet away! Our vet had never seen anything like it during many years in practice. Ben's ears looked like cauliflower; he was in infinite pain and his moans and sobs were heart-wrenching. Aggressive antibiotic injections directly into the ear, rigorous daily ear cleaning, applications of antibiotic ointment several times a day resulted in the infection subsiding.

Ben's health issues are still being ad-

dressed daily but his new family reports that as Ben becomes more physically comfortable, they delight in watching a "puppy" discover a whole new world of possibilities and the light of being loved has returned to his eyes... all this thanks to Trooper's Fund through the generosity of the public's donations

Upper Credit Humane Society believes in giving any animal that comes through its doors young, old, special needs, the very best chance at a new life. Trooper's Fund is solely funded by the public's generosity and without Trooper's Fund we would not be able to offer this extra feature of

care to future Bens coming through our doors.

Anyone wishing to help replenish the Trooper's Fund can do so at either the Thrift Shop in the Moore Park Plaza, Georgetown or the Shelter in Erin during business hours by cheque, credit card, debit or cash or by mail to Upper Credit Humane Society, 5383 Trafalgar Road, Erin, Ont NOB 1TO marked "Trooper's Fund".

Every donation, big or small is gratefully received and will be only used to help animals with special needs get the care they deserve...but we cannot do it without you!

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